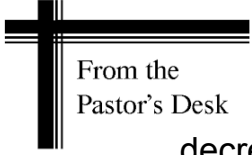


# The Crier

January 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Being socially isolated is hard to avoid these days. Researchers who have studied this have found unhappy and even dangerous results when people decrease interpersonal contact.

<https://relaysd.com/news/health>

Another option is to stay connected by telephone and enjoy vital connections instead.

1st John 4:19 tells us that:

***"We love, because Jesus first loved us."***

Which is to say that the connection started long before we were born. It is in the nature of the way God created us from the start.

It is possible that too many of us are not as connected to others as would be best. I'm concerned that this could lead to social withdrawal and less joy in the new year. It may even threaten the wellbeing of our church.

If you feel an urge (or call from God) to take action toward combating dangerous isolation you are invited to join an organized plan at St. Philip's Church. Phone calls can be scheduled with or without a directed spiritual agenda. Let's find out if the simple joy of talking on the phone " can give an impact on our relationships, our happiness and the health of our congregation.

To participate, please call, email or write the church office with answers to the following 4 questions:

1. Your name.
2. How many calls per week you would be willing to participate in.
3. The phone number you'd like to call from or talk on
4. Any restricted days/times each week you are not available.

Even if you are doing well these days, your participation in this activity may help your church survive the CoVid 19 pandemic. With the right response, it may even strengthen us. You are invited to take this action and watch the results.

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.

## January Birthdays

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

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!"*

Joel Knoll	1	Hannah Schillinger	17
Charles Zikes	2	Robin Knoll	17
Walter Knoll	3	Jeff Stevenson	18
John Mikusch	3	Jane Eason	19
Nancy Lamprich	4	Dan Kammerer	22
Carl Schillinger	4	Jeremy Decker	22
Libby Coleman	6	Marilyn Eason	23
Caylie Armistead	7	Nick Harvey	24
Emily Coleman	8	Lois Decker	28
Paula Williams	9	Beth Hickman	29
Andrew Knoll	12	Joyce Brand	31



Contact the Pastor



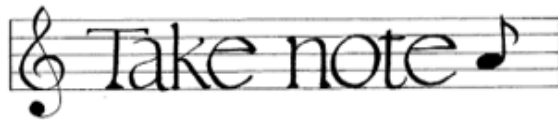
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

Cell (618) 789-2203

Office (314) 843-5100

or email

[pastormike@stphilipsucc.com](mailto: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

The Hoelker Family

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

The Knoll Family

Walter Knoll

Bob Leber

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

The Mikusch Family

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

Alice Noland

Janet Remmers

Dottie Vinyard

The Vlasak Family

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





Just a short note to say...

We felt the love given so very freely to the Knoll Family from St. Philip's.

It is hard for us to say goodbye to our matriarch and start our new reality, and as the seasons start and end, over the next few years we know our church family will still be part of our lives and Gail's driving force will carry on as part of St. Philip's.

The Knoll Family

## OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

Thanks to all for supporting our Advent Outreach Programs. Gift cards for \$250 were purchased and delivered to Feed My People. We purchased one \$50 Schnuck's card for a Christmas Dinner and four \$50 Walmart cards, so that each of the four people in our family could select gifts of their choice. As of Christmas Day, we have collected \$570 - - \$255 over the amount for our adopt a family project, so that the excess, \$255, will go to pay down overdue utility bills, which could result in stopped services.



Our cap and Mitten tree is beautiful, completely covered with caps, mittens and scarves. Wish you could all see it. A final count of the number of items will appear in the February Crier article. Items donated will go to Every Child's Hope (formerly Evangelical Children's Home), Caroline Mission, and Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses). They serve school age kids in after school programs, and the need is great. Thank's so much for your generosity.

## CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS in JANUARY 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

LOGOS resumes from winter break on Wednesday, January 13 at 5:00pm. If you haven't made it to LOGOS yet and you'd like to join, let me know! We're meeting virtually on Wednesdays at 5:00pm. We would love to have you join us. You can contact me at [andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com) or (314) 566-8633.

We'll meet the following days at 5PM with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348674380>

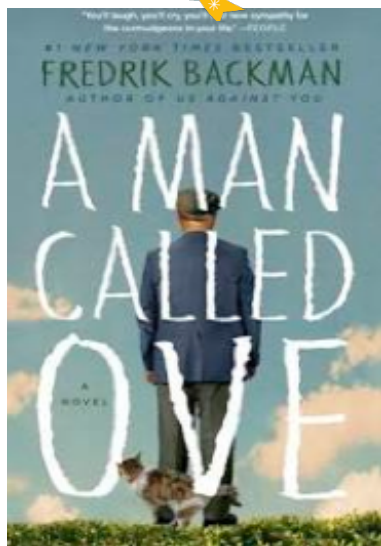
Peace and love,  
Andrea



A Man Called Ove will be discussed at our next meeting on Sunday January 10 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, The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Inara Erickson, is about a modern-day girl who finds a beautifully embroidered sleeve crafted by her great aunt over one hundred years ago. As the story unfolds, she discovers much about her family and about herself. Copies will be available on January 10.

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.



## VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL - ADDITIONAL MEETING

We will resume virtual Sunday School for everyone Sundays at 9:45am. Anticipate about a 20-minute lesson for now. **There will also be a meeting at 10:15 for middle school/high school aged kids.** They can use the same link below.

Please let me know if you plan on participating in Virtual Sunday School, so I can make sure to deliver supplies to you. There will be another supply drop off soon. Email me at [andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com).

Our zoom link will be the same as it has been:  
<https://rsdmo-org.zoom.us/j/95497955422>

Thanks so much,  
Andrea

## SALVAGING UNWANTED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Instead of recycling or throwing away your unwanted, used or new Christmas cards, I will again be collecting for craft projects. The older the cards - the better. In

the past I have run across some wonderful vintage cards, and I cherish them.

You can dropoff your unwanted cards in the box on the table just inside the church doors, or if you don't mind holding onto them until church opens again, you can dropoff in the church office.

Thank you,  
Carol O'Shea



## November 2020 General Fund Summary

### Receipts

Weekly Offering	11,873.00	
Grocery Cards	157.70	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		21,530.70

### Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	13.00	
Learning Ministry	215.62	
Financial Ministry	2,076.32	
Outreach Ministry	650.00	
Church Property Ministry	6,896.73	
Personnel	<u>11,568.23</u>	
Total		<u>21,419.90</u>

November Surplus	110.80
Previous Balance	<u>13,094.70</u>
November 30 Balance	13,205.50
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## November Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	4,322.58
Building Fund Offering	1,198.00
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
November Ending Balance	4,643.58
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## 2020 Food Pantry Total Distributions

Isaiah 58 Ministries	2,310.00
Feed My People	<u>2,305.00</u>
<b>Total for 2020</b>	4,615.00
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>						
<b>3</b> 9:30 Sunday Worship on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 9:40 Sunday School online	<b>4</b> 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Zoom Mtg	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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