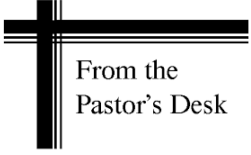


The Crier

March 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



If we want to support each other's inner lives, we must remember a simple truth: the human soul does not want to be fixed, it wants simply to be seen and heard.

To see and hear a person's soul, there is another truth we must remember: the soul is like a wild animal - - tough, resilient, and yet shy.

When we go crashing through the woods shouting for it to come out so we can help it, the soul will stay in hiding.

But if we are willing to sit quietly and wait for a while, the soul may show itself.

Let's be there for each other - as we are so good at doing.

Source: To See and Hear, Parker J. Palmer, The Courage to Teach

In person worship is now occurring on Sundays. It will continue to be held as long as the CoVid 19 Testing Positivity Rate remains below 10% as recorded on the following website:

<https://stlcorona.com/resources/covid-19-statistics/>

on the tile called average positivity, past week on the left side midway down the page.

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.

March Birthdays

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

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!”*

Mary Ann Krewson	1	Jason Karcher	21
Pam Tangeman	1	Ava Kaiser	25
Karen Moran	2	Clara Hornung	26
Pam Schiele Stang	4	Meghan Mikusch	27
Joyce Thuston	5	Elaine Kimker	28
Dawn Knoll	11	Kali Hladnick	29
David Schiele	12	Shirley Nottelmann	29
Scott Karcher	14	Bob Kammerer	30
Frances Kalbfleish	15		



Contact the Pastor



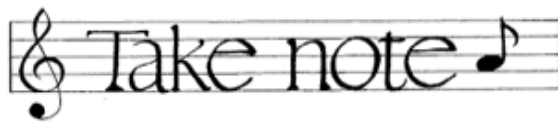
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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.



The Bobmeyer Family

Paul Harvey

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

Walter Knoll

Bob Leber

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Lois Mohesky

Jered Nagle

Alice Noland

Ellen Pena

Janet Remmers

The Shelton Family

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

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!
MARCH 17

CELEBRATION / MEMORIAL BRICKS ORDER DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 12



Daylight Saving time
will begin at
2:00am on
Sunday, March 14
Set clocks ahead 1 hour
before you go to bed

We will be gathering orders for the engraved bricks that are in our Memorial Garden. There are 5 people interested in ordering, so we will be able to fulfill our minimum order. The **deadline** for order forms to be submitted is **Friday, March 12**.

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 pickup one.

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



On March 14, at 11:30 am we will discuss **Small Great Things** by Jody Picoult. The meeting will be by Zoom invitation or by phoning in. If you would like a Zoom invitation, contact Pam Henson. If you want numbers to phone in, contact Barbara Barnes.

Our next selection is The Huntress by Kate Quin, an historical fiction thriller set in post World War II Europe.

Virtual discussions are working out quite well. 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.

Congregation
Message
Board

Hi everyone! It's Terri Karcher and I want to thank Bob Leber for his great idea to have a message board!

I am doing well weathering the pandemic. Luckily, my job has been unaffected by the virus except that my temporary work-from-home arrangement changed to permanent last summer -- I am very excited about that except that my guest bedroom has disappeared under all of the boxes, bags, and miscellany related to my work.

Since last March my mantra has been, "Focus on what you **can** do, not on what you **can't** do." With that in mind, I have hosted numerous small gatherings in my driveway and on the patio -- I told people, "I would love to see you -- bring your own drinks, your own snacks, and leave when you have to go to the bathroom because you can't come in the house!"

Hoping that everyone stays healthy and am looking forward to updates from others--
Terri 😊

Bob,
Even though we are no longer at St. Philips we still get the emails and bulletins. We were sorry to learn that you are dealing with cancer. Unsure about what type of cancer you are dealing with but hope you are not in much pain. Would love to visit with you but with COVID that appears to be impossible. We also saw that JoAnn was using a walker. Is here back hurting her or has she taken a fall.

Both Connie and I are doing well. Staying home, doing our hobbies, reading, watching way too much TV and waiting to get a vaccination (on plenty of list but no contacts yet). Miss the work days comradery when You, Mike, Dave and I would work, joke, and have a spirited lunch. What great memories.

We will keep You and JoAnn in our prayers.
Please keep in touch.
Jim and Connie

Hello to All.....Don't get sunburned or overheated with the change in the weather. Sure feels good doesn't it? I really miss our Sunday at Worship. I will try and get there tomorrow (Feb. 21). Doing okay and feeling good (no pain or discomfort anyplace.) Just slow! but I am used to that by now.

Have been reading a lot and watching T.V. more than I ever have (Discovery and History channel stuff) Hospice continues to be good support and has all my cancer needs taken care of. Supplies are always here before I need them because they know what's coming next. Still just visit with Nurse once a week.

Jo is doing okay. Kelly had to cancel a Back Dr. appt. she had made for her when the weather got bad but have rescheduled. I hope she can find someone to help her.

Take care of yourselves.
Bob Leber

Prayer Request

Barbara Klein, mother of Kathy Shelton, passed away peacefully in her sleep early on February 25, 2021. After many recent struggles she is at peace. Please keep the Shelton and Bobmeyer families in your prayers. A private graveside service will be held.

Prayer Request Update

Message from Harry & Shirley Jennings:

"Our great grand child was born February 18, 2021, weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces and is healthy. But they're going to keep her in the hospital for some time for lung development."

Our congratulations and prayers for health to the whole Jennings family.



Bob & Andrea Tukin
Samantha
1378 Green Birch Drive
Fenton, 63026

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS



Outreach Ministry is plans a Lenten project which will benefit the after-school program run by Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses). The 10 location sites are in St. Louis City and St Louis County in poor communities that have been hard hit by Covid. Families and children have been severely impacted with many bread winners losing jobs, and many children unable to access remote learning because of lack of internet services. The UP after school programs provide a safe, supportive environment and programs that provides a curriculum-based approach to math, literature, character education, fitness, and nutrition.

Contributions can be made my sending checks to Kathy Shelton, payable to St. Philip's, with UP on the subject line.

We received a lovely thank you note from the family we sponsored at Christmas through Feed My People. Here is some of what Jackie said:

"I just wanted to thank you so very much for the selfless generosity you displayed to my family. Covid effected our family through loss of work and long-term physical effects...while we had losses and difficulties, we also had miracles and blessings, including the one from you. It couldn't have come at a better time. My stress and overwhelmed feelings quickly lifted. I went straight to Walmart where I found perfect deals on gifts for my children. My daughter said "Thought this would be the worst Christmas ever, but it was actually the best. Thank you so much."

We often wonder just what happens to the funds we donate, but this letter lets us know just how important our generosity is! Thank you so much, St. Philip's.

CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in March 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.



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

Younger children, elementary and below, will **meet in-person at 9:45**. Our older Middle School and High School students are invited to join me Virtually for a discussion at 10:20. 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

January 2021 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	12,285.00	
Grocery Cards	56.41	
Recycle Income	162.80	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		22,004.21

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	290.00	
Financial Ministry	2,343.99	
Church Property Ministry	6,491.96	
Personnel	<u>11,851.25</u>	
Total		<u>20,977.20</u>



January Surplus	1,027.01	
Previous Balance	<u>13,280.18</u>	
January 31 Balance		14,307.19
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January Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	4,508.63	
Building Fund Offering	1,998.59	
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)	
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(461.25)</u>	
January Ending Balance		5,628.97
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2020/2021 Food Pantry and Adopt A Family Total

Isaiah 58 Ministries	3,210.00	
Feed My People	<u>3,245.00</u>	
Total for 2020/2021		6,455.00
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2021	1 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	2	3 NO LOGOS	4	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday Worship on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 9:40 Sunday School in-person 10:15 Middle/High School Sunday School Virtual	8 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 5:00 LOGOS Zoom Meeting	11	12 Celebration Brick Order Deadline	13 
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