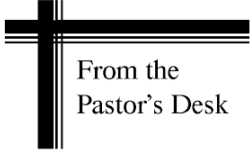


# The Crier

April 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



## Worship

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 there will be a service available online for you to view any time after Thursday evening to set the tone for Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday. View or listen in humble prayer.

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) April 4th there will be in person worship which can also be viewed online. Social distancing, masking, and all CoVid safety measures are required.

## Communion

The sacrament will be served April 4 in our usual Open Communion policy, which is that all are welcome to partake of the elements. You do not have to be a member, part of our denomination or meet any conditions other than your desire to connect with God through the sacrament.

## New Members

On an upcoming Sunday, St. Philip's United Church will welcome 6 new members: Heather Harvey, Shirley Illert, Markus & Theresa Brooks and Gary & Cara Shamburg. You are invited to wear your nametag so our new members have the opportunity to learn your name, even in this socially distanced environment.

## Baptism

Gary & Cara Shamburg's infant Eloise will be baptized on her 1st birthday during worship at St. Philip's on Sunday, April 25! Our congratulations to the Shamburgs and God's blessings to Eloise!

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.

## April Birthdays

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

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!"*

|                   |    |                   |    |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| April Schillinger | 1  | Alice Noland      | 15 |
| Ben Kotthoff      | 3  | Azin Kaiser       | 17 |
| Carley Nickel     | 4  | Rev. Mike Krewson | 19 |
| Steve Werner      | 4  | Rachel Azzara     | 23 |
| Gwen Swanson      | 8  | Al Bowles         | 23 |
| Grace Williamson  | 8  | Steve Hladnick    | 24 |
| Judy Parkinson    | 10 | Lucy Vogt         | 27 |
| Stan Parkinson    | 10 | Kate Hausman      | 28 |
| Karen Walker      | 15 | Mary Darr         | 28 |



Contact the Pastor



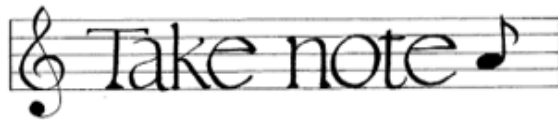
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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  
Harry Jennings  
Pam Kelly  
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 (in-person worship)

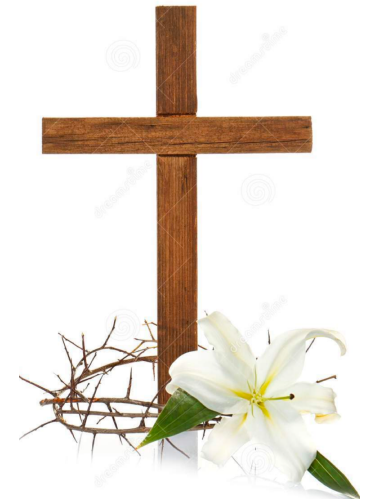
The Liturgist reads the scriptures during worship. We will provide the reader with the scriptures via email or USPS mail several days prior to the service allowing you time to become comfortable in reading to the congregation.



If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, see the **BLUE** signup sheet on the bulletin board, or let Tammy, the Office, or Pastor know and indicate the method of receiving the readings.

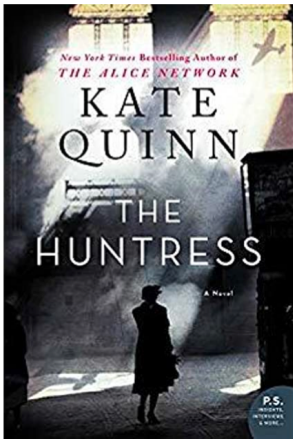
Thank you for your consideration,

Tammy Knoll





Sunday, April 11  
11:30am



Discussion of The Huntress is scheduled at our next meeting on **Sunday, April 11 at 11:30**. We will meet virtually, either by Zoom or telephone. Please call Pam or Barbara if you need information about how to participate. We hope to resume in-person meetings soon, and will do so, as soon as given the OK by Church Counsel.

Our next selection is New York Times Bestseller, Born a Crime by comedian Trevor Noah. Descriptions include:

*"By turns alarming, sad and funny...not just an unnerving account of growing up in South Africa under apartheid but a love letter to the author's remarkable mother"* - **New York Times**

*"You'd be hard-pressed to find a comic's origin story better than the one Trevor Noah serves up in Born a Crime...Witty truth telling...brilliant comedy."* - **The Oprah Magazine**

Copies will be available for pick up at church on April 11 or will be delivered to your home.



Thank you so much to our church family for all the ways you showed your love and support to us on the passing of my mom, Barbara Klein.

She always enjoyed the times she worshipped with us at St. Philip's ~ said she felt right at home.

Thanks again,  
The Shelton and Bobmeyer Families

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

As a 5 for 5 congregation, St. Philip's contributes to One Great Hour of Sharing. Donations will be collected in April.

Donations help feed hungry children, comfort victims of abuse and violence, and help survivors of natural disasters, as well as providing other important services worldwide.

The UCC partners with eight other protestant churches in what is described as a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful, with Administrative costs less than 8% annually.

This is a very worthwhile program, so consider donating generously. Please make checks payable to St. Philip's and note One Great Hour on the memo line. Thank you!



## NEW PHONE DIRECTORIES

St. Philip's telephone directories will be updated and printed soon. Please let the church office know of any changes or additions to how you would like to have your name, address, home/cell phone numbers, and email address listed. We need this information as soon as possible but no later than April 30.

If you attend church, a draft copy of the directory will be on the credenza just outside church for you to check and make changes.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

During Lent financial contributions were requested for the after-school program run by Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses). In Missouri 2 out of 3 children do not have access to before or after school programs, leaving them with unsupervised time.



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 tutoring, art, music, and snacks in a safe, nurturing environment

Contributions can be made by sending checks to Kathy Shelton, payable to St. Philip's, with UP on the subject line. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



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

Younger children, elementary and below, will **meet in-person at 9:45**. We try to keep things shorter for the younger kids (around 20 minutes).

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

## CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in April 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.

## February 2021 General Fund Summary

### Receipts

|                        |                 |           |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Weekly Offering        | 8,875.25        |           |
| Grocery Cards          | 47.65           |           |
| Early Childhood Center | <u>9,500.00</u> |           |
| Total                  |                 | 18,422.90 |

### Expenses

|                          |                  |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Financial Ministry       | 2,034.75         |                  |
| Church Property Ministry | 5,521.13         |                  |
| Personnel                | <u>11,664.93</u> |                  |
| Total                    |                  | <u>19,220.81</u> |

February Deficit (797.91)

Previous Balance 14,307.19

February 28 Balance 13,509.28

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## February Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance 5,628.97

Building Fund Offering 236.49

Capital Improvement Fund (417.00)

February Ending Balance 5,448.46

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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                              | Saturday  |
|--|--|-----------|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>APRIL 2021</b>  |  |           |  |           |                                     |           |
| <b>4 Easter Sunday</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship on Facebook or Zoom, Optional Breakfast<br><b>9:40</b> Sunday School in-person                    | <b>5</b><br><b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br><b>5:00</b> LOGOS Zoom Meeting       | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                            | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship on Facebook or Zoom<br><b>9:40</b> Sunday School in-person<br><b>11:30</b> Book Club Zoom Meeting              | <b>12</b><br><b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg<br><b>4:30</b> Spiritual Life Zoom Mtg | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                           | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship on Facebook or Zoom<br><b>9:40</b> Sunday School in-person   | <b>19</b><br><b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><b>4:30</b> ECC In-person Board Mtg | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>May CRIER Articles Due | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship on Facebook/Zoom, Baptism<br><b>9:40</b> Sunday School in-person<br><b>10:20</b> Spring Congregational Meeting | <b>26</b><br><b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>                           | <b>31</b> |