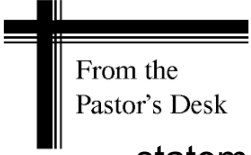


The Crier

June 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

I found the following guided meditation video in a search. It starts with relaxation and breathing and then the meditation leader makes the statements printed below and many similar statements. I found it so helpful that I provide the link here so you can experience it in its original setting. I reproduce these affirmations as a sample. Perhaps you will find them so helpful you will seek out the original. I find them helpful as statements I wish were true - and goals toward which I can move.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-Tbo7XgJ00>

- I am focused but flexible in my goals.
- I plant seeds of positive thought and I grow surrounded by a garden of positive emotions.
- I choose to recognize progress over chasing perfection.
- I celebrate achievements of others and my own.
- I learn to detach from end goals and stay present in the process.
- I choose to be grateful for the journey.
- If I fall, I bounce right back up.
- I am becoming a solutions oriented person, every single day.
- I choose courage. I am not afraid to take risks. I choose to live my life fully.
- I am open minded and I can ask for advice and help easily.
- I am responsible for me and the choices I make.
- I care about my well being and I feel joy in caring for myself.
- My happiness is my most precious possession, and I take care of it.
- I invite good people, adventure and pleasure into my life.
- I am sharpening my sense of when to say no and when to say an exciting yes to opportunity that will lead to more success and fulfillment.
- I enjoy having willpower at my fingertips.
- I am calm and respectful.
- I am wiser everyday.

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.

June Birthdays

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

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!”*

David Knoll	1	Dawn Schillinger	18
Christine Vogt	1	Don Siewing	20
Jim Caldwell	2	Ruthann Nuelle	22
Russ Hickman	6	Jordan Lewis	23
Sheryl Treaster	9	Gary Schamburg	23
Theresa Brooks	11	Evan Scheidenhelm	23
Kathy Shelton	13	Janet Remmers	24
Jean Paul Thibodeaux	16	Roland Balzer	25
Kent Kotthoff	17	Alicia Scheidenhelm	28
Shawn Williamson	17		



Contact the Pastor



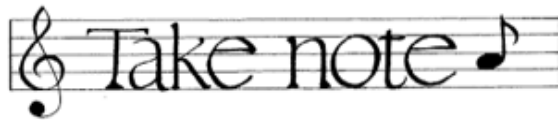
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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
Ray Hoffstetter
Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
Robin Knoll
Walter Knoll
Brian Malin
Marilyn Milne
The Mohesky Family
Jered Nagle
Alice Noland
The Pena Family
Janet Remmers
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams
Judy York

LITURGISTS (in-person worship)

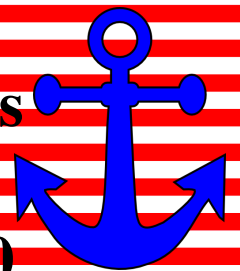
The Liturgist reads the scriptures during worship. We will provide the reader with the scriptures via email or USPS mail several days prior to the service allowing you time to become comfortable in reading to the congregation.



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.

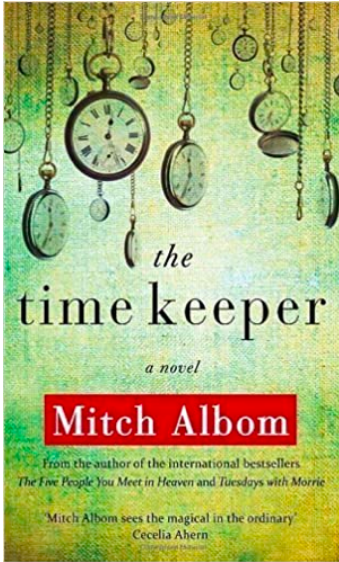
Thank you for your consideration,
Tammy Knoll

Happy
Father's
Day
June 20





Sunday, June 13
11:30am



We lost a loyal book club member recently when Lois Mohesky passed away. She was a charter member of the club, and continued to read many of our selections even when unable to come to church. She was a beautiful, intelligent lady, and we miss her.

We will meet in person, after church on June 13 to discuss The Timekeeper by Mitch Albom. Seating will be socially distanced in the Gathering Space and we will bring brown bag lunches. It is likely that participation on Zoom will also be a possibility.

Our next selection, Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Beckman, will be discussed on July 11. Copies cannot be delivered, as I will be unable to drive for much of June. So, I hope that book club members will pick up copies of the new book at church on June 13, and that all copies of The Timekeeper will be returned to church on June 13, so that they can easily be returned to the Library.

Mr. Beckman also wrote A Man called Ove which most of us liked a great deal. I am struggling to make myself finish The Timekeeper, so I hope that the next selection will be more enjoyable.

We always welcome new members. If you would like to join us, pick up a book at church on June 13. Happy Reading!

Barbara Barnes

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

There are no new programs. We hope to resume activities soon, as more and more people attend Worship, and we can schedule in-person meetings.

Barbara Barnes



Updated phone directories are available on the credenza just outside of church. You may pick them up at your convenience. Sorry, we are unable to send them out thru the mail.

Thank you.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Make sure you stop by our Memorial Brick Garden just outside the main entrance to church. Ten new bricks have been added to the pathway.

A big thanks to Mike & Kathy Shelton for installing them and thanks to the St. Philip's members who ordered the bricks in memory of family and friends.



New Covenant

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports congregations making crucial adaptations. During the last year, several congregations sought help updating their technology to be able to connect with people when not worshipping in person.

Sarah Hugus of the Florida Conference struggled with the virtual services at her congregation. "In the beginning months of watching Facebook Live services, it was usually a big miss. Week after week, the quality was poor, which was not encouraging." Thanks to a grant from the Strengthen the Church Offering, Sarah's congregation invested in new technology to create an engaging virtual worship experience. The technology also worked for enhanced outdoor services with appropriate COVID protocols in place.

Outside of Chicago, Plainfield Congregational faced a similar problem. The church's high-risk members could not come to worship, but the congregation wasn't prepared to produce online worship. A grant made the difference. As church member Sharon explained, "2020 pushed everyone beyond their limits on so many different levels, but thanks to the push to learn and gift to purchase new technology, we have expanded our reach beyond the doors of our sanctuary to the greater local and world community. We have grown, and the financial boost has allowed us to minister to more than we had imagined."

New Covenant Community UCC in Baltimore used grants to support a meal program and technology improvements. The church reports that a couple living in two different cities nurtured their relationship in part through shared weekly worship and Bible Study. The online church gatherings helped their relationship, and now the couple plans to marry in the coming months. Renewal happens because of these grants.

CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in June 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**. 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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY (Date to be announced)

St. Philip's would like to honor any high school or college graduates of 2021 during an upcoming Sunday worship service.

Please contact the church office at:

843-5100

or

email admin@stphilipsucc.com

by June 7 if you are a graduate this year. Please provide your name, level of degree and field of study, school name/location, and school colors. Once the date is set, we would like you to attend that worship service so that we can honor you personally.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

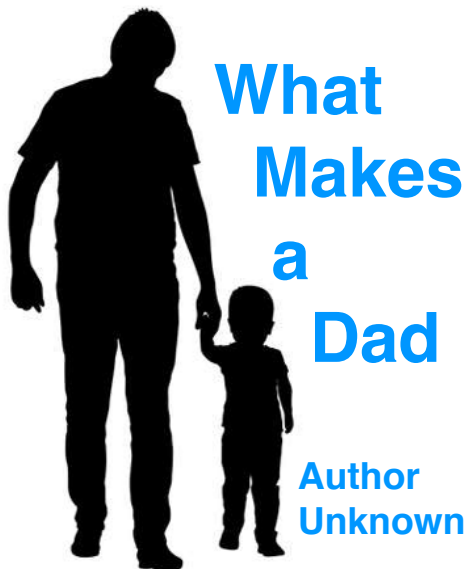
In accordance with CDC and St. Louis County guidelines, your church council has implemented the following mask requirements:

- If you are fully vaccinated, a mask will no longer be required at St. Philip's.

You may certainly wear one if you are more comfortable in doing so.

- If you are not vaccinated, or not fully vaccinated, a mask must be worn.

Of course, these guidelines may change as needed based on circumstances or governmental regulations.



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it Dad

April 2021 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	7,241.00	
Grocery Cards	30.00	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		16,771.00

Expenses

Financial Ministry	1,786.75	
Church Property Ministry	5,054.39	
Personnel	<u>11,898.39</u>	
Total		<u>18,739.53</u>
April Deficit		(1,968.53)
Previous Balance		<u>11,795.14</u>
April 30 Balance		9,826.61
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April Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,306.96
Building Fund Offering	164.75
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>(417.00)</u>
April Ending Balance	5,054.71
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April Improvements Offering Summary

Beginning Balance	1,078.00
April Offering	<u>180.00</u>
April Ending Balance	1,258.00
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	7 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Mtg	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 11:30 Book Club Mtg in-person	14 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	15	16 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	21 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	28 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	29	30	31		