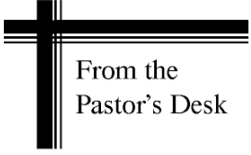


The Crier

May 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



Every change in routine is an opportunity for mindfulness

Our lives and routine have been disrupted by the Pandemic. We have been forced to do things in new ways but we are getting used to the new ways. What a golden opportunity to be intentionally mindful! Every hour we live - can make us more what God wants us to be.

Our human mind is conditioned to react by judging everything that happens in our field of vision. Within seconds of each event we see, automatic thoughts pop into our heads, such as: "That is good." "That is bad." "That is safe." "That is trouble.", "That will lead to bad habits.", "That will make me look bad.", "That will hurt.", etc.

When we choose mindfulness, we notice these reactive judgments with grace and then release our thinking to notice more. Such as: "What are my fellow human beings going through?", "What would help them feel God's love?", "There is some 'inner peace' in my heart.", "What did I notice right before that 'peace' welled up inside me?", "Can I facilitate that 'peace trigger' for myself or others today?"

When Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, the first thing he said each time was: "Peace be with you." Perhaps that is because Jesus wants us to be as God made us: 'full of inner peace'. 1 John 3:21-24.

I invite you to mindfully open your thoughts - to God's peace.

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.

May Birthdays

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

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!”*



Contact the Pastor



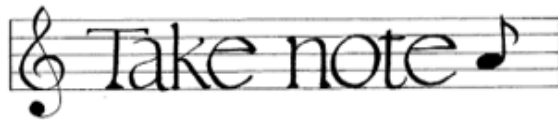
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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.

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

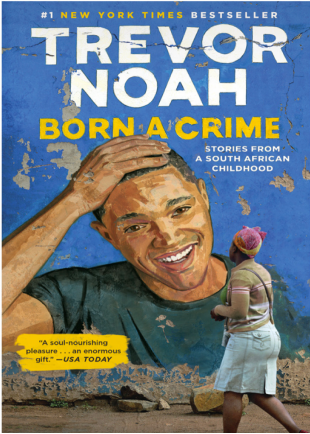


Paul Harvey
Judy Hickman
Russ Hickman
Ray Hoffstetter
Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
Walter Knoll
The Leber Family
The Leonard Family
Brian Malin
Marilyn Milne
Lois Mohesky
Jered Nagle
Alice Noland
Ellen Pena
Janet Remmers
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams





Sunday, May 2
11:30am



On May 2 we will discuss Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. We will meet in person, after church, using masks and social distancing. Participation by phone or Zoom will also be available. We will bring brown bag lunches, and beverages will be provided.

Our next selection is The Time Keeper by Mitch Albom, a fable about the first man on earth to count the hours. After many second thoughts struggles and torments, he is given the chance to redeem himself by teaching two earthly people the true value of time.

Note: we are meeting on the first Sunday of the Month, not the usual Second Sunday. Consider joining us to read this book. We have lots of fun. Copies will be available at church on May 2.



Thank you for the beautiful cards, phone calls, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of our loved one, Bud Leonard.

Special thanks to Pastor Mike for his guidance on having a beautiful service and to Pam Henson for her help with the sound system.

We are grateful for our St. Philip's family!

The Leonard Family



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.

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.



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 May 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.

March 2021 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	8,371.80	
Memorial Bricks	370.00	
Grocery Cards	28.37	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		18,270.17

Expenses

Financial Ministry	2,078.91	
Church Property Ministry	6,239.79	
Personnel	<u>11,665.61</u>	
Total		<u>19,984.31</u>

March Deficit (1,714.14)

Previous Balance 13,509.28

March 31 Balance 11,795.14

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March Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance 5,448.46

Building Fund Offering 275.50

Capital Improvement Fund (417.00)

March Ending Balance 5,306.96

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The Rott Foundation loan was paid in full in February.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 11:30 Book Club Mtg in-person	3 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Mtg	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	10 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	11	12 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	13	14	15
16 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	17 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 4:30 Spiritual Life Zoom Mtg	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	24 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	31 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg Memorial Day					