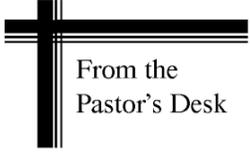


The Crier

November 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Robert Reynolds, in his 1952 novel, writes a sad summary of the Roman Empire in the words of his fictional Roman official:

Our whole age, our whole Roman world had gone dead in its heart because it feared tragedy, took flight from suffering and abhorred failure. In fear of tragedy, we worshipped power. In fear of suffering, we worshipped security. In fear of failure, we worshipped success.... During the rising splendor of our thousand years we had grown cruel, practical, and sterile. We did win the whole world. We did lose our own souls.

-The Sinner of Saint Ambrose

Gospel Writer Mark tells us that Jesus and a scribe agreed on words from the Hebrew bible which say:

“Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.”

Jesus and the scribe both also knew the second part of this greatest commandment:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Like the ancient Romans in the novel above, when we choose power, security and achievement, we lose diversity, compassion, and joy.

On the path to Jesus we gain friendship, community, legacy and spiritual wholeness. I pray that individually and together we will continue to choose the Way of Jesus.

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.

November Birthdays

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

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!"*

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Olivia Witte | 1 |
| Scott Remmers | 3 |
| De'Ana Holdener | 9 |
| Sarah Bobmeyer | 15 |
| Jan Freese | 15 |
| Rob Harvey | 15 |
| Shirley Jennings | 28 |
| Jamie York Schubert | 30 |



Contact the Pastor



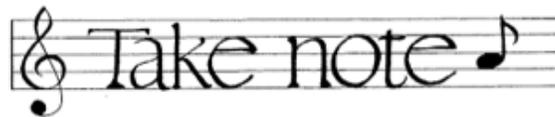
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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.

Judy Hickman
Russ Hickman
Deb Hudson
Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
Brian Malin
Marilyn Milne
Jered Nagle
Janet Remmers
Wendy Remmers
Paul Shrout
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams

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 RED sign up 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



Daylight Saving time
will end at
2:00am on
Sunday, November 7
Set clocks back 1 hour
before you go to bed

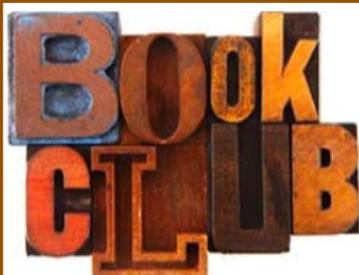
OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

Our Advent project will again focus on Feed My People's Adopt a Family Program. Given continued concerns about covid, Feed My People suggests donations of gift cards for family members to select their own gifts.



Last year contributions covered purchase a \$50 gift card for each family member, a \$100 grocery card, and funds for the family to pay down overdue utility bills. As you may remember, we received a lovely note expressing gratitude. Contributions can be made during Advent. If you write a check, please put "Adopt a Family" on the subject line.

Our traditional Cap, Mitten and scarf tree will appear in the Gathering Space on the Day of Hanging of the Greens. Please help us "decorate" it throughout Advent. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

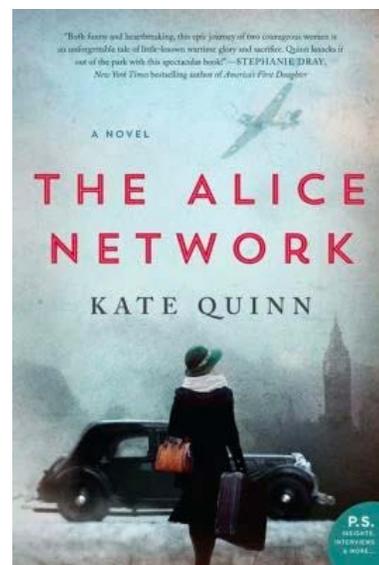


Sunday
November 21
10:15am

On November 21, after church, we will discuss *The Alice Network*. As usual, we will share a potluck lunch and thoughts about the book.

Our next selection, *The Book That Matters Most*, by Ann Hood, is scheduled for discussion on Sunday, December 21. It is described as an enthralling novel about love, loss, secrets, friendship, and the healing power of literature. The book will be available for pick up on November 21.

Consider joining us to read this book. There are no tests, and you do not have to have read the book to attend. We always have a good time!



Member Orientation Session

Several people have expressed interest in becoming members. A Member Orientation Session will be held after worship on Sunday, November 14 to answer your questions.

Attending this session will qualify you, but not obligate you to join. Sign up by giving your name to Pastor Mike.

As always, whether you are a member or not, we are happy for you to be here.



Panera Fundraiser
Wednesday, November 17
4:00 - 8:00pm
9920 Kennerly - St. Louis 63128



St. Philip's will be holding a fundraiser at the South County/Tesson Ferry/Kennerly Road location (across from Mercy South). Please see the flyer on the back side of this page. The pdf will be sent out via email and copies will be available on the credenza just outside the sanctuary. In order for St. Philip's to get the proceeds, please see the following instructions.

NOTE: A printed flyer or an electronic version of the flyer on a mobile phone or tablet must be presented when ordering. The flyers cannot be passed out onsite the night of the event - - you must do this ahead of time. You can order online at panerabread.com and enter code PRFUND at checkout.

Thank you for your support!

CONFERENCE CALL

BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in November 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.



HELP SUPPORT

ST. PHILIP'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WHERE 9920 Kennerly Road, St. Louis, MO 63128

WHEN Wed, Nov 17th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Order online at panerabread.com and enter code **PRFUND** at checkout.
You can also bring this flyer or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

WE'RE COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY.

We offer a variety of ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. Services vary by cafe.

Youth & Families
Fall Hike with Outdoor Devotional
and Picnic Lunch
Sunday, November 7



We will leave after church around 10:30am or you can meet at Castlewood State Park at 11:00am. Please bring your own sack lunch.

Castlewood Trail is a 1.5 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near Valley Park, Missouri that features a river and is good for all skill levels. The trail offers a number of activity options.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Andrea Tukin at (314) 566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

MEMORIAL SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Memorial Sunday, November 21, 2021, is a day for us to remember all of our loved ones, family and friends, who have passed on during the year.

Names and prayers will be lifted up and candles will be lit for each loved one who has died the past year.

Please give the name of your loved ones to Carol, our church secretary, so that they may be honored and remembered on Memorial Sunday. Call church and leave a message or email her at admin@stphilipsucc.com.



Wednesday,
November 10
noon



Lunch Bunch will meet at Cafe Telegraph located at 2650 Telegraph Road in Lemay, Missouri.

Please see the gold signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, November 7.

If you have any questions, contact Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197.



Spaghetti Take-Out

Friday, November 12 - 4:00-6:00 pm

Let us cook for you! We're hosting a Take-Out Dinner on the second Friday of every month. Our November is a Spaghetti Cook-Out on November 12th. Orders are due **Friday, November 5th**. Purchase tickets in advance and your meal will be ready for pick-up. Please cut the ticket portion below and return it along with your money to ECC.

Jr. Dinner \$5.00

Spaghetti, applesauce, a piece of bread, juice, and one dessert

Adult Dinner \$7.00

Spaghetti, salad, a piece of bread, water, and one dessert

Orders must be placed in advance, by Friday, November 5th.

Dinner is: Friday, November 12th, 4:00-6:00 pm

_____ Adult Tickets @ \$7 each

_____ Junior Tickets @ \$5 each

Please indicate a time you would like to pick up:

4:00 pm 4:15pm 4:30pm 4:45pm

5:00 pm 5:15pm 5:30 pm 5:45 pm



Family Name _____

September 2021 General Fund Summary

Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Weekly Offering | 5,608.00 | |
| Grocery Cards | 45.47 | |
| Early Childhood Center | <u>9,500.00</u> | |
| Total | | 15,153.47 |

Expenses

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Financial Ministry | 674.75 | |
| Outreach Ministry | 250.00 | |
| Church Property Ministry | 5,131.93 | |
| Personnel | <u>11,665.95</u> | |
| Total | | <u>17,722.63</u> |
| September Deficit | | (2,569.16) |
| Previous Balance | | <u>5,410.78</u> |
| September 30 Balance | | 2,841.62 |
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September Building Fund Summary

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance | 5,174.96 |
| Building Fund Offering | 309.00 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | <u>(417.00)</u> |
| September Ending Balance | 5,066.96 |
| | ===== |

September Improvements Offering Summary

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance | 2,408.00 |
| September Offering | 194.00 |
| Amount Spent | <u>-171.63</u> |
| September Ending Balance | 2,430.37 |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg | 2 | 3 5:30 LOGOS | 4 | 5 Spaghetti Dinner Orders Due | 6 Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time ends Check smoke detectors |
| 7 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook Stewardship Pledges Due 9:45 Sunday School In-person 11:00 Youth Hike @ Castlewood State Park | 8 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Zoom Mtg | 9 | 10 5:30 LOGOS | 11 | 12 4:00-6:00 Spaghetti Take-out Dinner | 13 |
| 14 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30 Member Orientation Session | 15 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg | 16 4:30 ECC Board Mtg | 17 5:30 LOGOS 4:00-8:00 Panera Fundraiser | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Memorial Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club Meeting | 22 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg | 23 December CRIER Articles Due | 24 NO LOGOS | 25  | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30 Hanging of the Greens | 29 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg | 30 | | | | |

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