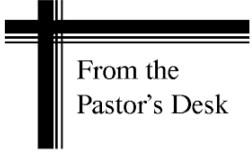


# The Crier

September 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the  
Pastor's Desk

## Survey

As a new generation of people are adept and comfortable with technology, the importance of online worship has increased. The pandemic has also forced many more of us to use it recently. St. Philip's Church Council asked the Spiritual Life Ministry to learn how important the quality of our online worship presentation is. Please circle your answer to the questions below and make any comments you would like church leaders to know.

1. Do you watch St. Philip's Online worship? Yes | No  
If so, how often?  
once a year or less | once a month or so | every week  
How does online worship compare with in person worship?
2. Would you watch more if the picture and or sound quality was better? Yes | No  
What improvements would you like to see?
3. St. Philip's current average online participation is 50-60 views each Sunday. Do you think high quality equipment increases our potential to exist in the future?  
won't help our future | may help a little | could help our future a lot  
Any further comments?
4. Do you think increasing the quality of the equipment used to produce our worship online would be an appropriate investment? Yes | No  
equipment doesn't matter | equipment matters a little | equipment matters a lot  
Any further comments?

Please mail your answers to church, bring them and put them in the box in the Gathering Space at church, give them to Pastor Mike or any member of the Spiritual Life Ministry:  
Tammy Knoll, Pam Henson, Patty Siewing, Mary Dykstra

Thank you for your input.



# 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.

## **September Birthdays**



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

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!"*

Gene Siewing	2	Cindy Lewis	21
Danielle Knoll	3	Cara Schamburg	21
Joy Lopez	4	Sue Myers	23
Leona Gottschlich	10	Tom Nottelmann	23
Ollie Coleman	11	Mary Dykstra	26
Jeannine Navratil	18	Susan Yung	26
Ray Hoffstetter	20	Kevin Nickel	28
Rob Kammerer	20	Chris Fischer	28
Carole Armistead	20	Averi Henson	30
George Brand	21	Hayden Henson	30

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)



Paul & Art

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Ray Hoffstetter

Deb Hudson

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

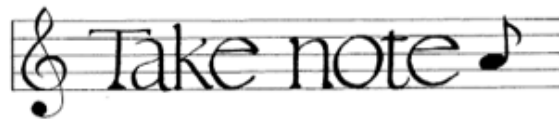
The Noland Family

Janet Remmers

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

Judy York



## 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 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

When your situation improves and you no longer need to be on the Prayer List, please notify Carol in the Church Office.  
Thank you!

## LOGOS Resumes for the School Year

Join us on Wednesdays beginning September 15  
from 5:30-7:00 PM for our  
intergenerational ministry program!



Each night we will enjoy each other's company with a bible lesson, crafts, games and dinner. All are welcome. We are even adding a pre-K element this year!

If you are interested in participating, contact Andrea Tugin for more information or to RSVP (314) 566-8633 or [andreatugin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatugin@gmail.com)

## OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

October 3 is Neighbors in Need Sunday. Neighbors in Need is one of our 5 for 5 charities, and benefits UCC Church projects, including projects that serve homeless and immigrant neighbors, and Native Americans throughout the country. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. You can include donations in your October 3 envelope and put Neighbors in Need on the subject line of your check or send a check to Kathy Shelton.



Fall is also the season for Sharefest, formerly called Festival of Sharing, an ecumenical program that provides a variety of items to those in need in Missouri including personal hygiene items, dental hygiene products, non-perishable foods, paper products, baby supplies and school supplies. In the past we have collected food items, dental hygiene items, and paper products. Because of covid, this year it seems more practical to ask for monetary donations during the month of October and specify that funds be used "Where Needed Most". Contributions for Sharefest can be made by sending a check to Kathy Shelton with Sharefest on the subject line.

We know that frequent requests for donations can get tiring, and it was more fun when we could collect actual items. However, the needs continue, and many of us have much to be thankful for. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



**NO ACCESS  
TO AREAS -  
FLOOR  
CLEANING  
& WAXING**

Please note the following days and areas at St. Philip's that will be closed for floor cleaning and waxing:

September 3-5 MPR

September 10-12 Halls, MPR, and  
Office Bathroom





# women's retreat

ATTENTION ST. PHILIP'S WOMEN!!!

You are invited to join us on Saturday, September 25, 2021, for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. We'll meet at 9:30 am at Sandy's house for coffee and rolls and end at about 2:30 pm following a communion service. In between we'll reminisce about the "good old days", try to identify some artifacts, have lunch, learn a craft and play a game.

Come for all or part of the day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call Sandy to say you'll be there. More detailed information will be sent to those who plan to attend.

Thanks to Mary Dykstra, Sue Myers and Donna Philips who will participate and have had a part in the planning. Please spend part of your day with us. I think you'll be glad you did!



Lunch Bunch will begin our monthly get-togethers at **noon on September 8th** at Pietro's located at 3801 Watson Road, 63109. We are asked to wear our masks inside except at our tables. I have asked for a private room, however, that may not be possible.

We are looking forward to this get-together. Please see the pink signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Virginia at 843-3605.

Everyone who has been fully vaccinated is welcome to come, have good food, and enjoy our time visiting.

Please signup by September 5.

Virginia

## CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in September 10:00am

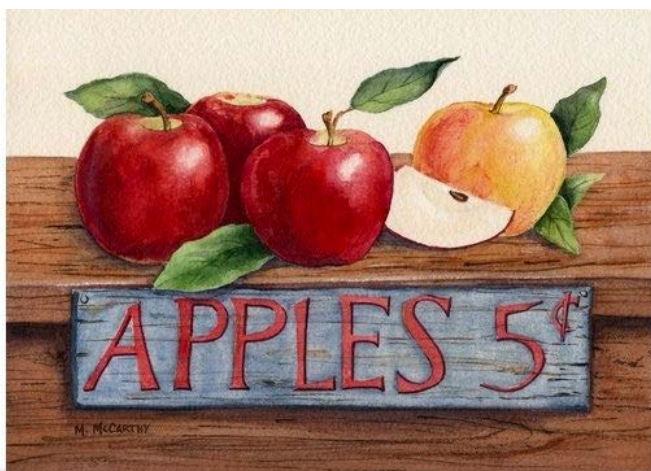
Each week on Monday at 10:00am you are invited to Bible Study and conversation. You may join online (Zoom) or by phone. Call any of the numbers below ahead of time for help in joining.

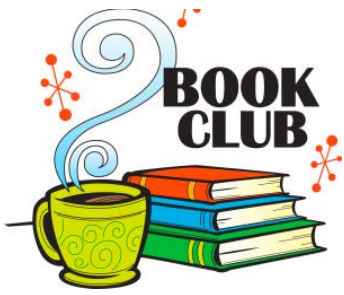
We will study scriptures for the next Sunday, and check in with each other. You don't have to read ahead.

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.



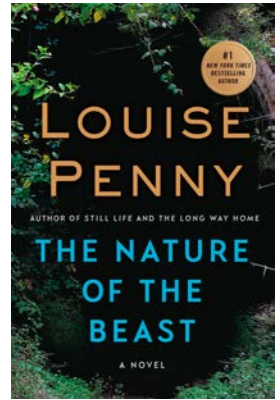


## BOOK CLUB

**Sunday**  
**September 19**  
**10:15am**

We will meet after church on September 19 to Discuss Nature of the Beast. We will meet in the conference room, and share a pot luck lunch.

Our next Selection is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, a New York Times bestseller described as a heartbreaking story of joy and loss based on the true story of an adoption center that kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families.



Sunday School Kickoff  
Sunday, September 12

Join us for our first "official" Sunday School of the school year. We will be having a breakfast party with a few games right afterwards to celebrate!

Can't wait to see everyone and get the school year off to a great start!

**ABC Now Hiring**

Full & Part Time  
Positions Available  
(Monday - Friday)

Childcare  
experience  
preferred

St. Philip's ECC  
(Located in South County)  
Starting \$12/hour w/annual raises, paid  
holidays, sick pay, & accrued vacation  
Send Resumes to  
[mmdowding@stphilipsucc.com](mailto:mmdowding@stphilipsucc.com)

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## July 2021 General Fund Summary

### Receipts

Weekly Offering	7,064.00	
Grocery Cards	58.70	
Early Childhood Center	9,500.00	
Memorial Bricks	123.00	
Recycle Income	<u>120.78</u>	
Total		16,866.48

### Expenses

Financial Ministry	2,286.75	
Church Property Ministry	5,421.58	
Personnel	<u>11,802.69</u>	
Total		<u>19,511.02</u>

July Deficit	(2,644.54)
Previous Balance	<u>7,744.18</u>
July 31 Balance	5,099.64
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## July Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	4,853.46
Building Fund Offering	327.75
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>(417.00)</u>
July Ending Balance	4,764.21
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## July Improvements Offering Summary

Beginning Balance	1,751.00
July Offering	<u>281.00</u>
July Ending Balance	2,032.00
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
5 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person No Access - MPR Floor Waxing	6 Labor Day 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	7 7:00 Church Council Mtg	8 noon Lunch Bunch @ Pietro's	9	10 No Access - Halls, MPR, Office Bathroom Floor Waxing	11 No Access - Halls, MPR, Office Bathroom Floor Waxing
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