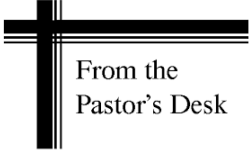


The Crier

March 2022

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Maybe, the pandemic is breaking up! Maybe also, is the idea that you have to be constantly working and unhappily grinding to be successful.

'Always working' is an idea worth questioning, challenging, and surpassing.

A better idea is that rest, recovery, and reflection are essential parts of becoming the person God wants us to be! Living a successful and happy life should involve 'being' as much as 'doing'. This Lent, let's follow our spirits, into a better way!

Lent 2022 series: Good enough

Seeking perfection can block us from blooming where we are planted. You are invited, this lent, to stop climbing ladders toward perfection. Worship Themes will explore the idea of 'Good Enough' from several perspectives:

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| Ash Wednesday
March 2 - 6:30pm | "Perfection is impossible. Transformation isn't."
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 |
| Sunday, March 6 | "Ordinary lives can be holy." Communion
Luke 4: 1-13 |
| Sunday, March 13 | "Answering failure with extravagant love." Barbara Barnes
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 |
| Sunday, March 20 | "Lots of things can be medicine." Dori Hudson
Luke 13: 1-9 |
| Sunday, March 27 | "So much is out of our control."
Luke 13: 31-35 |

You are invited to join this lenten journey here at St. Phillip's United Church of Christ!

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.

March Birthdays

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

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!”*

Mary Ann Krewson	1	Clara Hornung	26
Karen Moran	2	Meghan Mikusch	27
Pam Schiele Stang	4	Elaine Kimker	28
Joyce Thuston	5	Kali Hladnick	29
Dawn Knoll	11	Shirley Nottelmann	29
Scott Karcher	14	Shirley Illert	30
Frances Kalbfleish	15		
Jason Karcher	21		



Contact the Pastor



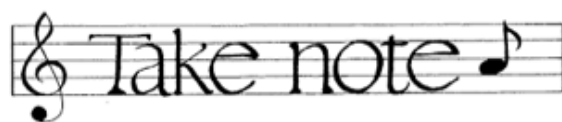
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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 **GOLD** 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



Mary Darr

Grace Heady

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Deb Hudson

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

JoAnn Leber

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

Janet Remmers

Wendy Remmers

Lyle Schmidt

Eleanor Schmitt

Paul Shroul

The Slavik Family

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
**DAY!**
MARCH 17

Young(er) Adult Fellowship

On Sunday, March 13th a group of us would like to get together after church as the young(er) adults in the congregation and get to know each other. We plan to enjoy some food and chat. Childcare will be provided as needed.

If you are interested in joining us (the 13th or in the future), please fill out [THIS SIMPLE SURVEY](#).



Daylight Saving time
will begin at
2:00am on
Sunday, March 13
Set clocks ahead 1 hour
before you go to bed



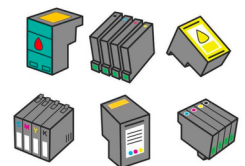
LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS

With the Covid positivity figures going down, we're going to resume our monthly lunches for those who feel safe in attending. Please use your own discretion in deciding what is best for you.

The next get-together will be at **noon** on **Wednesday, March 9** at **Concord Grill**, 11427 Concord Village Avenue. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are coming so that the restaurant will be prepared to accommodate us. Also, since parking is at a premium there, perhaps you can arrange to carpool from church.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Thank you for bringing your used Canon and HP cartridges to church for recycling. One cartridge may not bring in much money but it does add up, plus you're helping the environment by keeping them out of the landfills and helping our finances at the same time. Please continue to put them in the collection box in the entry space.



Also, we no longer recycle plastic lids. Please don't bring them to church but do continue to recycle them appropriately.

All the little things, done by a lot of people, do make a difference!

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

We received a thank you note from our Christmas Adopt-a-Family recipient thanking us for Blessing her family with our gift. We provided five \$50 gift cards, one for each family member. We collected funds more than the cost of the cards, and sent a Feed My People \$150 for the family to use for paying down utility bills.

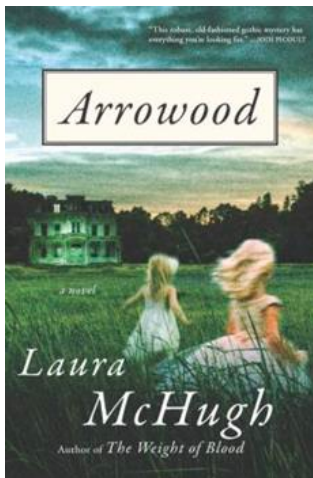


Our Lenten project will benefit Feed My People. Staff there indicated that Personal Care items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, brushes, deodorant, and feminine care items are needed most. During Lent, donations can be placed in a basket in the gathering space. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Outreach Ministry

BOOK CLUB NEWS

**Sunday
March 20
10:15am**



We will meet on Sunday, March 20 after church to discuss Arrowood. If Covid number continue to improve, we will resume the Potluck lunch.

Our next selection is Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. The winner of the 2017 Costa Debut Novel Award, it centers on Eleanor Oliphant, a social misfit with a traumatic past and her transformational journey towards a fuller understanding of herself and of life.

Copies of the book are checked out in kit form and will be available on March 20. Consider joining book club. We always have a good time! For more information contact Barbara Barnes at 314-843-4157.



Available
March 20

CONFERENCE CALL

BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in February 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.

LOGOS HAS RESUMED



Hello friends,

Here is the LOGOS schedule for the rest of the school year.

Winter/Spring 2022 LOGOS Dates

March

- 2 LOGOS meets
- 9 (No LOGOS)
- 16 LOGOS meets - St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Wear Green
- 23 (No LOGOS - Spring Break)
- 30 LOGOS meets

April

- 6 LOGOS meets
- 13 (No LOGOS - Holy Week)
- 20 LOGOS meets
- 27 LOGOS meets

May

- 4 LOGOS meets - "May the 4th Be With You" - Wear Star Wars!
- 11 Last LOGOS for the School Year

Summer LOGOS Family Nights

Wednesday, June 15

Wednesday, July 13

Wednesday, August 3

Samuel UCC Auction

The auction to support our UCC Build, sponsored by Samuel UCC, goes LIVE on March 1 and concludes on March 17th. We hope that the congregation, especially Habitat for Humanity supporters, will bid on items that are given. At this moment there are more than 40 items, a little something for every taste. Others are still being added.



Come March 1, simply go to www.biddingowl.com/Samuel. Scroll through the items and make your bid.

It's not too late to add an item: a gift card you don't use, a service by your company, a piece of art. There are some interesting items already— tickets to the REP, a painting, a load of firewood, gift cards to restaurants, sports memorabilia, and even BEES!

By participating you'll be a part of raising another \$76,000 for our UCC churches in 2022! Happy bidding!

January 2022 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Sunday Offering	8,632.75	
Grocery Cards	35.00	
Recycle Income	125.54	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		18,293.29

Expenses


Spiritual Life Ministry	42.50	
Financial Ministry	1,724.17	
Congregational Life	31.29	
Church Property Ministry	5,185.07	
Personnel	<u>11,601.98</u>	
Total		<u>18,585.01</u>
January Deficit		(291.72)
Previous Balance		<u>6,495.24</u>
January 31 Balance		6,203.52 =====

January Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,267.46
Building Fund Offering	827.01
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>(417.00)</u>
January Ending Balance	5,677.47 =====

January Improvements Offering Summary

Beginning Balance	2,347.37
January Improvement Expenses	(1,850.00)
January Offering	<u>616.00</u>
January Ending Balance	1,113.37 =====

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30-7:00 LOGOS 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	7 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	8	9 noon Lunch Bunch @ Concord Grill No LOGOS	10	11	12 Set your clocks forward before bed
13 Girl Scout Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30-11:45 Young(er) Adult Fellowship	14 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg	15	16 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	17 Samuel UCC Auction Ends 	18	19
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