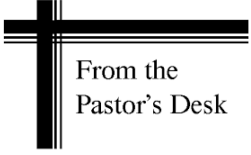


The Crier

April 2022

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Our 'Good Enough' Lenten series concludes this month with worship on Easter celebrating our Lord's Resurrection! On that day (April 17) we will have communion and we will baptize Sloane Slavik (daughter of Holly and Sam)!

You are also invited to worship with us on Good Friday, April 15 at noon as we remember the crucifixion together.

As the pandemic winds down (we hope) and the temperature increases, it will be tempting to say "yes" to more activities than we can pursue with excellence. For many, climbing the ladder of increasing expectations has become a habit and a way of life. This year, let's strive for activities that are a closer match to our life mission as we understand it and say "no" to other activities which merely occur when the calendar is free. Time for prayer, worship and conversations about our spiritual priorities with trusted partners will gain us focus which will increase our sense of joy and accomplishment. May 'Good Enough' provide a life of balance and deeper fulfillment.

In addition, in April we will gather our One Great Hour of Sharing offering which deploys resources to people in need all around the world and in our own communities. When man-made or natural disasters strike, love responds. These gifts help for the immediate need and seek to position communities for the long haul. You can learn more at UCC.org/oghs. We will gather OGHS offering on April 10, 17, and 24. Use the printed envelope included in the bulletin or write 2022 OGHS on your check.

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.

April Birthdays



Happy Birthday to our members who will be celebrating a birthday in 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!”*

April Schillinger	1	Al Bowles	23
Ben Kotthoff	3	Steve Hladnick	24
Steve Werner	4	Eloise Schamburg	25
Gwen Swanson	8	Lucy Vogt	27
Judy Parkinson	10	Kate Hausman	28
Stan Parkinson	10	Mary Darr	28
Karen Walker	15		
Rev. Mike Krewson	19		

Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

Cell (618) 789-2203

Office (314) 843-5100

or email

pastormike@stphilipsucc.com



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

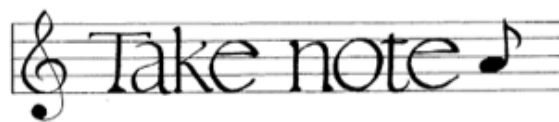
Eleanor Schmitt

Paul Shroul

The Slavik Family

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams



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 **LIME** 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



**ST. PHILIP'S - SPRING
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, April 24, 2022**

Please plan to attend this very important meeting to be held immediately following the April 24 worship service. New committee and Church Council members will be voted on. If you have any other business you would like to add to the agenda, please let Sandy know by March 30, 2022.

Reports will be available on Sunday, April 10 just outside the sanctuary so that you can review them prior to the meeting.

EASTER SUNDAY MUSIC

On Easter Sunday, Mike Orzel will be playing music 10 minutes prior to the service.



Please come early to enjoy, or tune in to our livestream at 9:20.

NEW PHONE DIRECTORIES

St. Philip's telephone directories will be updated and printed in early May. 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 but no later than April 30.

A draft copy of the directory will be on the credenza just outside church for you to check and make changes.

**LUNCH BUNCH
Wednesday, April 13
noon**



Come join the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, April 13 and celebrate Spring! We will meet at 12 o'clock noon at:

**Maggie O'Brien's
Restaurant & Irish Pub
3828 S. Lindbergh Blvd.**

Please signup by Sunday, April 10 - BLUE signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183 and leave a message.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

On Good Friday, April 15, 2022 St. Philip's UCC will hold worship at noon.



We will remember the crucifixion of our Lord and prepare our hearts for the Resurrection in a somber service of worship, prayer, and sermon.



Easter Egg Hunt - April 16 Candy Donations Needed

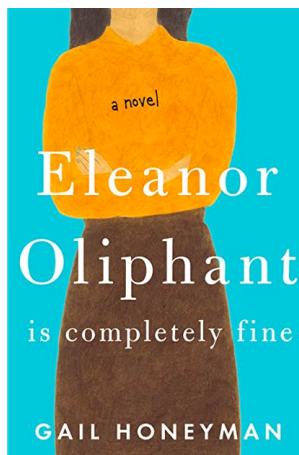
St. Philip's is hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Saturday, April 16 at 10am. We hope you and your family & friends can join!

We are still collecting individually wrapped candy to put into Easter Eggs. There is a bunny basket in the gathering space.

If you'd be willing to volunteer to help hide eggs, sit at a craft table or lead a game, please let Andrea Tugin know at andreatugin@gmail.com or by call/text (314) 566-8633. I could really use some church members to help out.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

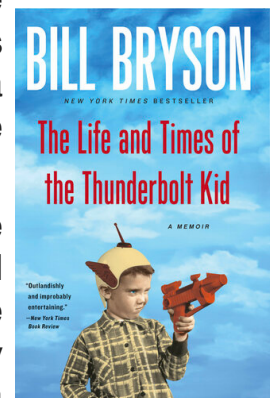
**Sunday
April 10
10:15am**



We will meet on April 10 to discuss Elinor Oliphant is Completely Fine. If Covid numbers remain good, we will share a potluck lunch.

Our next selection is The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson. Described as "Warm and laugh-out-loud funny", it should be a nice break from the more serious books we read, and a nice break from the news.

Consider joining us to read this book. We always have a good time. Books are checked out in kit form from the library, and will be available for pick up on April 10, or by delivery to your home as needed. Contact Barbara Barnes for details at 314-843-4157.



Available
April 10

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

-During Lent, we will continue to collect personal care items for Feed My People such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, and feminine care. Donations can be placed in a basket in the Gathering Space.

-One Great Hour of Sharing - This Lenten Offering supports disaster and refugee services and supports development of new UCC Churches in impoverished communities. Special Offering envelopes will be included in Sunday bulletins and collected through April 24.

-The Crisis in Ukraine continues. Please consider contributing to the UCC Global ministries fund that supports relief services to Ukraine residents and refugees. Contributions can be made with checks payable to St. Philip's, with "Ukraine Relief Fund" written on the memo line, and on the outside of the envelope.

Thanks in Advance for your generosity,
Outreach Ministry



CONFERENCE CALL

BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in April 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 SPRING SCHEDULE

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



Easter Flowers

Let's help beautify the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter. Easter Lilies, Azaleas, and Hydrangeas are available.

The spring flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

You may take your plants home after the Easter Sunday service or make arrangements to pickup the following week if unable to attend.

Make check payable to 'Walter Knoll Florist'

Name _____

_____	Easter Lilies	\$ 15.00
_____	Azalea - Shades of Pink	\$20.00
_____	Hydrangea - Pink	\$20.00
_____	Hydrangea - Blue	\$20.00

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or turn in to Carol in the church office **by noon on Monday, April 11th**.

LIGHT EASTER BRUNCH

We will have a light brunch Easter morning in the Gathering Space available at 8:30am before worship or after worship. All are welcome!

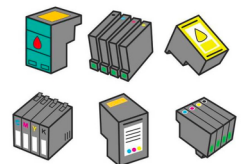
YOUNG(ER) ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, April 10, the young(er) adults in the congregation will meet again. We plan to enjoy some food and chat. Childcare will be provided as needed.

If you are interested in joining us, please see the YELLOW signup sheet on the bulletin board. Contact Pastor Mike if you have any questions.

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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL						
3 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	4 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	5	6 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club Meeting 10:15 Young(er) Adult Fellowship	11 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg	12	13 noon Lunch Bunch @ Maggie O'Brien's No LOGOS (Holy Week)	14	15 noon Good Friday Worship	16 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
17 Easter Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 Light Easter Brunch 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook Slavik Baptism 9:45 Sunday School In-person	18 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	19	20 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	21 May CRIER Articles Due	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	25 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg	26	27 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	28	29	30