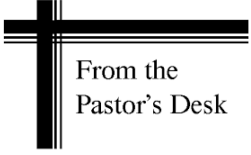


The Crier

May 2022

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Out of all the answers Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter gave interviewer Kori Street, it was the ones about hope that were most moving. Recordings of his responses to hundreds of questions are now computer indexed for quick selection. An artificial intelligence program called a Chat Bot can simulate a real time conversation, almost as if he were there.

He spoke of the dehumanization which allowed perpetrators to murder his family and how we can resist repeating that awful history. Then the interview turned to the topic of empathy and the perpetrators.

It reminded me of my great desire to stop the next cycle of violence that I fear may befall my beloved country. And it reminds me of the Gospel of John's account of Jesus' response to the disciple Peter cutting off the ear of a soldier who was performing the arrest.

**“Jesus commanded Peter, ‘Put your sword away!
Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?’”**

We all have a choice. When we feel the deep fear of our lifestyle being threatened, we can recite the dehumanizing words of hate toward those who are being scapegoated. That might lead to us reacting with violence, especially if we recite them day after day and month after month.

Or we can choose the path of empathy with all, including (and perhaps especially) those labeled as our enemy. Jesus did it on the way to the cross. God answered his unjust state execution by reversing it - replacing it with the resurrection. Jesus invites us all: ‘follow me’.

As for me and my house - we will trust the Lord.

Rev. Mike Krewson, Pastor



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.

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!”*

Dori Hudson	1	Carl Philips	17
Olivia Stevenson	1	William Matthews, Jr	20
Mike Shelton	5	Jason Yung	21
George Brand, III	8	Sue Bowles	23
Stacey Witte	9	Sheannon Hladnick	26
Lindsey Rawlings	11	Brandi Armistead	26
Dorothy Vinyard	11	Haylee Womack	27
Kimberly Kelly	14	Sandy Stevenson	29
Pam Henson	15	Laura Brym	31
Shirley Oldani	16		

Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

Cell (618) 789-2203

Office (314) 843-5100

or email

pastormike@stphilipsucc.com



Free Outdoor Gospel Music Concert!

Saturday May 21, 3:30pm

Kirkwood Park - Outdoor Amphitheater



I recently joined the St. Louis Community Gospel Choir, a group devoted to promoting racial and cultural understanding, and singing beautiful music. The group is very diverse, with many music professionals and others who just love to sing Gospel Music. I think the upcoming concert will be wonderful!

Barbara Barnes



Mary Darr

Grace Heady

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Deb Hudson

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

JoAnn Leber

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

Janet Remmers

Wendy Remmers

Paul Shrout

Lily Swanson

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

YOUNG(ER) ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, May 8, 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 or have any questions, please text or call Pastor Mike at 618-789-2203.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Thank you for bringing your used Canon and HP cartridges to church for recycling. 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!



Please join the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at noon for the May gathering.

We will meet at Helen Fitzgerald's located at 3650 S. Lindbergh Blvd. 63127.

See the ORANGE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Virginia Hladnick by Sunday, May 8th.

All are welcome and encouraged to come. Hope to see you soon!



NEW PHONE DIRECTORIES

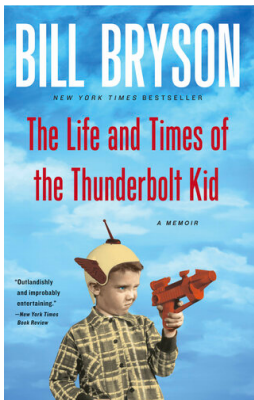
St. Philip's telephone directories will be updated and printed in early May. Please let the church office know of any changes or additions to how you would like to have your name, address, home/cell phone numbers, and email address listed.

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



BOOK CLUB NEWS

**Sunday
May 15
10:15am**

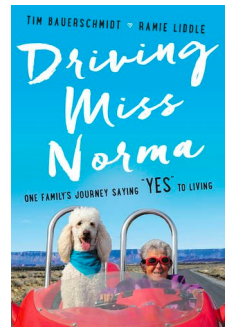


On May 15, after church, we will discuss The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid and we will share a potluck lunch.

Our next selection is Driving Miss Norma by Ramie Liddle and Tim Bauerschmidt. It is the story of Miss Norma's inspirational road trip across the US in a thirty six foot motor home with her son, his wife, and their poodle, showing us that it's never too late to begin an adventure, inspire hope, and become a trailblazer.

We always have a good time and new members are always welcome.

Consider joining us to read this selection. Copies will be available at church on May 15.



Available
May 15

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.

Vacation Bible School

Decoration Help Wanted

Our vacation Bible School will be there before you know it! Virginia Hladnick is inviting all of our wonderful volunteers to her house on Friday, May 13 at 1:00pm to begin work on the decorations. Bring a pair of scissors if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!



July 11 - 15

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "Knights of the North Castle" and will be held the week of July 11. Please consider how you might be able to help out. There will be many opportunities to volunteer for people of all ages and talents.

If you'd like to register anyone, please contact the church office for more information. There will be a new registration form and information coming soon.

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

We have concluded our Lenten collection of personal care items for Feed My People. We collected 220 items! Ted West at Feed My People said to say "Thanks" and "Hi" to everyone at St. Philip's. Thanks to all for your generosity.



76 Toothbrushes, 37 tubes of Toothpaste, 26 Floss, 13 Deodorants, 21 bars of Soap, 17 Lotions, and a variety of Shaving Supplies, Shampoos/ Conditioners, Liquid Hand Soaps, Body Wash, Band-aids, Q-Tips, Nail Polish, and Vitamins.

- T h e 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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	2 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	3	4 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	5	6	7	
8 Mother's Day 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Young(er) Adult Fellowship	9 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg	10	11 noon Lunch Bunch @ Helen Fitzgerald's 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	12	13 1:00 VBS Prep @ Virginia's 4:00 Spiritual Life Meeting	14 9:00-2:00 Parking Lot Used	
15 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook Hymn Sing Sunday 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club	16 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	
22 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	23 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg	24 June CRIER Articles Due	25	26	27	28	
29 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	30 Memorial Day 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg	31	Summer LOGOS Family Nights Wednesday, June 15 Wednesday, July 13 Wednesday, August			