

# The Crier

April 2023

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

*"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and she told them that he had said these things to her." —John 20:18*

Greetings St. Philip's UCC!

By John's gospel account, Mary Magdalene is the first person to see the risen Christ. She's also the first person to proclaim the Good News—to tell the others about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Her first words, according to John, are simple and straight to the point: "I have seen the Lord."

Maybe you haven't happened upon an empty tomb (or maybe you have?), but I suspect that there are many in our midst—in our world, in our community, in our congregation, in our families—who have also "seen the Lord." People who have seen the face of Christ in the face of their neighbor. People who have witnessed God's love and grace being expressed through another person. People who have known God's tender and healing presence through the care of someone else. Where have you seen the Lord?

Following Easter Sunday, our liturgical calendar devotes fifty days to the Eastertide season. For several weeks, we'll revisit the stories of the risen Christ appearing to the disciples on a number of occasions before Jesus finally ascends to be with God. And then, finally, fifty days after we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we'll celebrate Pentecost Sunday—the birthday of the Church, when the first disciples receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in an extravagant flourish of wind and fire. The story continues!

Mary may have been the first to "see the Lord," but the rest of the disciples will soon "see the Lord" too, a few times even! And over the past two thousand years, people have continued to "see the Lord" in all kinds of places and faces—with some surprising and unexpected sightings happening all the time. If you pay attention, if you watch closely with anticipation and expectation, I'd imagine you just might "see the Lord" all around you. Try it, and let me know what you discover!

May this Eastertide season be filled with sightings of the holy, and may the hope and the promise of the resurrection fill us with joy to spread far and wide!

Blessings and joy,  
Pastor Laura

# 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....

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

*“Happy Birthday to You!,  
Happy Birthday to You!,  
Happy Birthday Everybody!,  
and God Bless you!”*

Contact the Pastor



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Joyce Brand

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Marilyn Milne

Sue Myers

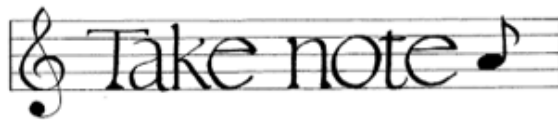
Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

Paul Shrout

Lily Swanson

Paula Williams



## Choir Rehearsals

The Choir rehearses the Anthem and Hymns for the upcoming Sunday worship service. 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.

### 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.

### WORSHIP LISTENING DEVICES

Listening devices used during worship are now available in the Admin Assistant Office. You can find them as you walk in the door to the right.



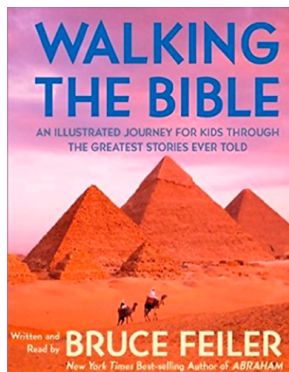
## LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, April 12 at noon for the April gathering.

We will meet at O'Charley's located at 4130 Rusty Road by the South County Target.

See the PURPLE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Bob and Linda Kammerer at 314-322-1051 by Sunday, April 9th.

## Tour the Holy Land Final Episode



Tour of the Holy Land (on video) continues after church on Sunday April 23. We will view the third episode of "Walking the Bible" a PBS series by Bruce Feiler, which focuses on

Joseph, the Egyptian Captivity, and the Exodus.

The video lasts about 45 minutes and snacks will be provided.



ALL are invited to join St. Philip's families at their outdoor worship service followed by a picnic lunch at Suson Park. There will be plenty of time for visiting the animals and playing afterwards!

**Sunday, April 16 @ 11:30 am**

Bring a lunch and a blanket/chair to sit on (if you'd like).

**[RSVP HERE to get final details](#)**

or let Andrea Tugin know if you plan to attend at

[andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com)

or (314) 566-8633

## Easter Egg Hunt

Hope to see you and your family at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8. The hunt begins at 10:00am.

If you'd like to donate candy, we will need it by this Sunday, April 2. Thank you so much everyone who has already contributed!

If you are able to volunteer for a little bit the morning of the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 - - sitting at a craft table or game, please let Andrea Tugin know at (314)566-8633

or

[andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com)

We would appreciate it!

## Pastoral Relations Committee

The **Pastoral Relations Committee** is meeting for the first time with Pastor Laura on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. This committee is an advisory group to the pastor and a support for the pastor's leadership. As an advisory group, the committee shares the ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations and concerns of the congregation with the pastor. Confidentiality and trust are essential to the work of this appointed committee.

Our committee's role is two-fold. First, we serve as a resource for our new pastor to learn about St. Philip's and as a sounding board if that is what she needs us to be. Second, are open to the concerns/needs of the congregation and bring to the committee anything that needs to be discussed. Pastor Laura's door is always open for conversations with members. However, some may feel more comfortable bringing their concerns, hurts, celebrations that need to be discussed with Pastor Laura to a Pastoral Relations Committee member. We can raise any concerns that you may have and keep them confidential, if you desire.

We are encouraging open and honest communication between the pastor, church leadership and the congregation so that our shared ministry may be fulfilled.

You may contact any member of the Pastoral Relations Committee at any time:

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## OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

Our Lenten Project Benefitting Isaiah 58 Ministry will continue through Lent. We are collecting shelf-stable food items, spring and summer clothing for adults and children, as well as cash donations. Items will be delivered to the center on South Grand Blvd. shortly after Easter. If anyone would like to ride along to see the center, please let Barbara Barnes know.

Thanks in advance for your generosity to this very worthy cause.



Please wear your name  
tag during worship.  
Thank you!

# Easter Breakfast



Church Council has decided we are going to have our Easter Breakfast this year. It would be nice to see everyone's smiling faces!

Join us on Easter Sunday, April 9, at 9:30am for breakfast in the MPR followed by Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. In order to get a headcount for table/chair setup, see the Lilac signup sheet on the bulletin board, contact Carol in the church office, or call Carole Armistead at 314-560-6658. Please signup by Thursday, April 6.

Also bring your favorite food item that you would like to share with everyone (it is not necessary to indicate what you are bringing on

## SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

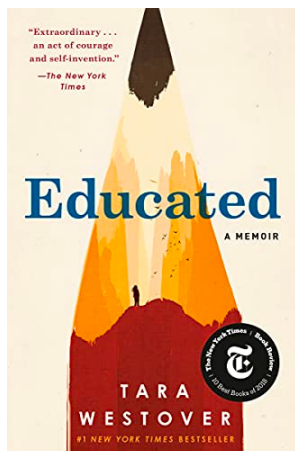
Sunday, April 16, 2023

Please plan to attend this very important meeting to be held immediately following the April 16 worship service. New committee and Church Council members will be voted on. Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, April 2 just outside the sanctuary so that you can review them prior to the meeting.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**July 10-14**

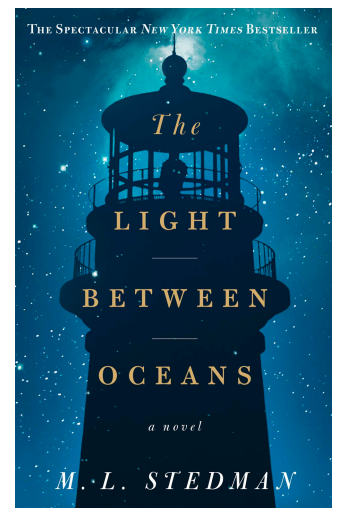
## BOOK CLUB



**Sunday**  
**April 2**  
**after church**

We will meet after church on Sunday April 2 to discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover, and we will share a potluck lunch.

Our next selection *The Light Between Oceans*, by M. L. Stedman, is set on a remote island nearly a century ago. The main characters are a lighthouse keeper and his wife who are faced with difficult choices. A reviewer described reading it as a total-immersion experience, about good people, tragic decisions and the beauty found in each of them. We will discuss it on April 30. Consider joining Book Club. We always have a good time, and reading the book is not required to attend the meetings and discussion.



**Will discuss**  
**on April 30**

## February 2023 General Fund Summary

### Receipts

Sunday Offering	5,774.86	
Interest Income	164.90	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		15,439.76

### Expenses

Learning Ministry	247.30	
Financial Ministry	1,583.24	
Church Property Ministry	6,197.62	
Personnel	<u>7,888.17</u>	
Total		<u>15,916.33</u>

February Deficit (476.57)

Previous Balance 15,598.91

February 28 Balance 15,122.34

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## February Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance 6,138.23

Building Fund Offering 302.00

Capital Improvement Fund (417.00)

February Ending Balance 6,023.23

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>APRIL</b>						
2 Palm Sunday <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Book Club	3 <b>7:00</b> Church Council Meeting	4 <b>6:00</b> Lenten Book Study	5 <b>5:30</b> LOGOS	6	7 Good Friday <b>2:00</b> Worship	8 <b>10:00</b> Easter Egg Hunt
9 Easter Sunday <b>9:30</b> Easter Breakfast <b>10:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook <b>10:45</b> Sunday School	10	11	12 noon Lunch Bunch @ O'Charley's <b>5:30</b> LOGOS	13	14	15
16 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Spring Congregational Meeting <b>11:30</b> Worship and Picnic @ Suson Park	17 <b>4:45</b> ECC Board Meeting	18	19 <b>5:30</b> LOGOS	20	21	22
23 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Tour the Holy Land Presentation	24 April CRIER Articles Due	25	26 <b>5:30</b> LOGOS	27	28	29
30 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Book Club						