

The Crier

May 2024

serving St. Philip's and St. John UCC

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

Acts 2:4

Greetings St. John UCC and St. Philip's UCC!

The season of Pentecost is almost here! Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the birthday of the Church! This year, we celebrate on May 19!

Our Pentecost story comes from the second chapter of the book of Acts. After Jesus' death and resurrection, after Jesus reappears to the disciples in a variety of places, after Jesus ascends to be with God, the disciples are gathered together wondering how to carry Jesus' message of love and grace forward. All of a sudden, a strong wind bursts through the room, tongues of fire alight on each of their heads, and they are all overcome by the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the Good News of God's love and grace in languages they had never spoken before. This is the birthday of the Church!

The disciples are empowered to spread the Good News far and wide to all people. The Holy Spirit abides with them, and they are able to do things they never imagined possible. The movement Jesus began continues through them.

And, two thousand years later, we continue to celebrate that moment today! It isn't so much about the specific date (like Easter, it changes every year!), and it isn't so much about the specific details—wind and flames and speaking in tongues. It's about celebrating and giving thanks for these first moments when the Spirit breathed life into the Church.

Like when we celebrate the birthdays of loved ones, what we're really doing is giving thanks that these individuals exist in the world and all the ways that they continue to make the world a better place simply by participating in another year of life.

As we observe Pentecost, that's exactly what we'll be celebrating: giving thanks that the Church exists in the world and all the ways that the Church continues to make the world a better place simply by participating in another year of life!

How do our individual churches, St. John UCC and St. Philip's UCC, make the world a better place by existing another year? I invite you to prayerfully consider that over the

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Facebook
stjohnstclair.com

9:00am Services are Livestreamed on Facebook

Mission Statement

Pray together.
Play together.
Serve together.

St. John UCC Online Giving

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give/1303503?widget=0

St. Philip's United Church of Christ
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Facebook
stphilipsucc.com

9:30am Services are Livestreamed on Facebook

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

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.

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next few weeks, and to bring your thoughts to our shared retreat at Camp MoVal on Pentecost weekend. On May 19, when we gather for worship together at 10:30am at Camp MoVal, we will, indeed, celebrate with joy another year of Church life together! We may just have such a joyful worship that, like in the first Pentecost story, the neighbors might think we're having too much fun, we must be drunk. I hope you'll join us to share in the celebration!

Preparing to Celebrate,
Pastor Laura



May Worship Plans!

May 5, 2024 (St. Philip's UCC)

- Communion @ St. Philips; Summer Kick-off @ St. Philip's
- Luke 18:18-28
- John 21:15-19

May 12, 2024 (St. John UCC)

- Communion @ St. John UCC; Mother's Day
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Matthew 28:16-20

May 19, 2024 - Camp MoVal

- Pentecost Sunday
- Acts 2:1-21

May 26, 2024 (Pastor Laura out of town-sermon video for both churches)

- Memorial Day Weekend
- Isaiah 6:1-8
- John 3:1-17

LaDonna Kay Anderson

Brooke Bliss

Misty Bliss

Dave Boyanchek

Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Lou Cherry

Ron Hemingway

Virginia Hladnick

Ray Hoffstetter

Shirley Jennings

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

Genal Schmitt

Paul Shrout

Paula Williams

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our St. John and St. Philip's 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!"*



St. John UCC

- 5 Janice Girardier
- 8 Kyle Juergens
- 10 Cheryl Winiger
- 18 Cole Rucker
- 18 Claire DeMello
- 24 Melissa Scheer

Anniversaries

- 15 Robert & Janet Van Leer
- 16 Jason & Sheila James
- 18 Delmar & Jennifer Wachter
- 30 Tom & Erma Wideman

St. Philip's

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

St. John UCC's May Special Offering

Our May special offering will be for Agape House. With the rise of so many prices, needs within the community are continuing to increase.

Agape House provides limited shelter space, access to their food pantry, and financial assistance for those in need.

If you wish to contribute financially, please indicate "Agape House" on your checks or envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!



Agape House is very low on canned goods and dry goods—all donations are appreciated! Please

place food donations in the barrels in the entryway. If you'd like to contribute financially, please indicate "Agape House" on your checks or envelopes. Thank you!

May Council Meetings St. John UCC

Monday, May 13 6:00pm

St. Philip's

Monday, May 6 7:00pm

St. John UCC Tri-Church Children's Ministry!

We're continuing to partner with St. Clair UMC and Fairview UMC to provide children's programming on the **third Monday**



of each month, from 6:00pm-7:30pm (a light dinner included). Please invite any children/families you know to join us at St. Clair UMC!

Save the date...

Saturday, June 8

St. John UCC

Annual Fried Chicken and BBQ Picnic



LITURGISTS and

TECH OPERATORS NEEDED!

Would you like to serve as a liturgist for worship? Would you like to run the PowerPoint for worship (it really is super simple!)? We'd like to have a good rotation of folks to serve in both of these roles—everything is scripted and easy to follow! Talk to Pastor Laura if you're interested in serving in either capacity (or both!!) Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board!



ST. PHILIP'S LUNCH BUNCH MAY 8

Please join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, May 8** at Bandana's BBQ located at 11750 Gravois Road in Sunset Hills. Due to their 'no reservation' policy, we will be **meeting at 11:30am** to ensure seating.

See the RED signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, May 5.

If you have any questions, contact Ray Hofstetter at 314-843-9403.

ST. PHILIP'S

WILLING WORKERS - MAY

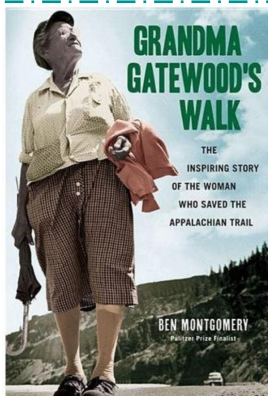
We have been really busy working on Vacation Bible School decorations. What fun we have had putting together and decorating bumblebees, ladybugs, caterpillars, and dragonflies. Then we will also have all kinds of camping-themed decorations - plus the lightning bugs, the theme of VBS 'Camp Firelight'.

We will meet again on **Thursday, May 9 at 12:00pm** at my house. Bring a sandwich for lunch and also your scissors. Butterflies are next to work on - cutting and glueing. So if you can, we would love to see you join in the fun and work.

There may be extra Thursdays we will work. On May 9 we will decide when we will meet next. Look for info via email or in the Bulletin.

Hope to see you then,
Virginia Hladnick
314-843-3605

Book Club

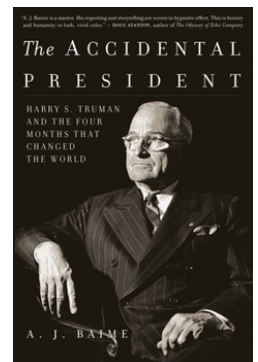


**Sunday, June 2
10:15am**

We will meet on Sunday, June 2 to discuss Grandma Gatewood's Walk.

Our next selection is The Accidental President, an account of the presidency of Harry Truman.

Consider joining us to read this book about Missouri's favorite President! We meet after church, share a pot luck lunch, and always have a good time.



June's Selection

MAY 19 WORSHIP

Join us for a special Pentecost worship experience on **Sunday, May 19 at Camp MoVal at 10:30am!**

Many of us will already be down at MoVal for our shared retreat on May 18, and we will close out our time together that weekend with a wonderful worship experience (in the Fireside Room—FULLY accessible, climate controlled, accessible bathrooms, etc.).

Because of this special opportunity to worship together with our sister church, ALL are invited to come to MoVal Sunday morning for worship (even if you don't come to any of the rest of the retreat--no cost to come Sunday morning for worship!).

There will NOT be worship at either St. John's or St. Philip's building locations on May 19. We will plan to record the worship experience at MoVal and upload it to Facebook LATER (the internet isn't strong enough at MoVal to livestream). If attending worship or catching the service online later still aren't the best options for you, we invite you to join another local congregation for worship that morning. If you need assistance figuring out the best option for you/your family for May 19, please reach out to Pastor Laura.

Pastor Laura's Schedule

Pastor Laura will be out of town May 24-28 (a sermon video will be provided for both churches for May 26).

In case of emergency pastoral care needs during this time, please reach out to your Council president:

St. John UCC - Linda Rucker
St. Philip's UCC - Pam Henson

FINAL SPRING MoVAL RETREAT PLANNING MEETING

The final retreat planning meeting will be on **Thursday, May 2** at 5:30pm at Pacific Brew Haus with our St. John's friends if anyone would like to join.

220 S 1st Street
Pacific, MO 63069

St. Philip's - SUNDAY SCHOOL & BABYSITTING ON SUNDAYS

Babysitting is available during the church service in the first classroom on the right in the Early Childhood hallway.

If you are interested in teaching Sunday School or helping with the younger children, please contact Andrea Tukin or see the **GREEN** sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

There is also a **PINK** sign up on the bulletin board to do Children's Time during the service. Lessons can be provided for you.

St. Philip's SUMMER KICKOFF...

Sunday, May 5 10:30am

Join us for games, taco bar, bounce house, face painting, and snow cones for our Summer Kickoff!

(Worship and Sunday School are at 9:30am)

Dessert Potluck

We would like to invite the congregation to bring a dessert to share for our Summer Kickoff Taco Bar after church!
Any and all desserts are welcome!



ST. PHILIP'S

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We hope you can join us at **Camp Firelight July 22-26** for some fun, faith, and adventure! Mark your calendars!

We are currently in need of volunteers. If you are interested in being a "camp counselor" (really just helping out how/when you can) please fill out the



following google form! [VBS Volunteer Interest Form \(google.com\)](#)

Setup will be on Saturday, July 20. We appreciate your continuous love and support as we enrich the lives of our youth!

Sincerely,
The Learning Ministry

St. Philip's

May 5 10:30am (after Worship) - Summer Kickoff

May 8 5:30-7:00pm - Final LOGOS



Summer LOGOS

June 19 Whitaker Music Festival at Missouri Botanical Gardens

July 17 Pool Party

August 7 Campfire & Outdoor fun

Vacation Bible School

July 20 9:00am - Setup

July 22-26 9:00-11:30am each day

July 25 6:00pm - Ice Cream Social



St. Philip's - Final LOGOS - May 8

Our Final LOGOS will be held on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30 - 7:00pm.

Come join for smash burgers, ice cream sundaes, & outdoor fun!

JOIN US FOR AN

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thursday, July 25 @ 6 PM

Kids are invited to share their Vacation Bible School songs with families and enjoy an ice cream bar afterwards!



St. Philip's

March 2024 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Sunday Offering	8,097.41	
Interest Income	251.15	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		17,848.56

Expenses

Learning Ministry	464.93	
Financial Ministry	1,456.71	
Church Property Ministry	6,944.65	
Personnel	<u>7,927.88</u>	
Total		<u>16,794.17</u>

March Surplus 1,054.39

Previous Balance 19,145.87

March 31 Balance 20,200.26
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March Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance 7,371.23

Building Fund Offering 770.00

Capital Improvement Fund (417.00)

March Ending Balance 7,724.23
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY SJ = St. John UCC SP = St. Philip's UCC						
5 Pastor Laura @ St. Philip's 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Worship 9:45 SP Sunday School 10:30 SP Summer KICKOFF	6 7:00 SP Church Council Meeting	7	8 11:30 SP Lunch Bunch @ Bandana's 5:30-7:00 SP LOGOS	9 noon Willing Workers SP 5:00-6:00 SP Rawlings Scout Mtg	10	11
12 Pastor Laura @ St. John 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Worship 9:45 SP Sunday School	13 6:00 SJ Church Council Meeting 6:00-7:30 SJ Children's Ministry	14	15	16	17	18 Camp MoVal Spring Retreat
19 Camp MoVal Spring Retreat NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP noon-4:00 SP MPR Rental	20 4:45 SP ECC Board Meeting	21	22 5:00-9:00 ECC Graduation SP 6:00 Spiritual Life Meeting SP	23	24	25
26 Sermon Video SJ & SP 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Worship 9:45 SP Sunday School	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	