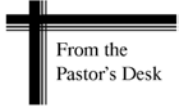


The Crier

July 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



When Jesus told His disciples to love one another, he did not make this command conditional upon how much those others agree with us. The joy and power of the church has always crossed opinion boundaries as well as geographic and generational ones. The best future of the church depends on us continuing this excellent trend.

A recent issue of Psychology Today, reports results from multi-University study on best practices for positive results when people with differing views interact.

Authors Robert Lupton and Judd Thornton measured continued participation of people in two groups: 1) where a variety of opinions were expressed and respected, vs. 2) where opinions were respected only when they agreed with the consensus of the group. Results showed that diversity attracted participation while insistence on conformity made continued participation less likely.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/fulfillment-any-age/201611/10-tips-talking-people-you-cant-agree?amp>

One of the United Church of Christ's marketing themes is expressed in a sign that challenges: "Be the Church" followed by the prescriptions: Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Embrace diversity. Reject racism. Forgive often. Love God. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life.

Jesus celebrated diversity with unapologetic enthusiasm, even when he was criticized for it. He did not avoid those who were different (as was customary in his day). Instead, he mingled with, welcomed, taught and made whole - people of every race, background, skin color, gender, physical size, etc. Jesus took no part in the hatred-producing self-exalting exclusion that is a natural, though evil, tendency among human beings.

As we strive to obey Jesus' command: let's celebrate diversity as he did - - to the best of our ability.

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.

July Birthdays



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

We will sing on the 1st Sunday of each month....

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

Barbara Barnes	3	Dawn Williamson	15
Dolores Zikes	3	Judy Hickman	19
Blaise Azzara	6	William Matthews, Jr	20
Matt Lawler	6	Jacob Nickel	24
Ellen Bell	8	Merle Schuette	25
Joshua Brym	8	Sydney Stevenson	27
Erin Hickman	8	Jim Wodicker	30
Patty Siewing	10		
Angie Thomas-Lamprich	13		

Contact the Pastor



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Rev. Douglas Anders

Roger Decker

Dorothea Holdener

Pam Kelly

David Knoll

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

Ben Metz

Marilyn Milne

Alice Noland

Janet Remmers

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

Debby Wodicker

Brian Womack

Gary York



Choir is on Hiatus for the Summer

A summer schedule has not been determined. Check back in next month's Crier or the bulletin for our summer rehearsal schedule.

LITURGISTS

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, please let Tammy, the Office, or Pastor know and indicate the method of receiving the readings.



Thank you for your consideration,
Tammy Knoll



HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY

WORSHIP BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JULY 21 9:30a

No time for breakfast on a Sunday morning? No worries!



We are having a Worship Breakfast on Sunday, July 21. We will meet for worship in the Fellowship Hall at the usual time and share breakfast while we are worshipping.

Please bring an item to share at this breakfast. It can be an egg casserole, sausages, muffins, bagels, fruit, etc. Anything that you would like to share for breakfast with the rest of the congregation will be great.

No need to sign up on a sign-up sheet! Just bring a breakfast item to share when you come to church that Sunday.

Hope to see you there for a casual, relaxing church service - - with breakfast!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TUESDAY, JULY 16 10:00a

Women's Fellowship will meet in the Conference Room at 10:00a for their annual outreach project of bagging Beans & Rice. Beans, rice, and spices are put into meal-sized packets for clients of Isaiah 58 Ministries on South Grand.



All supplies to assemble the packets are provided. We just need the helpful hands of volunteers to assemble them. Afterwards the group will go out to lunch - restaurant to be determined.

Later that week the packets will be delivered to Isaiah 58 along with the school supplies and canned goods collected from Vacation Bible School.

Please see the pink signup sheet on the bulletin board.



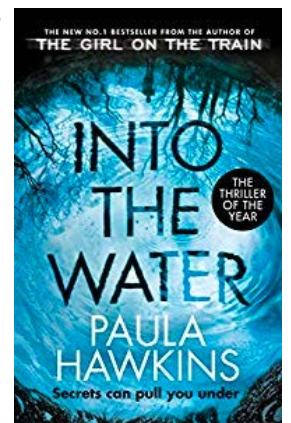
BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is Into the Water, a thriller by Paula Hawkins who also wrote The Girl on the Train.

Consider joining us to read this book which sounds like the perfect summertime reading.

We enjoy a light pot luck lunch after church and usually have a good time.

For information talk to Barbara Barnes 843-4157.





LOGOS GAME NIGHT WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

6:00 - 7:30p

This month we will have another game night! Anyone is welcome to join for dinner and table games.

Please contact Andrea Tukin at 314.566.9633 or email her at andreatukin@gmail.com if you have any questions and can join!! Can't wait to see you!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SETUP SATURDAY, JULY 6

10:00 - 3:00

Volunteers are needed to help setup decorations, etc. for Vacation Bible School. Bring a sandwich - - we will have chips, dessert, and drinks. Thank you for your consideration.

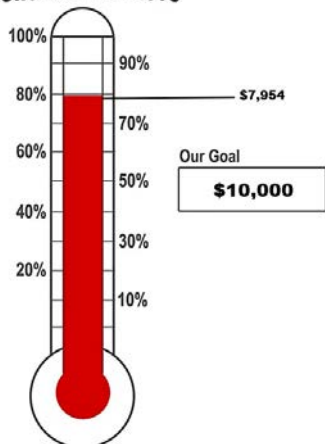
CHOIR CONCERT UPDATE

The South Side UCC Collaborative Joint Choir Concert was a success! There were 30 choir members from 6 different churches. Big thank you's go out to Mike Orzel for directing the concert, our choir members for sharing their voices, the reception organizers/volunteers/ individuals who donated goodies, and the audience who attended and lent their voices for the sing-a-longs.

An offering was collected from the event and the \$300 donated was sent to Isaiah 58 Ministries to put towards their "Shower With Love" project.



Shower with Love



Bathroom renovations will include installing showers. Clients of Isaiah 58 who are homeless will now have access to shower facilities. Thank you to all who donated. They are over 3/4 of the way to meeting their goal!

Do you have too much stuff?

Are your closets, drawers, cupboards and book shelves packed with things that you don't need and will never use? Do you have 31 "extra" pillowcases like I do?



If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions, I have one more question for you... Would you like to free yourself from clutter with less work than you think, and benefit St. Philip's at the same time? If so, I have an idea.

Savers Thrift Store, across from the former Crestwood Plaza, accepts donations from charitable institutions, and pays the organization!

All that would be required of us would be to bag and box items and transport items (all at one time) to Savers. This idea has been introduced at council, but no firm plans have been made. Input from the congregation about the level of interest will help us decide if this is a worthwhile project. If you are interested in contributing, please let me know. Details to follow.

Barbara Barnes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 8 - 12, 2019 9:00am - noon

It's not too late to register for VBS! We still have slots open in all age groups (ages 3 - 12).

A report from Virginia states she has all of the volunteers needed to staff the week! A big thank you to all who are helping that week, and the volunteers who have been helping prepare the decorations, craft supplies, etc. for that week.

Call the church office if you would like a registration form mailed or emailed to you.

Block Party Quilters Our next meeting is Thursday, July 25 7:00pm

To become a member, you don't have to know how to sew or even like to sew. We share the love of quilting and crafting. We are a Quilt Guild, but we are first and foremost a group of friends who value and care about each other. Membership is only \$15 a year.



If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter via email, contact Joan Hemingway at 314-849-8685.

May 2019 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	8,904.10	
Grocery Cards	26.91	
Early Childhood Center	9,000.00	
Hall Rental	<u>150.00</u>	
Total		18,081.01

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	85.00	
Learning Ministry	44.84	
Financial Ministry	1,789.38	
Church Property Ministry	5,168.49	
Personnel	<u>10,880.53</u>	
Total		<u>17,968.24</u>

May Surplus	112.77
Previous Balance	<u>18,339.29</u>
May 31 Balance	18,452.06 =====


May Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,809.77
Building Fund Offering	1,080.50
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Interest Payment to Continuity F.	(448.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
May Ending Balance	5,565.27 =====

May Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	507.00
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	552.00
Loan Payment to Continuity Fund	<u>(552.00)</u>
Current Balance	507.00 =====

Remaining balance of Foundation		
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$	6,881.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY	1 7:00 Church Council Meeting	2	3	4 	5	6 10:00-3:00 VBS Setup
7	8 9:00-noon VBS	9 9:00-noon VBS	10 9:00-noon VBS	11 9:00-noon VBS	12 9:00-noon VBS	13
14 VBS Presentation during Worship	15	16 10:00 Women's Fellowship B&R 11:30-1:00 Dressel Neigh- borhood Picnic 4:30 Spiritual Life Ministry Meeting ConfRm	17 6:00-7:30 LOGOS	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship Breakfast-MPR 10:30 LOGOS Board Meeting	22	23	24	25 7:00 Block Party Quilt Guild Meeting-MPR	26	27
28	29	30	31			