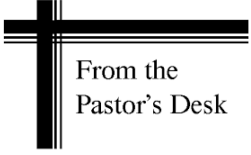


The Crier

July 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Who is Mark?

Worship at St. Philip's United Church has focused, most often, on The Gospel of Mark in 2021. Noticing this, a member recently asked me: "Who is Mark?" The best scholars I read admit that little is known about one individual named Mark who might have written the account in one sitting. More likely, faithful church members two generations after Jesus' life, death and resurrection gathered traditional oral stories told by first hand witnesses. These were written down to preserve them as fewer of those eyewitnesses survived. Later the scenes were edited into a unified whole by a number of writers whose purpose was to help people come to faith.

I like The Gospel of Mark because it is the simplest and most straightforward Gospel. It has a brisk pace, action scenes and cares about the spiritual well-being of its readers. One favorite verse includes these words Jesus's disciples said about him:

"Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:41)

While this complicated answer may not satisfy someone who wants a simple explanation of who the writer was: an uncomplicated answer will likely disappoint a serious bible reader with an eye for detail.

I take comfort in the thought that, whoever Mark was, she/he wanted what we want - help for our understanding of the nature of God and people and the world. Mark did her/his best to record what Jesus said and did to explain God's realm to us. The result for many, then and now, often creates healing, inner peace and life purpose. For me, that comes closer to satisfying the reason behind the question than anything else I've studied. I hope it helps you, too.

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.

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!"*

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

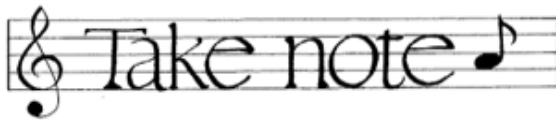
Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:
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Paul Harvey
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Pam Kelly
Robin Knoll
Walter Knoll
Brian Malin
Marilyn Milne
Jered Nagle
Alice Noland
Janet Remmers
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams
Judy York



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 RED 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



OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS



While we have been faithful in contributing to the Food Pantry Fund, it has been over one year since we have been able to have a food drive! The need continues, and Outreach Ministry is pleased to announce a food drive for the month of July, with items going to Feed My People.



Please bring staples such as canned goods, boxed dinners, or cereal. Canned tuna or chicken are always a good choice, as these items are more expensive to purchase. Dish detergent or soap would also be good choices. We have been blessed in so many ways, so let's share the blessings.

Donations may be dropped off by the altar on Sundays or on the credenza just outside of Church on weekdays.

Outreach Ministry



LOGOS NIGHT (All are welcome!)

Wednesday, July 14

5:30-7:00pm

We will have everyone create their own pizzas along with salad and a dessert. **Please let me know what toppings your kiddos like so we can be sure to have them or if there are any allergies, etc.**

We will have several games and activities planned for us to play while we wait for our pizzas and eat dinner!

Can't wait to see you there!! Please RSVP by emailing, calling or texting Andrea Tukin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.

All are welcome!! If your family has not attended LOGOS, please join us! LOGOS is our weekly program that we have every Wednesday evening during the school year where kids, parents, guardians, and church members participate in recreational games, music, crafts, and have a family dinner together (complete with table games!). If you have any questions, please let Andrea know at the contact information above.

SAVE THE DATE!

LOGOS NIGHT

Wednesday, August 18

5:30 pm - 7 pm

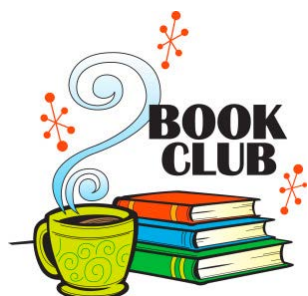
LUNCH BUNCH

IT'S BEEN WAAAAAY TOO LONG!

The Covid pandemic kept us from getting together for Lunch Bunch for a very long time. Now that it appears things are improving, we're going to meet, even though we normally take the summer off!

The next Lunch Bunch will be at Sandy's house on Wednesday, July 14th at noon. We'll eat, visit, and plan meetings for the rest of the year. All who are fully vaccinated are welcome. Just sign up on the bulletin board or let Sandy know that so that there will be adequate seating.

For those who are new to St. Philip's, Lunch Bunch is a loosely organized group of people who get together because we like to visit and eat and mainly because we enjoy each other's company. No agenda, just fellowship! Won't you give it a try?



Sunday, July 18
11:30am



We will meet after church on July 18 to discuss 'Britt Marie Was Here'. Please note that the date has been changed from the second Sunday to the third Sunday of each month. The book kit is due on Monday July 19, so it is very important all books are returned to church, either at Book Club, or prior to the Sunday meeting. If you are unable to return your book to church, please call Barbara to pick it up.

Our next selection, 'The Gentleman in Moscow' by Abby Beathan will be discussed on August 15. It is a fictional story about a Russian aristocrat, who narrowly escapes execution during the Russian Revolution, and must live under house arrest at a luxury Hotel in Moscow. With humor, energy, and charm the book follows his life as he tries to eke out an existence and make sense of his circumstances.

Barbara Barnes

MEMORIAL BRICKS ADDITIONAL ORDERS TAKEN THRU JULY 5

We have had a few more requests recently for ordering the engraved bricks that are in our Memorial Garden, so I will be collecting orders through July 5.

The 4" x 8" x 2 1/4" paver bricks are \$65 each and hold up to 4 lines of text (20 characters, spaces, punctuation per line) for your message. There is a minimum of 4 bricks to place an order from the engraver (I have 2 so far).

If you would like an order form, please call the church office and leave a message or email me at admin@stphilipsucc.com and I will either mail or email you a form. Also, a stack of blue forms are available on the credenza just outside of church if you would like to pick one up. July 5 will be the deadline for placing your order.



Please join us for Sunday School. We would love to have you!

Younger children, elementary and below, will **meet in-person at 9:45**. We try to keep things shorter for the younger kids (around 20 minutes).

If you have any questions or would like more information, please let me know.

Peace, Andrea

CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS in July 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.

ALOHA SUNDAY - August 9, 2020

Get into the spirit of "Aloha" by wearing a Hawaiian shirt or any flowered or bright colored shirt.

If you have a lei, wear that too! If not, we are happy to provide you with a lei. There will be a box of leis at church. We are asking you to choose a lei to wear, but not to return it to the box. Please take it home with you. We cannot recycle the leis at this time.



Not attending church services yet? We invite you to wear a Hawaiian shirt at home and be part of the spirit of Aloha!



A great big "Thank you" for all the cards and phone calls after my auto accident. What a loving Church we have. Thanks again.

Joyce Thuston

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

St. Philip's Church office will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Pastor Mike Krewson and Admin Assistant Carol O'Shea will be available on those days if you would like to chat. If you are fully vaccinated, please stop by and help us restart the feeling of Church being more normal!

<p>ST. PHILIP'S United Church of Christ "Come and See" Celebrating 60 years of Ministry</p> 	<p>Updated phone directories are available on the credenza just outside of church. You may pick them up at your convenience.</p>
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May 2021 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	8,283.00	
Grocery Cards	44.72	
Recycle Income	162.16	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		17,989.88

Expenses


Financial Ministry	1,676.75	
Church Property Ministry	5,223.85	
Personnel	<u>11,461.98</u>	
Total		<u>18,362.58</u>
May Deficit		(372.70)
Previous Balance		<u>9,826.61</u>
May 31 Balance		9,453.91 =====

May Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,054.71
Building Fund Offering	299.50
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>(417.00)</u>
April Ending Balance	4,937.21 =====

May Improvements Offering Summary

Beginning Balance	1,258.00
May Offering	<u>267.00</u>
May Ending Balance	1,525.00 =====

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY		entire month of July 				
4 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	5 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	6	7	8	9	10
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18 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 11:30 Book Club Mtg In-person	19 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 4:30 Spiritual Life Zoom Mtg	20	21 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	26 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	27	28	29	30	31