

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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August 28, 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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Youth Director: Andrea Tukin

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(text in bold read in unison)

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Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

We gather together in Jesus our friend and healer.

We seek wholeness as we yearn for hope and comfort.

We come together to renew our faith.

That we might bring hope to others.

* Opening Hymn: "Called As Partners" # 453

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

* Centering Prayer (Together)

O God, shower us with blessing and grace as we offer our hearts, minds and strength to you. Give us singleness of purpose in following you, courage and conviction to be your light in the midst of darkness, and passion to proclaim your Word of truth. Amen.

* Response: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" # 254

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew.

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

Gracious God, you have given us your word to enlighten us. Now, as the Scriptures are read, help us embrace the fullness of your message. Help us to be open to all the ways you reach out to us, and be ready to respond. Amen.

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place,

so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River" # 530

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got joy like an ocean, I've got joy like an ocean,
I've got joy like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)

Sermon: "Let mutual affection continue"

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" - Congregation join in 4th verse

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Prayer Time:

Wordless Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Gifts

Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer Dedicating our Gifts (Together)

Strengthen our faith, O God, that we might rest our spirits. We dedicate these gifts, and offer our help to renew your church and meet the urgent needs of the day. Amen.

LITURGY OF FAREWELL

from the United Church of Christ Book of Worship

Sandy Stevenson, *Church Council President*

Our church family is constantly changing.

People come and go. Babies are born.

Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another.

Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.

Individuals move into our community and church life.

Others leave us, moving away to new places and new opportunities.

It is good that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

Gail Geisel, *representing St. Louis Association UCC*

Committee on Ministry: Oversight

In April of 2018 St. Philip's Church called Mike Krewson to serve as its Pastor.

His retirement on August 31, 2022 will mark the end of that call.

Rev. Mary W. Nelson, *representing The Missouri Mid South Conference
The St. Louis Association and the United Church of Christ*

Today we recognize a transition in both the life of this congregation and this Pastor. This time of ending and new beginning contains sadness and promise. We all share in this time of farewell.

Pastor Mike Krewson: I give my deepest thank you to St. Philip's United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown to me these last 4 years.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to retire. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Pastor Mike: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

VOWS OF RELEASE: Sandy Stevenson

Do you, the members and friends of St. Philip's United Church of Christ release Pastor Mike Krewson from the duties of pastor?

All: We do, with the help of God.

Sandy: Do you offer your encouragement for him in his retirement as it unfolds?

All: We do, with the help of God.

Sandy: Do you, Mike Krewson, release St. Philip's United Church of Christ from turning to you and depending on you?

Pastor Mike: I do, with the help of God.

Sandy: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Pastor Mike: I do, with the help of God.

Rev. Mary W. Nelson: On behalf of The Missouri Mid South Conference, The St. Louis Association and the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our Association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

Gail Geisel: Let us Pray - - We give you thanks, O God, for the time when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared in worship, in learning, in service. We pray that Pastor Mike will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as he moves into retirement. And we pray that as we all walk into our endings and beginnings we may continue to walk as your people of Love and Grace in the world.

All: **Amen**

* Closing Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" # 570

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God, my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

* Benediction

* Postlude

PASTOR MIKE KREWSON RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

POT LUCK LUNCH - SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Please join us to celebrate Pastor Mike Krewson's retirement from St. Philip's after the August 28 worship service for a pot luck lunch in the MPR.

We would like to invite everyone to church that day and wish him well. After worship we will have a potluck meal. Please bring your favorite breakfast or lunch dish - NO DESSERTS please (dessert will be provided).

Contact the church office or Carole Armistead and let us know how many will be attending - **or see the BLUE signup sheet** on the bulletin board. We **need to know by August 26th** at the latest so we can prepare accordingly.

LUNCH BUNCH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The next Lunch Bunch outing will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at noon at:

Lazy River Grill
631 Big Bend Road
Manchester, MO 63021

located in the Treetop Shopping Center.

Please see the GOLD signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, September 11.

"Love for the great outdoors, delicious food, and friendly service all come together to create the perfect clean and cozy restaurant atmosphere."

If you have any questions, contact Donna Philips at 314-494-4489.

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HOIR REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

AFTER WORSHIP

Anyone interested in joining the Choir please join us for another rehearsal. For now, **we will meet every other Sunday**. September rehearsal dates will be on September 4 and 18.

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATE

Festival of Sharing is right around the corner. It is a cooperative ecumenical response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri with the goal of supporting projects and programs that help our neighbors experience healthy and full lives. St. Philip's has a long history of participation, with donations of many kinds. In the last two years, because of covid, we asked for cash contributions only.

Outreach Ministry has decided that we would like to resume in-kind donations and we have selected the "Student Dental Pack" Option, which provides items to needy students and their families. This year we are asking for:

- Adult toothbrushes (individually packaged or in two packs)
- Children's toothbrushes individually packaged or in 2 or 4 packs,
- Fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or larger)
- Dental floss, any kind or size

For sanitary reasons, it is important the toothbrushes be in the original packages, please do not include large packages of toothbrushes.

We will be collecting **August 28, and September 4 and 11**. A basket is setup in the Gathering Space to drop-off your donations.

Thanks ahead of time for your generosity.
Outreach Ministry

CHURCH PHONE DIRECTORIES

Copies of the updated church phone directories are available on the credenza just outside the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy!

BOOK CLUB

On September 18, after church, we will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing*, and share a potluck lunch.

THE ANGEL TEAM

The Angel Team, a part of Outreach Ministry provides help and support to Members of the St. Philip's Family on an as-needed basis. We hope to update our information sheets and will provide blank copies for updating to those attending services.

The form includes emergency medical information and emergency contacts for members. There is also a place for you to indicate how you might be willing to provide help and support to others. For members who do not attend regularly, please contact Barbara Barnes (314-843-4157) and a form will be sent to you.

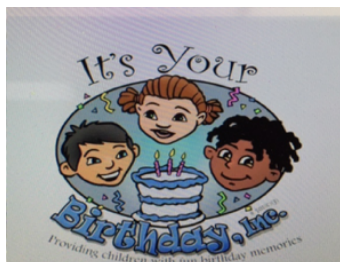
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members
who will be celebrating this month.**

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!"*

Jackie Thurmond	1
Ken Holdener	1
Terri Karcher	2
Peggi Werner	11
Chris Armistead	15
Megan Comstock	16
Sloane Slavik	17
Tammy Knoll	18
Hilda Leonard	19
Debbie Hudson	24
Wally Knoll	28
Paul Shrout	28
Joe Williams	30
Judy York	31



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Festival of Sharing 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Pastor Mike's Retirement Pot Luck Lunch	29	30	31	1 September	2	3
4 Festival of Sharing 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Festival of Sharing 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	12 7:00 Church Council Mtg	13	14 noon Lunch Bunch @ Lazy River Grill	15	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Book Club	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	26	27	28	29	30	31



Our Vision Statement

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.



Gail Avery
Joyce Brand
Grace Heady
Pam Kelly
Marilyn Milne
Sue Myers
Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann
Janet Remmers
Paul Shrout
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