

The Crier

March 2023

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

Greetings St. Philip's UCC!

Just this morning, I noticed that the buds on the trees in my yard are big enough to see from the windows of my house—spring is coming! For the last couple of weeks, I could see the buds if I got up real close to the trees and peered intently up at their branches; but today, while sipping a cup of coffee and waiting for the caffeine to kick in, I glanced out my window, and there they were! Sunlight is sticking around later into the evening, the winds and rain are picking up, the air is warmer (at least in spurts!), and signs of new life reemerging from winter hibernation are slowly appearing all around. We may not be completely finished with cold and snow quite yet, but spring is certainly glowing and budding on the horizon!

The stillness and silence and barrenness of winter will soon break forth with new life in all kinds of shapes and forms! After a season of hibernation and slumber, awakening into a new spring season is like waking up in a whole new world. And some new shoots, new sprouts, new births are, indeed, brand new creations that are just entering the world for the very first time in a season of growth, renewal, and regeneration. Spring is an exciting time, a reminder that the creative forces of life are resilient through even the harshest winters we endure, that God continues to create new life in surprising and unexpected ways.

And, spring is also a reminder that we get to participate with God in the ongoing creation of the world around us. We get to nurture, steward, and even design parts of creation with God! How cool is that?!?! We can partner with God to infuse creation with more love, more grace, more compassion, more joy! The gifts God has given you, those can be used to make God's creation even more beautiful and brilliant!

I know quite a few humans who aren't big fans of winter—who don't like getting out in the cold, who slow down and hibernate through the dreary days, who bundle up and bury under blankets and just wait for warmer and greener days to come. And no judgements there—I'm no fan of winter myself! But now, as spring is creeping in and sprouting up, as you defrost and come back to life (in one sense or another), I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might participate and partner with God in the new creation unfolding around us. What can you add to God's magnificent creation as it begins to reemerge and find new expressions of life? What gifts can you contribute to the springing forth of a world teeming with new life to make it even more loving and hope-filled and joyful?

Expectantly and Faithfully Watching for Spring,
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.

March Birthdays



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

The following words will be heard on the 1st Sunday of each month....

Karen Moran	2		
Pam Schiele Stang	4		
Joyce Thuston	5		
Dawn Knoll	11	Meghan Mikusch	27
Scott Karcher	14	Holly Slavik	27
Frances Kalbfleish	15	Elaine Kimker	28
Samuel Slavik	18	Kali Hladnick	29
Jason Karcher	21	Shirley Nottelmann	29
Clara Hornung	26	Shirley Illert	30

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

Contact the Pastor



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Gail Avery

Joyce Brand

Sandy Ganz

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

The Kelly Family

Marilyn Milne

Sue Myers

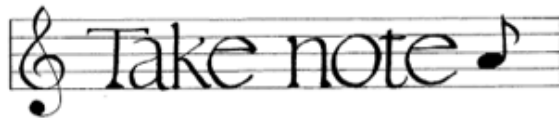
Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

Paul Shrout

Lily Swanson

Paula Williams



Choir Rehearsals

March 5 after worship

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.



CORNED BEEF DINNER
TO BENEFIT
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, March 4
4:00-7:00pm
Samuel UCC
320 N Forsyth Blvd
Clayton, Missouri
Dine-in or Carry-out

100% of all monies collected go to
Habitat for Humanity.

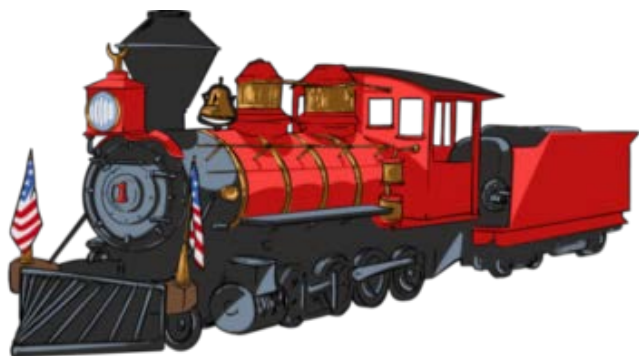
Contact Terri Karcher for ticket
information.



The "Lunch Bunchers" next get-together will be at
Hokkaido Buffet, on **Wednesday, March 8** at noon.
They are located at 129 Concord Plaza Shopping
Center.

This is an all you can eat Chinese/Japanese buffet
with everything from soup to dessert and includes a
number of non-oriental items. The cost for seniors is
\$10.95 plus beverage and tax. A 15% gratuity is
added to each check for groups.

See the GREEN signup sheet on the bulletin board
and signup by Sunday, March 5. Contact Sandy
Stevenson at 636-333-2244 if you have any
questions.



Family Fun

Join the families of St. Philip's UCC at
the Museum of Transportation on
Sunday, March 19! We will meet at
2pm and stay until close (4pm). If you'd
like to go to the museum earlier, feel
free!

Afterwards, join us for dinner out
(TBD). Anyone interested is welcome
to join us.

Please let Andrea Tukin know if you
plan to attend at
andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)
566-8633.

LOGOS SCHEDULE

LOGOS plans to meet on March 1,
March 8, March 29 and every
Wednesday in April. We gather from
5:30-7:00pm and would love for
members of the congregation to join
us!

Andrea



Daylight Saving time
will begin at

2:00am on

Sunday, March 12

Set clocks ahead 1 hour
before you go to bed

GAME NIGHT - MARCH 12



On Sunday, March 12, join us at St. Philip's from 3:00pm-5:00pm for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share! All are invited!

If you're planning to bring your younger kids/grandkids, please contact Andrea Tukin so we can be sure to have some younger child appropriate games ready too! Hope you'll join the fun!

Lenten Book Study Zoom Info

On Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm, February 28 through April 4, we will gather via Zoom with new friends from St. John UCC (St. Clair) for a weekly book study: "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton. Each week, we will discuss one chapter, finishing the book during Holy Week just before Easter. Of course, the discussion will also be accessible each week even if you don't want to read the book--all are invited to participate, whether you're a reader or not!

Books are about \$20 on Amazon--feel free to order a copy on your own, or let Pastor Laura know to order one for you (please pay the church through the offering plate with \$20 with "Lenten Book Study" noted on your check or envelope--if the expense exceeds your budget, but you'd like a copy, please talk to Pastor Laura and we'll work something out).

We'll discuss chapter one on February 28. The Zoom link is below and will remain the same for the duration of the study. Contact Pastor Laura with questions. Hope you will join us!

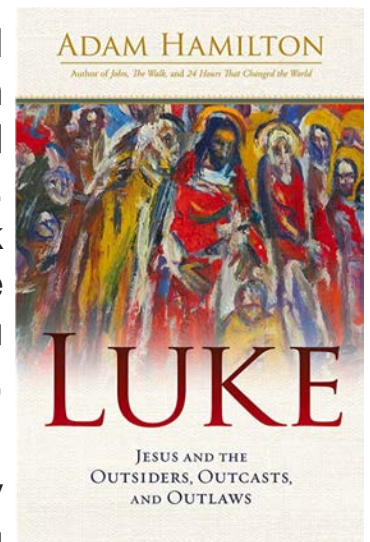
Zoom Info for the Lenten Book Study

To join from smartphone/tablet/computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352544400>

To dial in from cell phone/landline:

1-312-626-6799 and then 8352544400#



Please wear your name tag during worship.

Thank you!

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

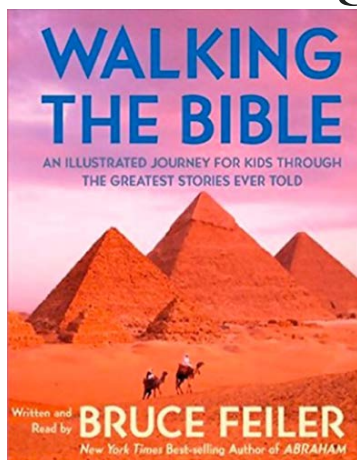
During Lent we are collecting food and clothing for Isaiah 58 Ministries. While any shelf stable food items are needed, certain items are needed most. A list of these items can be found on the display table in the Gathering Space. Spring and Summer clothing items for all ages are also needed.

We hope to have a Mission Moment during Lent presented by the agency's director. Isaiah 58 has provided a calendar with Lenten Activities, and copies are available on the display table.

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

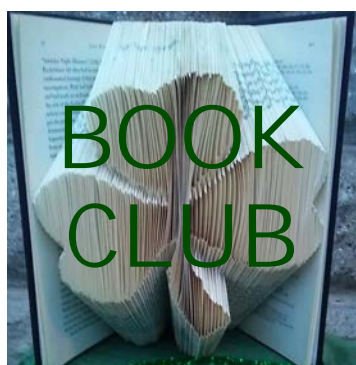


Touring the Holy Land Series Continues!!



Tour of the Holy Land (on video) continues after church on Sunday March 19. We will view the second 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.

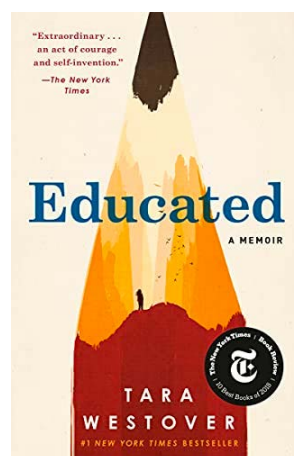


**Sunday
April 2
after church**

Our March Selection is 'Educated' by Tara Westover, a New York Times Bestseller which has been described as a "Wise and deep reflection about surviving one's family."

It tells the story a young girl's escape from violence and emotional prison, the ferocity of the human spirit and the power of education to change lives.

Consider joining us to read this book. We share a pot luck lunch after church and always have a good time. Books will be available after February 26 at church, or can be delivered to your home upon request. **'Educated' will be discussed on Sunday, April 2.**





All are welcome to join for an outdoor worship following St. Philip's usual worship.

We will meet at Suson Park on **Sunday, April 16** at 11:30 am to worship and then enjoy each other's company while we eat and play! All are welcome!

Please let Andrea Tukin know if you plan to attend at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 8 Candy Donations Needed

St. Philip's is hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Saturday, April 8 at 10am. We hope you and your family & friends can join!

We are collecting individually wrapped candy to put into Easter Eggs. There is a bunny basket in the gathering space through April 2.

If you'd be willing to volunteer to help hide eggs, sit at a craft table, or lead a game, please let Andrea Tukin know at andreatukin@gmail.com or by call/text (314) 566-8633. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY - Corinth and the Early Christian Movement

Our own Rev. Dori Hudson has been asked to teach a four-week Bible study at Grace United Methodist Church during the Sundays in March. The course is called "Corinth and the Early Christian Movement". Dori was privileged to go to Corinth as part of a "Following Paul" trip in 2018. The class will look at the geography and history of Corinth and how that affected who was attracted to the message of Jesus.

The class has a 15 minute lecture at the beginning which is taped and uploaded to the internet by Tuesday morning. If you want to look at these videos go to www.facebook.com/graceumcstl/. The Facebook page for Grace United Methodist Church in St. Louis will open and across the middle of the page is a horizontal line of possible actions. If you are looking on the same week as the Bible Study, click on "Posts" and look for Dori. Otherwise, scroll down and look for Dori.



Easter

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH 10AM

10708 LAVINIA DRIVE

ST. LOUIS, MO 63123

EGG HUNT, ACTIVITIES, & PICS W/

THE EASTER BUNNY

January 2023 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Sunday Offering	11,232.00	
Interest Income	160.80	
Recycle Income	46.72	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		20,939.52


Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	209.17	
Learning Ministry	160.62	
Financial Ministry	1,695.58	
Church Property Ministry	7,347.07	
Personnel	<u>7,860.00</u>	
Total		<u>17,272.44</u>

January Surplus	3,667.08
Previous Balance	<u>11,931.83</u>
January 31 Balance	15,598.91 =====

January Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	6,077.23
Building Fund Offering	478.00
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>(417.00)</u>
January Ending Balance	6,138.23 =====

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH						
5 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 Church Council Meeting	7 6:00 Lenten Book Study	8 noon Lunch Bunch @ Hokkaido 5:30 LOGOS	9	10	11 2:00am Set clocks forward before bedtime
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