

# Phillips Memorial Baptist Church

July 2021



## Happy 4th of July!

Dear Members and Friends,

I will be beginning as your interim pastor on July 4. I thought I would use this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I was born in Atlanta, Georgia. I am a graduate of Mercer University in Atlanta and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Connecticut.

While at Southern I started pastoring an open country church in Indiana. All of my pastoral ministry has been in American Baptist Churches. I have served churches in Indiana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Ohio. I retired from the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio in 2014. My wife, Kathy, and I moved to Connecticut in 2016 to be closer to our son, Sam, and his growing family. While in Connecticut I have been an interim at two churches, recently completing almost two years at the United Church of Stonington. We moved to Rhode Island in February of this year after Sam was called to be the pastor of the Warwick Central Baptist Church. Kathy and I have two sons and six grandchildren, three in Ohio and three here.

I look forward to getting to know you as we share our stories. I am looking forward to your first public worship service in well over a year.

Grace and Peace,

*Tim Chesser*  
Transition Minister

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## Moderator

Happy Independence Day! As we celebrate the Fourth of July, the theme of freedom is present in a special way this year. As we continue to recover from the pandemic, and more people are vaccinated, we experience the freedom to see friends and family members, to visit favorite vacation places, to travel, to eat indoors at restaurants, and to return to in-person worship. While everyone should still take the appropriate precautions when being around others, this summer has a sense of freedom that we have missed while staying safe during the pandemic. We will all appreciate the cookouts, fireworks, pool parties, and other summer activities a little bit more this year and won't take the time spent with family and friends for granted as we perhaps may have done in 2019.

This spirit of freedom and a brighter future extends to our church family as well. The first in-person Sunday worship service marks the beginning of coming together as a church community once again in our church building and with each other in person. We are excited to welcome our new interim pastor, Tim Chesser, who will be leading our first in-person worship service and filling the role of interim pastor long-term. Pastor Chesser is an experienced interim pastor and we look forward to working with him through our continued time of transition both in terms of finding a permanent pastor and resuming in-person church activities as we come out of the pandemic. I encourage everyone who feels comfortable to attend the first in-person worship service and bring a friend or family member with you! Let's come back to our physical meeting space with joy and use our re-opening as a chance to invite others to worship with us. Now is the time to celebrate and to share the good news of Christ's mercy!

Thank you,

*Sarah Blusiewicz*

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### Join Us for On-line Worship Sundays at 10:00 am

**Remember services are held every week on Zoom.** Click "Join the Meeting!" below.

Recordings of services are posted on YouTube.

[Click for Zoom Phone Info](#)

[Click for PMBC on YouTube](#)

[Click to Join the Meeting!](#)

## Treasurer

As we resume worship in our sanctuary it will be comforting to see the offering plates by the door full. We are grateful to those who are regular in their giving and are hopeful that others will do the same.

*Dick Pierce*

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## Search Committee Update

We continue to meet every Monday evening and again on Thursday evenings when additional follow-up is needed. Following our review of twenty-eight profiles, we are in correspondence with six pastors. After a review of all written materials submitted to us, the next step would be to select for online meetings those who best represent the qualities our congregation identified as most important for our next pastor. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

The Search Committee

*Kyle Baker   Steve Bergquist   Steve Brown   Peg Chatellier*

*Bonnie DerManelian   David Fresch   Kathy McKinney*

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## Board of Deacons

Thank you to everyone for the patience you have given us as we have pondered the question of when we could get back to worship at Phillips. July 4th will be our first Sunday back in 16 months and hopefully, everyone will be looking forward to it. We are still planning to have a Zoom option as well for those who cannot make it in person.

We are also excited to be welcoming Pastor Tim Chesser to our pulpit as our interim pastor. He comes to us with loads of experience (42 years) and we believe you all will really enjoy him.

It's been a long road, bumpy at times for sure, but it looks like we've made it. Can't wait to see everybody again in person.

*Jeff Damrad*

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## Board of Mission

We are asked by ABCUSA to pray for the people of Myanmar (Burma) as they continue to experience political unrest. ABCUSA has written President Biden about the current unrest; several elected leaders have been detained. The Civil Disobedience Movement has resulted in peaceful, non-violent protests; people are staying home from work. The protests have complicated the fight against the spread of COVID 19. Funds from One Great Hour of Sharing are helping with relief efforts for people who are now jobless and those who cannot afford to pay for medical care, medical supplies, and vaccines related to COVID 19.

Our next food collection will be July 10; Calvary is once again very grateful for our help. We are also collecting men's underwear (both styles, sizes medium and large) for Harrington Hall (homeless center at ACI campus). Every little bit helps!

About OGHS: \$630.!! When we share what God has given us, we give life, in the form of water and so much more; we are "letting love flow." We are still accepting donations (of course!); last year we did collect \$800.

*Diana Litterick*

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not fighting the old, but on building the new."

*-Dan Millman*

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## Board of Trustees

It has been a long time since we have been able to meet together. Now that we will be starting a new chapter at Phillips, we need to do some sprucing up. The church certainly could use a good cleaning. Perhaps you or couples, families or a group would like to adopt a room or an area and neaten up or put a fresh coat of paint etc. We would like the church to be inviting to our members and to outside organizations. This means taking pride in how our church home looks. There are several areas that need TLC. Good old fashion elbow grease would work: Dusting, Sweeping, Scrubbing. Here is a beginning list.

- A) Kitchen - off of fellowship hall
  1. Counters & Cabinets
  2. Refrigerator & Freezer
  3. Organize closets
  4. Inventory

- B) Parlor
  1. Dust
  2. Shampoo Rug
  3. Kitchenette & Refrigerator
  4. New lamp shades

- C) Youth Lounge
  1. Dust
  2. Shampoo Rug
  3. Kitchen
  4. Organize

- D) Library
  1. Dust
  2. Shampoo Rug

- E) Hope Circle Room & Kitchen
  1. Dust & Sweep
  2. Window valences
  3. Clean refrigerator

- F) Lobby entrance & Elevator
  1. Dust
  2. Sweep
  3. Clean windows

Think about how you might be able to help. If you have suggestions or ideas or if you would like to adopt a room to take care of.

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*\*\*\*Attention Hope Circle Ladies: A meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021 at the church at 6:30 pm to discuss the possibility of a Christmas Bazaar. Hope you can attend.*

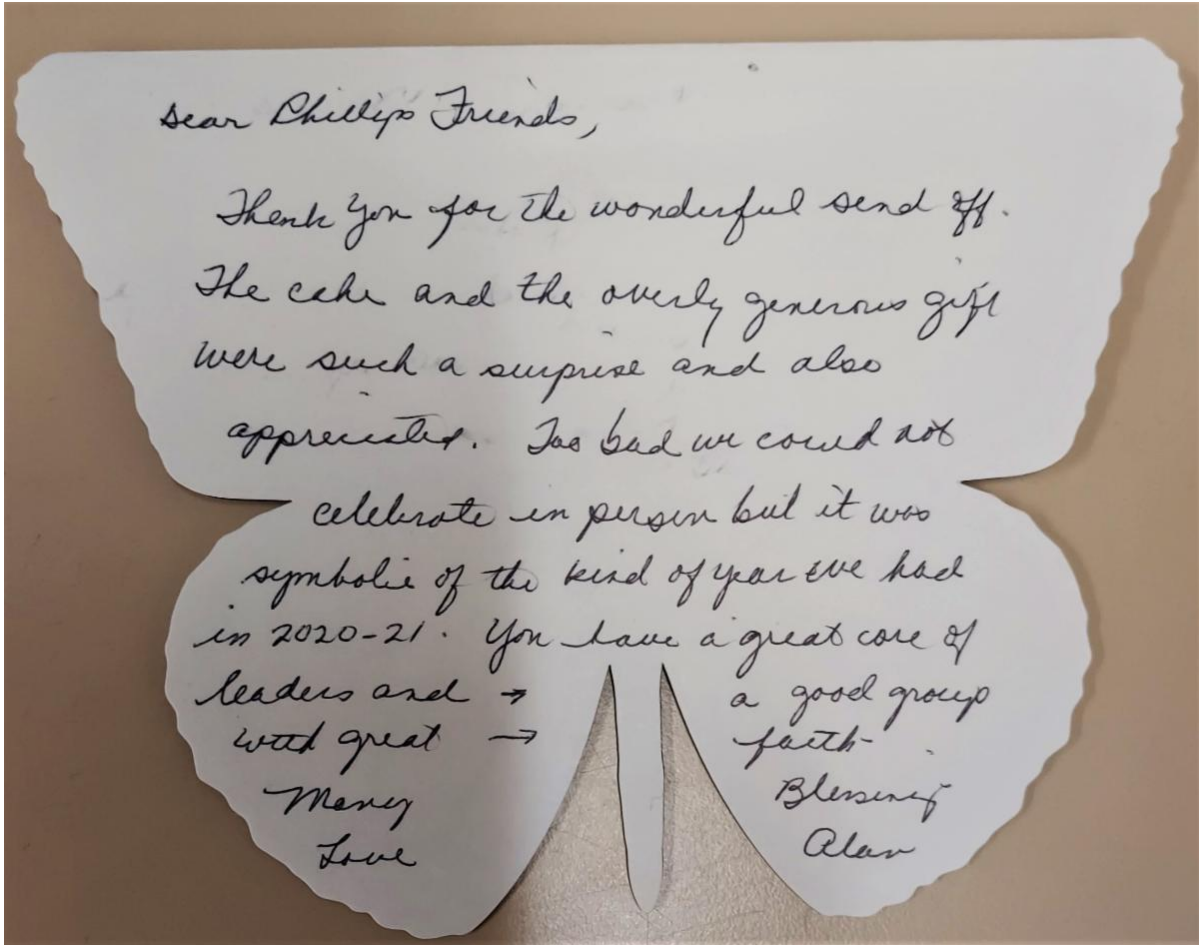
*Diane Steele*

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## Sharing Prayer Concerns

Jean Manocchia's daughter-in-law's mother, Linda, and son-in-law Gary Pagel; persons suffering from ALS; Rev. Steve Guilmain; Debbie Barber's sister Ann; Jean Lieberman's daughter Susan Rich and brother Tony Howarth; Jeff Damrad; Dana Mennillo's friend Randy's mother, Eileen; Dick Pierce; Rev. John Houliker; Joyce Smith; Lisa Elliot; David Fresch's friend Evan; Bonnie DerManelian's daughter Heidi; Rev. Dr. Tom McKibbens; Sheldon Belmain's sister Judy Carver; Caroline Belmain's friend Michael O'Conner; Linda Liebrich's parents; David Barber's colleague's brother; ABC missionaries around the world and in U.S. and Puerto Rico; our shut-in members.

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### Daily Lectionary Bible Readings

You will note that starting June 3, 2021, the daily Bible reading list has two series, complementary and semi-continuous. There is no right or wrong way to use the readings. American Baptist Churches USA has used either series. Some people like to use both series, reading one in the morning and one in the evening. It is generally better to read one or the other consistently than try to do both and give up because of the time commitment. If you are not sure which to use, follow the complementary series.

If anyone wishes to have a printed copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Here is the internet address:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=B>

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### *Birthdays!*



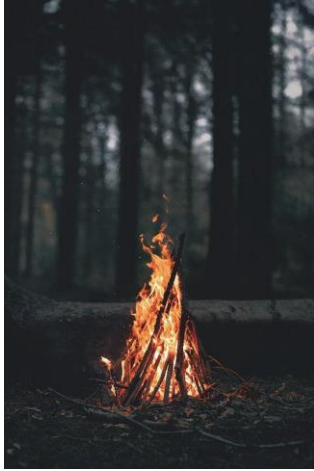
Janet Holland	July 1
Sally Riley	July 1
James Liebrich	July 9
Charlie Mokaba	July 9
Steve Marler	July 10
David Nelson	July 10
Anne Damrad	July 14
Priscilla Suennen	July 17
Ken Clark	July 19
Martha Sobaje	July 20
Susan Daniels	July 21
Judy Ellinwood	July 26
Robb Rasmussen	July 30

### *Wedding Anniversaries!*



Stanley & Patricia Davies	July 4	70 years
David & Debbie Barber	July 14	42 years

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## Camp Time Is Coming Canonicus 2021 Unshakeable Faith

Summer Camp is back! The camps are planned, registration is open and the staff is preparing for you. Due to ongoing COVID concerns, the number of camps and the number of campers will be limited.

[Download](#) the camp brochure.

[Register](#) for camp

Help us with our [Wish List](#)

[Apply](#) for a summer position

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