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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR GOD IS GOOD.

PSALM 136



This year the Stewardship Committee provided a devotional booklet to help us reflect with thanksgiving the ongoing work of God at St. Philip. Through reading the devotionals we learn more about our church and are reminded of the activities of our members and committees and of the work of our staff. The hope is that God will use our time of studying God's word to prepare our hearts to make a pledge to St. Philip for the 2021 year. Though this year we won't be able to bring our pledge cards to the sanctuary chancel, we hope you will join us for the Celebration Drive-Thru.

**The St. Philip Stewardship Committee invites you to a
*Celebration Drive-Thru***

on Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Drop off your 2021 Pledge Card and receive a home-cooked meal for you and your family members, compliments of the Stewardship Committee.

To help us in our planning, **please RSVP** by clicking on the link below by indicating the total number of meals for you and your family by Wednesday, **November 11**. You may also call the church office. We will need to know how many meals for your household and if any of them need to be gluten-free.

Yes, I'll see you in the parking lot!

The meal will be presented cold, in a go-box. Menu: turkey and dressing, green bean casserole, a dessert cookie, and gravy. A gluten-free meal will be available: turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans (no casserole), GF gravy and a dessert cookie.

You may also pick up your pre-ordered Equal Exchange products on this day, as well as materials for Advent.

HOW DO I MAKE MY PLEDGE ONLINE?

1. Visit saintphilip.net. * Click on in the top right corner.
2. Sign in. If you haven't done this before, follow instructions for "Need a Login"
3. Once signed in, click on Home button and choose My Profile. There will be two tabs once you do this. You will go to My Pledge History.
4. In the middle of the box you will see Add Pledge; choose this option.
5. You will then need to enter how much you pledge; choose the fund Pledge Contributions and Select the frequency that you wish to make your contribution. There are many options to choose from. Then select the time frame in which you will be giving 1/1/2021 until 12/31/2021. Click Save. If you would like to setup online gift withdrawal, you can do that at this point.

*Pledges cannot be made in the ChurchLife app.





The St. Philip Alternative Christmas Market will be back—Virtually! Keep your eye out for more information, and consider devoting some of your Christmas giving to our mission partners.



On All Saints' Day, we remembered with thanksgiving those from our church family who have died this past year: Virginia Lemen, Betty Golemon, Bob Stanley, Paxton Williams, Rita Hannah, Patrick Ball, Virginia McFarland, Donna Host, Paul Pennington, Toto McGehee, Ruth Weber, Jane English, Betty Stone, and Barbara German.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We will be offering our prayers on paper hand cut-outs and placing them on the communion table this month. If you have a prayer to offer, you can trace your own hand on paper, cut it out, write your prayer on it, and mail it to the church anytime. The pastors will also continue to receive prayer requests and inscribe them on the pre-cut hands that we have in the church office.

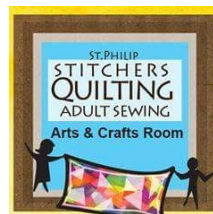
ATTENTION STOCK DONORS!

St. Philip has changed to a new broker service at Frost Bank effective April 1. Just as with our previous broker, we ask you to:

- Call Yvette Webb at Frost Bank – 713-388-1231 for transaction information.
- Our new account number is #037-293183.

While we are getting used to this new system, please let Denise Ferrell, our bookkeeper, know you are making a donation. You may reach her by phone at the church, 713-622-4807, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or by email at denise@saintphilip.net.

If you have any questions, you may always contact me at 713-306-8267 or amariepoet@gmail.com.



The St. Philip Stitchers and friends of the stitchers created 95 youth quilts in this pandemic year when so many are in need. What a joy to bless the quilts on October 18 during the service and distribute to three mission partners:

House of Tiny Treasures pre-school for homeless children, Interfaith Ministries Refugee Program, and PCHAS, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

The St. Philip Stitchers are always delighted to receive cotton fabric and quilting supplies as well as funds for batting and shipping. If you are interested in contributing to the needs of the Stitchers, I am happy to receive and deliver. Just contact Hope Wilmarth 281-744-8540. We thank you for your ongoing support of our mission for children less fortunate than our own.



Many of our mission partners have urgent needs for tangible goods. If you would like to support House of Tiny Treasures, PCHAS or Interfaith Ministries, you can visit their webpages or call them.

Visit the [Children's Page](#) on the St. Philip website. This a place that intends to help keep families connected to the church during this time of distance and separation. Be on the lookout for brief worship videos from Omar in the children's chapel and resources for faith formation at home. There are links to Godly Play stories, prayers and sharing activities to do around the dinner table. You can access the Children's Page using the icon on the home page of the church site.

WHO'S ZOOMING WHOM?

A few of the groups at St. Philip continue to meet during this time via Zoom and other video conference services—the session has had meetings, book club, church committees and Church and Society. We even have Sunday Coffee Hour. If you would like to participate in future meetings, please contact the appropriate group's leader.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR—Gather with fellow St. Philipians to talk about the sermons, hear about their week and what helped them get through the week. The Coffee Hour begins after the closing voluntary. Email Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net to be added to the list.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Our next meeting is **November 12** at 7 p.m. to discuss *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah led by Betsy Boston. Contact Sarah O'Dell for Zoom link – sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net

ANTIRACISM BOOK STUDY—A group of fourteen St. Philipians has been meeting for the past two months to discuss the book "How to Be An Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi. While discussing racism has been challenging, doing so in a nonjudgmental group has allowed us to look at our own beliefs and behaviors in liberating ways. Kendi makes a point of saying that being racist or antiracist is not a fixed identity. Instead each action we take or policy we support is to be evaluated on whether it reinforces an unjust and racist hierarchy between and within races or it seeks to create justice among people and racial groups. We hope that discussions about racism will continue at St. Philip, and we can take actions as a church that support Racial Justice. We will be meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings 7-8 p.m., excluding the first Monday of the month. Please email Selena if you are interested in participating: selena.brinegar@gmail.com.

CHURCH & SOCIETY - St. Philip Church & Society class meets 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. - **November 8** - *How to Calculate Carbon and Plastic Footprints* - A carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide and Methane) that are generated by our actions. The average carbon footprint for a person in the USA is 16 tons. Globally, the average is closer to four-tons. To have the best chance of avoiding a two-degree rise in global temperatures, the average global carbon footprint per year needs to drop under two tons by 2050. By making small changes to our actions, we can start making a big difference. Presented by Prof. Jim Blackburn - Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law in the Civil Environmental Engineering Dept. - Rice University. **November 15** - *Carbon Offsets and How to*

Purchase Them - Carbon offsets are a form of trade. When you buy an offset, you fund projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The project restores forests, updates power plants and factories and increases the energy efficiency of buildings and transportation. Presented by Prof. Jim Blackburn - Texas Coastal Exchange which help to build a resilient Texas coast supported by an informed public. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes—mmcgm63@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. The meeting will be virtual, and a Zoom link will be sent to all P.W. members. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate, so please email Lorrie to request the link: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints

2nd Monday of each month—10 a.m.

Sunday Circle

3rd Sunday of each month—12:15 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle

1st Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP IN PERSON

As we continue to assess and monitor coronavirus data and the recommendations of local health leaders and then filter that information through our particular context at St. Philip The Going Forward task force will continue to review on a weekly basis.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will offer outdoor worship opportunities on the church campus on a week-to-week basis. Worship services will begin at 9:00 am. Attendance at these services is being limited to 50 people. Worshipers are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets. We will also have chairs available at the church for those who need them. Worshipers will be spaced on the lawn at appropriate distances. The lawn service will last about thirty minutes. Registration is required and will open the Monday before the service; link can be found in pastoral email updates or through MyStPhilip. We will also have the usual 11:00 service that day, which will continue to be on-line only. If the event has reached capacity, the event sign-up closes.

Link for November 8—[click here](#).

If you have trouble with the registration or are not online, please call/text Lorrie Castle (832-262-1244).

DAILY PRAYER SERVICE

We invite a limited number of people to attend in-person our 11:00 a.m. daily prayer service (Monday-Saturday). Currently, we have a limit of five persons per day, beginning with Monday's service. For more information on conditions and to register click [here](#).

November Birthdays

Day	First Name	Last Name
1	Naomi	Ford
1	Fletcher	Pitcock
2	Judith	Crane
2	Wayne	Gibert
2	Rachel	Kimbro
3	Denise	Sanchez
4	David	Wintersgill
4	Sharon	Webb
5	Robert	Ford
6	Cathy	Patterson
6	Terri	Clemmons
7	Scott	Baker
8	Harry	Todd
8	Sondra	Sullivan
8	Nancy	Young
9	Mary Jane	McDaniel
9	Molly	Boren-Whitney
9	Esmeralda	Stevenson
9	Judy	Nunn
10	John	Bobbitt
11	Anne	Johnson
12	Paulie	Carlson
12	Carlton	Currie
12	Sarah	O'Dell
12	Keatan	King
15	Fiona	Murphy
15	Robert	Boone
16	Nadene	Crain
16	William	Waldrop

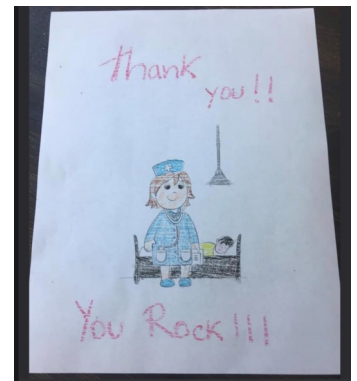
17	Barbara	Cavanaugh
17	Elizabeth Pamela	Lewis
18	Josephine	Helland
18	Alexa	Stevenson
19	Bebe	Burns
19	Ruth	Waldrop
19	Eleanor	Carter
19	Jack	Carter
19	Ava	Keever
20	James	Cooper
20	Jennifer	Wilson
20	Juliana	Vahora
21	Robert	Estill
21	Susan	Flowers
21	Amelia	Larkin
22	Carl	Semler
22	Paul	Arlinghaus
23	Evan	Fulcher
25	Mary	McGuire
26	William	Webb
26	Jay	Lippincott
27	James	Leonard
27	Bennett	Johnson
28	George	Helland
29	Phillip	McDaniel
29	Don	Davis
29	Joyce Ann	Fugit
29	Douglas	Lewis
29	Kara	D'Agostino
30	Bennett	Wiggins



ENCOURAGE OTHERS IN THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

Children through adults are invited by the SPPC Education Committee to create artwork or brief messages that will encourage patients or healthcare workers at Houston Methodist Hospital. This will help to spread hope and joy to those tired or struggling. Please direct your work to either a healthcare worker or a patient. They will be made into slide shows to display all the messages across the hospital in patient rooms (for messages directed to the patients) or in breakrooms, nurses stations, and hall ways (for messages directed to the hospital staff).

Submissions should be sent in a JPEG to omar@saintphilip.net by Monday, **November 16**. Thank you for sharing your gifts to love and build up others as Christ taught us.



Mary McGuire upon the death of her brother, Edward in Paraguay on October 31.

Douglas Duerr and family upon the death of his father-in-law, Drury Caine, on October 28.

St. Philippians and their families— Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Jan Ostendorf; Laney Miller; Susan Huffman; Joyce Fugit; Vicki McKay; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Jeanne West; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; Gene Lindley—father of Janet Hess; Betty Grant—sister of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Liam Hunter—cousin of Mary Ann Thomas; Bessie Johnson—mother of Pat Lindsay; Mac & Beverly Wilson—parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family—daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family—cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron—sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Nikolaus Malczewskyj—father-in-law of Jane Malczewskyj; John Beck—brother of Nancy Young; Margie Foster—mother of Mark Young; Miriam Kalmbach—aunt of Nancy Higgs; Shirley and Weldon Boggus, Sr.—grandparents of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell.

Homebound: Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.

Friends of St. Philippians: Cecil Trent—friend of Jane Cooper; Craig Slein—friend of Denise Ferrell and Steve Carmichael; Melinda Penny—friend of Denise Ferrell; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; Hyam Ashoo and Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; and Walter "Buddy" Hamman III friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email deacons@saintphilip.net.

Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>) or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

Next edition: November 17 Deadline NOVEMBER 12—3:00 p.m.

Stay connected with regular emails from the pastors until then.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Philip-Eye, please send them to:
philipeye@saintphilip.net or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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