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# PHILIP-EYE

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **December 20** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom teleconference. The purpose of the meeting is:

- 1.To elect a trustee to serve a three-year term. The Congregational Nominating Committee will nominate Bob Ardell. Additional nominations are possible with prior consent of those being nominated.
- 2.To elect two persons to serve two-year terms as at-large members on the Congregational Nominating Committee. The current nominating committee will nominate Laura Burgess and Jo Helland. Additional nominations are possible with prior consent of those being nominated.
- 3.To approve the sale of property the church owns in Montgomery County, as recommended by the Trustees.

This is a 13,430 sq. ft. lot located in the undeveloped subdivision Roman Hills. Roman Hills is located between SR105 and FM 2584 in Montgomery county. The property was gifted to Central Presbyterian Church in 1982, and the church has been paying property taxes of approximately \$10 for the past forty years. It is not known when or if the subdivision will ever be completed. Since 1997 there have been two sales of properties in this subdivision listed on MLS. In 1997 a lot with a 1355 sq. ft. home was sold for \$48,500, and in 2011 an 18,088 sq. ft. lot which fronts on Hwy 105 sold for \$230,000 for use as a commercial convenience store. The St. Philip property sits at the back of the subdivision. St. Philip has received an offer to sell the property for \$2,000 with the buyer assuming all costs. Considering the lack of sales for these types of property and the uncertainty of finding another interested buyer anytime in the future, the Trustees (Tom Anderson, Beth Atkinson, and Butch Wilson) recommend selling the property for the price of \$2,000. Former trustee Pam Keever has assisted the Trustees in this matter.

## BOB ARDELL – TRUSTEE NOMINEE

Bob was born in Illinois and attended a Presbyterian school, Monmouth College, majoring in geology and economics. After earning his master's degree at Kansas State University, he moved to Houston to start his career in the oil industry and was soon transferred to New Orleans. Bob was ordained as a ruling elder at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Metairie, Louisiana, in 1969. After coming back to Houston, he served as an elder and trustee at Timber Ridge Presbyterian church in Spring. Bob also served on the Presbytery's New Church Development committee during the 1980s.

After many years at First Presbyterian of Houston, Bob and his wife, Lee, joined St. Philip in 2015, where he has volunteered with Kids Against Hunger and participates in the Church and Society class. The Ardells' daughter Becky is pastor of John Knox Presbyterian in Spring Branch, and daughter Annie works at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. Bob and Lee also have four grandchildren.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. The meetings are virtual, and a Zoom link is sent to all P.W. members of each circle. 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](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net).

### *Monday Morning Saints*

Second Monday of each month—10:00 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.

The Presbyterian Women invite you to make a contribution to the 2020 Thank Offering this month on the St. Philip [website](http://www.saintphilip.net) (choose fund—PW Thank Offering) or by mailing a check to the church office denoting PW Thank Offering in the memo.

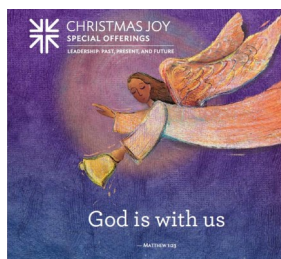
## ATTENTION STOCK DONORS!

Frost Bank is our broker service. We ask you to:

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

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](mailto:denise@saintphilip.net). If you have any questions, you may always contact Ada Fuller, Church Treasurer at 713-306-8267 or [amariepoet@gmail.com](mailto:amariepoet@gmail.com).

## COMMUNION OFFERING



Our December communion offering will go the PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering. This special offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Christmas Joy Offering supports past, present, and future leaders of our denomination through the

Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and through Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage, a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. Share the Christmas Joy as we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Christ.

Gifts for this offering can be made throughout December on the St. Philip [website](http://www.saintphilip.net) or by mailing a check, with Christmas Joy Offering in the memo line, to the Church Office.

## 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through November 30, we have an operating deficit of nearly \$66,000. Remaining pledge payments and additional year-end gifts will help us end 2020 with a positive balance. Thank you!



**GIVE THANKS TO THE  
LORD FOR GOD IS GOOD.**  
—PSALM 136

### Pledge Update December 10

	Dollar
Pledges Received for 2021	\$996,622.00
Pledge Goal 2021	\$1,295,000.00

Outstanding pledge cards can be returned to the church office anytime.



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Linda	Allen	1/3
Richard	Alt	1/6
Mason	Arnes	1/4
Edward	Atkinson	1/13
Gentry	Atkinson	1/13
Cheryl	Barker	1/13
Melinda	Brunger	1/13
Lorrie	Castle	1/28
Charles	Cavanaugh	1/29
Jacqueline	Colton	1/3
Holly	Crisp-Han	1/29
Margaret	Fair	1/15
Robert	Fair	1/1
Lane	Fletcher	1/17
Angelina	Fonseca	1/30
Ada	Fuller	1/19
William	Gensch	1/1
Eleanor	Grant	1/23
Caleb	Han	1/28
Elias	Han	1/12
Janet	Hess	1/23
William	Howard	1/16
Amy	Irick	1/3
Joel	Irick	1/30
Carol	Junkin	1/18
Frank	Keever	1/31
Thomas	Kimbrow	1/22
Amanda	Kirtley	1/29
Casey	Lambright	1/17
Nina	Lambright	1/5
Peter	Lippincott	1/13
Adelia	Manley	1/12
Janet	Martin	1/12
Rolland	McGinnis	1/3
CJ	Miller	1/11
Bonnie	Moore	1/14
Celia	Morgan	1/6
Van	Rathgeber	1/7
Carmen	Stevenson	1/6
Idalia	Stevenson	1/5
Colby	Stewart	1/21
Wendy	Stewart	1/17
Charles	Swan	1/1
Carolyn	Vestal	1/29
John	Wurster	1/26







**Join Houston Area Continuity of Care for a December ZOOM program:  
Wednesday, December 16, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236095749> -- no password, brief sign-in**

## **Targeting Resources for Houston's Seniors, A Panel Discussion**

**The following local experts will offer their take on the current environment and resources available for seniors -- and what lies next, 2021 and beyond.**



**JEFF POPE, Outreach Worker  
CCP – COVID Crisis Counseling Program  
The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD  
(Formerly MHMRA of Harris County)**

JEFF POPE is a native of Miami, FL. and has lived in Houston for six years. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Psychology from Bethune-Cookman University. He also has a Master of Science in Sports Management with a concentration in Leadership from Lasell University. His professional background centered around sports, working on the college and professional level. That experience exposed him to the need for holistic development for all people. In June of this year, he joined Texans Recovering Together by way of The Harris Center as a COVID Outreach Worker. This has been some of his most fulfilling work to date. It allows him to connect people in need and point them in the direction of help and hope. He is married to Dana Pope and they have a two-year-old son Preston.

**PAULA JOHNSON, Senior Contract Administrator,  
Houston Department of Health and Human Services  
Bureau Chief, Area Agency on Aging**

PAULA JOHNSON is a senior professional with more than 12 years of increasingly responsible positions in the healthcare field, currently, as the Bureau Chief for Harris County Area Agency on Aging. Her prior role was Senior Contract Administrator, Houston Health Department, Human Services Division. Prior experience includes Senior Level Manager, Planner Assistant and Health Care Manager for the U.S. Army; Houston Health Department, Public Health Preparedness Management Analyst III; Human Service Program Manager with Harris County Area Agency on Aging; and a position with Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, Division of Emergency Operations. She holds a certificate in Project Management from Villanova University, a Master's degree in Public Health from the American Military University and an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts from Chaminade University. She is a 27-year Army veteran, proud native of Georgia and lives in Houston with her husband, Larry.



**The 2020 board of Houston Area Continuity of Care appreciates the flexibility of our corporate members – supporting the high quality education, networking and charitable outreach of our organization. Won't you support them with your business and referrals?**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families*—Connie Mayfield and son Robert Mayfield; Pat Lindsay; Mary Margaret Hansen; Doris Cantrell; Sondra Sullivan; Mary Benson; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Jan Ostendorf; Laney Miller; Susan Huffman; Joyce Fugit; Vicki McKay; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Philip and Becky Karper—parents of Kallie Pitcock; Meredith and Louis Pitcock—parents of Justin Pitcock; Ricardo and Mary Adame—brother and sister-in-law (and Mary's mother Yvonne Dominguez) of staff singer Ofelia Adame Williams; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; Betty Grant—sister of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; 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 Boggus—grandmother 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*—Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Vickie Dunlevy—friend of Nancy Higgs; Susan Doyle—friend of Stephen Paine; Paul Ratliff—friend of Jo Helland; Ruth Duncan and Melerie Langford—friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; 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; Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hamman III friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

*We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.*

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email [deacons@saintphilip.net](mailto: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: January 5; Deadline [December 31—12:00 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](mailto:philipeye@saintphilip.net) or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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