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WELCOME BRIGADE!

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Saturday, **August 15**, promises to be a busy morning at St. Philip as we begin by welcoming Kallie Pitcock, our pastoral resident for the next two years, and her family to St. Philip. In normal times we would be hosting a reception after a Sunday worship service to meet and greet a new member of the pastoral staff. But these are not normal times! Borrowing on the "Birthday Brigade" that Ellen MacDonald's daughter Lisa organized for her mother's 90th birthday in June, we are planning a drive-by "Welcome Brigade" for Kallie, her husband Justin, daughter Sophia (6) and sons Karper (8) and Fletcher (3) beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the church parking lot. Let's show the Pitcocks what a wonderful congregation awaits them by extending a warm greeting (albeit a quick one) on Saturday, **August 15!**



In addition to the fun you will already be having, you will also be able to pick up your Equal Exchange goodies (see page 4) at another spot in the parking lot.

Still a third stop will have the *Horizon* Bible Study books for Presbyterian Women, who will have paid for the books in advance or online.

Finally a stop will be available for St. Philip families to pick up learning materials from the Christian Education Committee.



There will be
cupcakes for
everyone.

See you **August 15!**

August Birthdays

1	BELATED	Liz Miguez
1		Jenny Towns
2		Beth Atkinson
4		Steve Adger
4		Will Ayers
4		Meg Scott-Johnson
5		Walter King
6		Phil Stevenson
6		Keith Weber
8		Jim Crain
8		Steve Nettles
9		Mark Takayama
10		Ned Benson
10		David Fox
10		Alice Pennington
11		Lee Larkin
11		Bill Maguire
11		Pam Rush
12		Jeanie Flowers
12		Ted Moore
14		Kelly Gartner
15		Janet Davis
16		Chuck Seidel
16		Ann Waldrop
16		Mary Louise Waldrop
16		Zack White
17		Kip Frautschi
20		David Wood
22		Mike Alexander
22		Stuart Red
23		Pat Bell
24		Maggie Dement
24		Lucas Leonardson
24		Nancy Lomax
24		Jenilee Simmons
24		Max Wennenweser
26		Paul D'Agostino
26		Alejandra Salinas
26		Aileen Todd
27		Ralph Cherrillo
27		Denise Ferrell
27		Jan Fox
29		Harry Fulcher
29		Rowan Murphy
30		Betsy Flowers
31		Joyce Randolph

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. Once we have a majority in the meeting, participants are sent to smaller breakout rooms so you have a more intimate group. The groups will randomly be assigned each week. 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 **August 13** at 7 p.m. 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

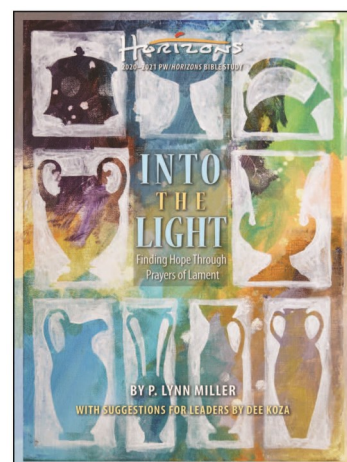
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The 2020–2021 PW / *Horizons* Bible study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, art and text by Lynn Miller and Suggestions for Leaders by Dee Koza, revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world.

One of the foundational points of the study is that in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss, the wrong still exist—the one who laments is strengthened to face the world and to hope.

When we lament, we move from suffering to faith. In our faith there is hope. We lament in order to hope. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world. Explore lament with PW!

The books are \$11.00 and \$16.00 (for large print). You can prepay for your book on the church website. The option for "P.W. Study Book" is at the bottom of the pull down menu. You can also pay when you pick up the book upon **August 15** at the **Welcome Brigade!**, but we will not have change and would request a check, if possible.



GIVE BLOOD.ORG

St Philip Presbyterian

Wednesday, August 5
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Friday, August 7
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Wednesday, August 12
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Donor Coach

Due to social distancing,
appointments are required.
Please schedule at
www.giveblood.org
or contact
Lorrie Castle (713) 622-4807

*****FREE COVID-19 ANTIBODY TEST*****
&

*****FREE BLUEBELL ICE CREAM VOUCHER*****
sponsor code: 0496

This test is authorized by the FDA only for detecting
the presence of antibodies against SARS-Co V-2
and is not intended for the diagnosis of COVID-19.



Katelyn, blood drive organizer



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Text **COMMIT** to 999-777 to
receive reminders and updates.

EQUAL EXCHANGE SUMMER SALE

We recently received some sad news from Equal Exchange:

COVID-19 has changed the way we do things. Many churches and temples aren't meeting for in-person services, which means Equal Exchange's sales in the interfaith program are down by 38,000 pounds compared to this time last year.

This loss of volume has a real impact on Equal Exchange and our farmer partners. We believe interfaith sales could be down by more than 80,000 pounds of coffee by the year's end.



Sounds like it's time for our annual summer sale! As we are living "in the time of COVID," this will be another pre-order Saturday sale scheduled August 15 at 10:30 a.m. We will be offering for purchase coffee, tea, cashews, almonds, mangos, a small selection of chocolate bars, and our bestselling...olive oil!

Equal Exchange is happy about that too! They tell us, "After a long delay, we're excited to announce that the 2020 shipment of Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee (PARC) olive oil has arrived! The fall olive harvest was bountiful, and we are thrilled to have the robust Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil available again. PARC olive oil is cold-pressed from the Nabali olive, which has a rich, peppery flavor and is full of antioxidants. This fair trade product is from small-scale farmers in the West Bank."

And for your ease in ordering, our wizard of a church administrator has devised a way for you to place your order and pay through the church website. The link on the front page of the website. Call Lorrie Castle at 832-262-1244 if you have trouble placing your order.

Equal Exchange is a worker cooperative that purchases coffee, tea, and other crops that go into making all your favorites. Working with 40 communities in 20 countries, Equal Exchange

- Pays a stable, above-market price;

- Purchases in advance of harvest (when farmers need the money) and

- Collaborates over the long term in the sustainable development and empowerment of their partner communities

Your continued purchases of Equal Exchange products enable their economically just and environmentally sound model to make a real difference, not just in your kitchen but to small farmers and their communities all around the world. We appreciate your support!

Some items have already sold out on the website. Make sure you place your order ASAP.

Product	Description	Size	Price
French Roast	This dark gem is full of chocolaty richness, with a subtle smoky flavor.	10 oz Drip	\$7
Mind Body and Soul	Find your moment of zen with this smooth, creamy and balanced blend that has hints of almond, malt and dark chocolate.	12oz Drip	\$7
Love Buzz	This dark and smoky favorite has sweet velvety layers of chocolate brownie, caramel corn, malt	10 Oz Drip	\$7
Whole Bean Coffees	Selection: French Roast-\$7; , or Decaf-\$5		
Organic Baking			
Virgin Olive Oil	Organic olive oil made from Nabali olives, an indigenous Palestinian variety that produces one of highest quality olive oils in the world. This virgin olive oil is cold-pressed and full of antioxidants. It can be used for cooking, baking, and dipping. It's grown and pressed by Palestinian farmer cooperatives in the West Bank.	500 ml	\$13
Organic Nuts & Fruits			
Tamari Almonds	Carefully selected California variety almonds, dry roasted for extra crunch. Their distinctive taste is given depth by a sprinkling of savory Gluten-free tamari soy sauce.	8 oz	\$7
Dried Mango	100% free from added sugar and preservatives, these mangos from Burkina Faso were chosen for their rich, full flavor.	5 oz	\$5

Organic Tea

Chai	With an inviting flavor of ginger, cardamom, and cloves.	20 tea bags	\$3
Mint Green	Revive yourself with the cooling combination of green tea and peppermint.	20 tea bags	\$3
Chamomile	Calming Egyptian chamomile soothes the mind and quiets the spirit. Caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Jasmine	A sultry, soothing blend of green tea leaves and the fragrant essence of jasmine.	20 tea bags	\$3
Ginger	This 100% pure ginger tea is naturally caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Vanilla Rooibos	Sweet, inviting vanilla accents this red bush tea from South Africa. It's almost like dessert in a cup. Caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Tea	General Flavor Selection: Black	20 tea bags	\$3

Chocolates — D/C = Dark Chocolate; M/C = Milk Chocolate

Hot	A rich chocolatey flavor	12 oz	\$6
Almond	D/C (55%) Experience the mouthwatering combo of rich dark chocolate with chunks of organic almonds. Vegan, soy- and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Chocolate w/ Coconut Milk	(55%) A rich and creamy indulgence that is made with coconut sugar and coconut milk instead of dairy, this bar offers heavy notes of caramel and toasted coconut, with just a little coconut tang. Vegan, soy and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3

PLANTING THE SEED



Do any of our St. Philip members recognize this scene? Back in May 2009, two St. Philipian ladies struck up a conversation with Nancy Higgs over her dogs at Teas Nursery. Somehow, it led to being

Presbyterian and from there, they urged Nancy to visit St. Philip, telling her about the 'beautiful music'. It took Nancy seven more years to step inside our church but she has never looked back. Except to remember and reflect on the seed those ladies planted that day. Who are you? Thank you! Please email Nancy at nkhm54@gmail.com.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beginning in September we will be offering our prayers on paper hand cut outs and placing them on the communion table. If you have a prayer to offer, you can trace your own hand on paper, cut it out, write your prayer on it, and drop it in a designated box at the welcome brigade on **August 15** or mail 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.



MISSION PARTNERS REMEMBER RUTH WEBER

Mission Partners from the Yucatan in Mexico send their condolences to the St. Philip community and to Ruth's family. Pastor Pablo Estrella and his wife Leonor, from Merida, and Pablo's family from Xocempich remember Ruth with fondness. Ruth met Pablo's father, José Estrella, while he was doing his training in Mexico City as a medical student and Ruth was studying Spanish Literature. Pablo had just been born at that time. Ruth had stayed in touch with the Estrella family ever since. She led a group of St. Philipians on two separate medical mission trips to the Clinica Bethesda in Xocempich, which was run at that time by Dr. José Estrella, along with Pablo's brother, Dr. Frederico Estrella. Frederico continues to operate the clinic since the passing of their father.

Congratulations to Tyler, Anné, and Ava Keever who welcomed Evelyn (Ev-ie) on July 22.

The family of Ruth Weber who died on July 28.

The family of Jane English who died on July 31 in Palestine, TX.

Sally Slick and family upon the death of her brother Grady Short who died July 25 in Sardis, Mississippi.

St. Philipians and their families—Jan Meyer; Joyce Fugit; Vicki McKay; Steve Carmichael; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Peg Palisin; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Jeanne West; Greg Moore; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; John & Bessie Johnson—parents 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; David Block—brother-in-law of Nancy Lomax; John Beck—brother of Nancy Young; Margie Foster—mother of Mark Young; Miriam Kalmbach—aunt of Nancy Higgs; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack & Pauline Kindig—brother/sister-in-law of Ginny Camfield; 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; Jane English; Barbara German; George Helland; Arlette Keene; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.

Friends of St. Philipians: Roger Henderson—friend of Mickey Meyers; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; Kathleen Davies and family—friend of Chuck Johnson; Craig and Jamie Slein—friends of Steve Carmichael; Betty Rhodes and family—friend of Jan Meyer; Dave Olson and Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; and Walter "Buddy" Hamman III friends 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.

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.

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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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