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MISSION RALLY

The Mission Committee is seeking your support for Christian Community Service Center, Houston Seafarers, and Lord of the Streets. Please bring in-kind donations on **September 12**—10 a.m.—Noon. All are asked to enter the church from the main parking lot and drive behind offices, by the Mission Center and north on the west side of the campus dropping goods off by the Arts & Crafts Studio and new John Blow Clearinghouse Mission Storage area (DO NOT ENTER at traffic light). Read on to see lists of what each agency needs and other activities that will happen that day at St. Philip.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

“Whether helping those impacted by COVID-19 or assisting those affected by a financial crisis, your gift helps individuals and families in need. Living paycheck to paycheck, the working poor are the most vulnerable to crisis – whether COVID-19 or otherwise. CCSC needs your help to assist those in need and to serve more. Your generosity is feeding 5X last year’s numbers. Check out the CCSC Facebook page for any additional items that they may need. **Here’s what will help the most:**

- Bags with handles for packing groceries (paper, reusable, or plastic)
- Canned fruit (all types)
- Boxed dry cereal
- Dry beans (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Hearty soups (with meat or beans)
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Canned vegetables (all types, low sodium & light –syrup preferred)
- Peanut butter
- Dry pasta (any type)
- Dry rice (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Toilet paper
- Bar soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes (adult & children)
- Cleaning wipes
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Baby wipes/diapers (sizes 4,5, & 6)
- Cloth or disposable face coverings

LORD OF THE STREETS

Lord of the Streets has welcomed and addressed the holistic needs of those who are homeless in Houston’s downtown and Mid-town. Programming provides basic supportive services: a welcoming day shelter, bottled water, emergency clothing and hygiene items, food, counseling, obtaining a valid ID and food stamps. They refer people to partner agencies for substance abuse recovery programs, job readiness training, and housing/shelter. **They currently need bottled water.**

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Ministry to the Port of Houston
HISC Christmas Shoebox Program – www.houstonseafarers.com

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PHONE: (713) 672-0511

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*BRING DONATED ITEMS
TO THE MISSION RALLY
ON SEPTEMBER 12.*

Christmas Gift Box Program 2020

Dear Christmas Shoebox Program Supporter,

We would like to express our great appreciation and sincere gratitude for your continued support to our gifting program to seafarers in the Port of Houston Ship channel. We are once again “knocking” at the door of your generosity for this 2020 Christmas Box Drive. This year, due to the pandemic, your gifts and donations are critical to this program and may be the only way to brighten the life and console the seafarers calling on the Port of Houston in December. Seafarers are more isolated now than ever before and have not been able to leave their vessels for any reason for more than 6 months. Their contracts have been extended for months and they have no way to get home to their families right now. HISC has remained vigilant in our mission to be there for the seafarers throughout the pandemic, and we need your help now.

Crew sizes average 22 seafarers to gift per ship. In 2019, we distributed 10,561 gifts on board 426 ships which represented more than 60 different countries! These gifts had been donated to the seafarers by over 200 churches, organizations and individuals! The Christmas boxes are personally carried to each ship by HISC Staff Port Chaplains and Ship Visitors – *Your* Staff of Chaplains and Ship Visitors as our ecumenical ministry is funded by all denominations. We begin delivering boxes after Thanksgiving and continue gifting seafarers until all the gifts have been distributed! We are gratefully prepared to receive your gift boxes anytime – you cannot be too early or too late in bringing your gifts to one of our two Seafarers Centers.

Please try to pack a shoebox full with new items such as these:

***** Note: Full-sized items are much preferred over small travel size***

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| Hairbrush / Comb | Band-Aids (fabric) | Baseball Caps (new) | 2021 Calendar |
| Magnets | Dental floss | Deodorant | Disposable Razors |
| T-shirts (new) | Kleenex | Lip Balm | Lotion |
| Nail Clippers | Gold Bond Powder | Gold Bond Cream | Hot Chocolate |
| Q-Tips | Needle & Thread | Shaving Cream | Soap & Shampoo |
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste | Gum & Hard Candy | Key Chains |
| Pocket-size notebooks | Mechanical Pencils | Pens | Playing Cards |
| Popcorn | Socks | Flashlight w/ batteries | Texas Souvenirs |
| Earbuds / Headphones | USB Flash Drives | Word Search/ Sudoku/ Fill-in books | Personal note or card |

These gifts of Love should be packed in shoebox size boxes, wrapped securely as one unit in Christmas paper. Please do not wrap lid and box separately or place bows on the boxes. *Plastic shoeboxes become an extra gift for the seafarer!* The Seafarers appreciate these items tremendously. Please be sure your boxes are packed full of items! As there are very few women on board the ships currently, we request that the gifts boxed be packed for male seafarers.

Thanks in advance for your consideration. Our Houston Center is located now at 9750 High Level Road. We are now the first building on the left after the Main entrance to Port Houston at exit 29 off the East Loop I-610. You are encouraged to visit and tout the Seafarers Center when you deliver your boxes to either Center. If you have questions or want to let us know you are coming - **call 713-672-0511**.

Howard T. Tellepsen Seafarers Center

Mon – Fri: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sat-Sun: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Lou Lawler Seafarers Center

Mon – Fri: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Sat – Sun: CLOSED

ST. PHILIP FAMILIES

The Education Committee invites families of all pre-school and elementary-aged children to participate in the Mission Rally car parade on **September 12**. We will have handouts for our first take-home Sunday School lesson and supplies for participating at home. You will also have an opportunity to drop off your prayer hands. As a bonus, you'll get a sweet treat to take home, too! Please let Pastor Omar know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there! omar@saintphilip.net

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 September 10 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

ANTIRACISM BOOK STUDY—Many people in our church participated in the 21-day race equity challenge and engaged in discussions led by John Wurster. Out of those discussions came a desire to continue wrestling with this important topic of justice and racial equity. Beginning **September 14**, Selena Brinegar will be leading a discussion of the book *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. 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 at selena.brinegar@gmail.com.

CHURCH & SOCIETY - C & S class is on summer vacation and will resume **September 13**, Rally Day, for a class reunion and preview of the fall 2020 presentations by the fall 2020 presenters. St. Philip Church & Society class

meets 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings - **September 13** through **December 20**. All classes will be through Zoom. **September 20** - Can the Earth Heal Us? - "Earth has no sorrow that earth cannot heal." John Muir - Does the earth heal? Can It heal us? And if so, how? - Presented by Bruce Yaeger - author of *Wrestling Brothers: Rethinking Religion-Science Relationships*. **September 27** - Darwin, Race, Slavery, and The Tree of Life - Charles Darwin always emphasized that he was a scientist, not a social reformer. But his theory of evolution quickly threw him into the midst of the hottest social and moral controversies of his day. - Presented by Bruce Yaeger. **October 4** - What is Godly Play? - An Analysis of an Imaginative Approach to Religious Education - Presented by Ruthie Waldrop - Ruthie has led Godly Play classes at St. Philip since 2004. **October 11** - Anne Lock, John Calvin, and the English Reformation - In this session, we'll explore Lock and Calvin together, learning what became of Calvinism during the age of Elizabeth. - Presented by Dr. Deborah Burks - Professor for teaching and research specialties in sixteenth and seventeenth-century drama, poetry, Reformation literature, and women's writing. Author of *Horrid Spectacle*, a study of theater and religious propaganda in the period. **October 18** - The Nicene Creed - Fourth Century A.D. - the first doctrinal statement of the whole Christian church - Presented by Rev. Greg Han - Director of Interfaith Relations and Education at Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston. **October 25** (Reformation Sunday) - The Catholic Church's Ongoing Response to the Reformation - An Attempt to Better Understand the Issues that Both Separate and Unite Catholics and Protestants - Presented by Rev. Msg. James Anderson Professor of Systematic Theology in the School of Theology of the University of St. Thomas at St. Mary's Seminary. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes—mmcgm63@aol.com.

These Days

We currently have copies of *These Days*—*Daily Devotions for Living by Faith* for both the third and fourth quarters of the year. If you would like a copy of either, email Lorrie@saintphilip.net. We can drop your copies in the mail or you can swing by and pick up. Please indicate if you would like large print.

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St. Philip Presbyterian - Houston

Wednesday, September 2
8:00 am - 11:30 am

Wednesday, September 9
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Donor Coach

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or contact
Lorrie Castle (713) 622-4807

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Katelyn, blood drive organizer



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receive reminders and updates.

The family of Betty Stone who died August 30.

Dan Cleveland whose sister Nancy Montgomery Cleveland died August 27 in Oklahoma.

Connie Mayfield and family upon the death of mother-in-law Marighyn Mayfield Meacham on August 28 in Mississippi.

Jim Crain and family upon the death of his sister Giny Crain Hogan on August 28.

St. Philipians and their families— Jan Meyer; Joyce Fugit; Vicki McKay; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Peg Palisin; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Jeanne West; Greg Moore; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Carolyn Jones—sister of Cynthia Shoup; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; ; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Liam Hunter—cousin of Mary Ann Thomas; Katie Ostendorf—niece of Judy Barrish; 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; 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: Melinda Penny—friend of Denise Ferrell; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; 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 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.

Joys

Guy and Melissa Aldrich welcomed their first grandchild—Anna Melissa Mahlow to parents Lindsay and Mark on August 26.

Robert & Susan Estill celebrate their Golden (50th) Anniversary on September 4.

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:
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