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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WE WILL BE GATHERING EACH DAY FOR WORSHIP, PLAY, STUDY, SCIENCE, ART, MUSIC, DRAMA & HOSPITALITY.

9:00AM ~ 12 NOON
JUNE 29TH TO JULY 2ND
AGES 3 THROUGH 5TH GRADE
~ NO COST ~

AT ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION BUILDING [ATTACHED TO THE SANCTUARY] **TO SIGN UP VISIT: SAINTPHILIP.NET**

BE A VOLUNTEER

The Christian Education Committee is calling for volunteers to teach, shepherd, and have fun with the youngest disciples of St. Philip and the Houston community as we learn about the story of Lydia in the book of Acts. To register as a volunteer or as a participant, visit www.saintphilip.net. Questions? Contact Keatan King at keatan@saintphilip.net.

PENTECOST OFFERING - MAY 24

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. St. Philip can select 40% of the Pentecost offering to be used for those who make an impact in the lives of young people locally. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- Young Adult Volunteers
- Ministries for Youth
- Children-at-Risk

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thanks to your generosity during the Easter Season, \$7,655.76 was collected for the One Great Hour of Sharing Communion Offering. One of the beneficiaries of this offering is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery to the people in the area impacted by the earthquake in Nepal. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies, and medicine to the towns and villages. As long term recovery plans are developed, PDA will accompany and further finan-

cially support our partners in the area to insure that a comprehensive recovery is sustained.

Also, PDA has been in contact with leadership of mid-councils in the recently affected tornado areas and stands ready to respond with One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds and the presence of National Response Team (NRT) members to provide support and assistance.

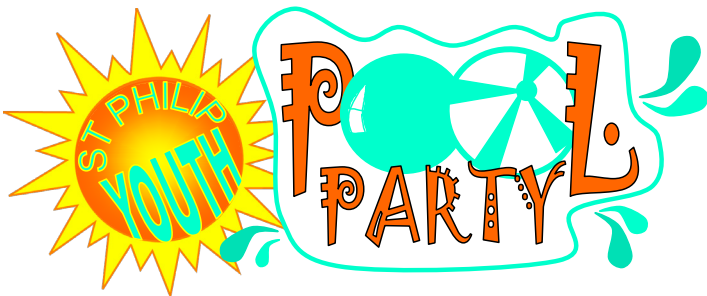
- The Mission Committee

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jo Helland and family, upon the death of her brother John Webb Howell, III on May 18

Bill Camfield - Methodist
Jo Jones - Memorial Hermann Southwest
Winston Crowder - Memorial City Rehab Center

Chuck Johnson - cancer treatments
Steve Carmichael - lyme disease
Al Atkinson - recuperating at home
Rusty Howard - recuperating at home
Dan Cleveland - recuperating after surgery
Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor - post-surgery problems
Joe Keever - Hallmark
Larry Dean- Seven Acres
Frank Donnelly - under hospice care
Tom "Mike" Tomforde, Jr. - Hallmark HC
Linda Joullian, Wayne Truxillo's sister - cancer
Baker Fullerton - Walker Fair's uncle - recuperating



We are celebrating the end of the school year and officially welcome all rising 6th graders to Youth Group!

Sunday, May 24
12:30pm-3:30pm
at the home of Martha Red
5102 Briarbend Dr., Houston, TX 77035

Bring or wear your pool clothes and swimsuit to church, and change at church after worship. We'll spend our afternoon sharing lunch, playing games, and swimming in the pool!

FAMILY BASEBALL GAME AT THE SKEETERS

Join us for a family night out to see the Sugar Land Skeeters! They play the York Revolution on Saturday, June 13th at 6pm - it will be the perfect way to celebrate Father's day (a week early...).

Tickets are \$18 including a hot-dog and soda, and under-3s can go for free. Please get your tickets from Filippo Nenna in the Gathering Area before the 11am service on May 24th and 31st.

Let's root, root, root for the home team!

Dear Friends,

It is a season of markers and milestones. Some are celebrating graduations, while others are gathering with classmates for reunions. Some are being married, while others are celebrating anniversaries. Students and teachers are marking the end of another school year, wrapping up, moving on, and giving thanks. I myself have a couple of dates of significance in these weeks: soon it will be 25 years since I graduated from Princeton Seminary and 25 years since Deb and I were married. June 1990 was a big month in my life!

While it pops up in different places from year to year depending on when Easter falls, Pentecost happens in this season of celebrations. Pentecost is its own kind of marker in the biblical story, an indication that the purposes of God shown in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus continue on through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. That Pentecost day, sometimes portrayed as the birthday of the church, is the day when the Holy Spirit moves dramatically to gather people across all sorts of boundaries and categories. In the description of Pentecost in Acts 2 we read words like "amazed," "astonished," "bewildered," and "perplexed" as people respond to what the Spirit is doing in their midst. It's all more than anyone can fully grasp.

I find the markers and milestones in our lives become occasions to reflect on the abundant, creative, unpredictable nature of the Holy Spirit. When I graduated from seminary, parish ministry still seemed like a remote possibility for my life. When Deb and I were married, we would have been hard-pressed to map a journey that would take us to Houston, via London, Philadelphia, Ohio, and Kerville. Yet, through the nudgings of the Holy Spirit and a series of providential encounters and opportunities, this is where we find ourselves all these years later. And I am amazed and astonished by it all – and deeply grateful.

Faithfully yours,

HALLELUJAH CORNER

On May 11 2015, Judge Roy Moore, 245th District Court, administered the oath as an attorney to Winfield Williams. Proud parents are Mary Linda and Paxton Williams.

Olivia and Joe Munson are the proud grandparents of identical twin boys, born on May 14 to their daughter Joanna and husband Dave Rismiller.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MO-RANCH SHOWER

For the remaining Sundays in May, we will be receiving gifts to the Mo-Ranch Shower. Over the years, the Mo Shower has provided funds for the housekeeping staff at the ranch to obtain needed items that fall outside of the operational budget. The shower is a way for us as a congregation to demonstrate our ongoing care and support for Mo-Ranch. Donations in any amount are appreciated. There will be a table in the Gathering Area to receive our gifts.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER PACKING SESSION

Kids Against Hunger will be packing meals on Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Come help us in this valuable mission project.

PIECE MAKERS QUILTERS

The Piece Makers of Saint Philip quilters will meet again on Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Philip Arts & Crafts Studio. We make quilts for the pre-school children of House of Tiny Treasures. We cordially invite everyone to join or just come visit our newly-formed group.

SEAFARER CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES

St. Philip will be participating in the 2015 Christmas Shoebox Program. The date for Packing and decorating of boxes will be announced soon. The boxes will be distributed to visiting seafarers by volunteers and Chaplains working with the Houston International Seafarer's Center. In advance of packing the boxes, the following items must be collected: 100 medium sized shoe boxes, hotel samples (of shampoo, conditioner, hand cream), socks, wash cloths, bars of soap, toothpaste/brushes, handkerchiefs, pencils, pens, paper, cards, paper clips, sewing kits, stick, cotton balls, band aids, cups, gloves, ziplock bags, small calendar, packs of tissues, decks of cards, razors, comb, flashlights, chewing gum, hard candy, rubber bands, a Holiday card. Please add your donations to those in the Wishing Well in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

HYGIENE SUPPLIES NEEDED AT CCSC

CCSC is severely low on hygiene packets and supplies. They need toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, and razors. Items can be brought to St. Philip and placed in the boxes labeled "CCSC Supplies." Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be given to Laurie in the church office. Please write "CCSC" in memo of check.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL

Nursery and Preschool

Infants and children through 3 years old

8:30 am to 12:30pm - Room 106

Staffed by professional childcare providers

Preschool 3 through 1st Grade

Godly Play Class - Room 104

Elementary 2nd-5th Grade

Grades 2 and 3 meet in Room 105

Grades 4 and 5 meet in Room 103

Music - with Music Director, Tom Goetz

1st through 5th grades 9:30 am – 10:00 am

Children join teachers in their classrooms at 10:00

Youth in Bible Study

St. Philip youth, 6th through 12th grades

Rooms 204 and 206

Supported by sponsors and Sunday School teachers

Adult Classes

CHURCH & SOCIETY - Room 201

"The Crocodile's Dilemma" - presented by Kate Burkart. We will screen the first episode of the first season of the FX television network's new anthology series, *Fargo*, a variation on themes established in the quirky 1996 Oscar winning film of the same name. This kicks off the next installment of our look at the moral complexity of current television drama, which continues 31 May with class discussion. A study resource with questions to help guide our viewing will be available.

SPa CLASS - Room 200

The SPa (Saint Philip Adults) class is a fellowship of adults from all walks of life who gather for learning and prayer. We value fellowship, conversation, and group-oriented learning style that welcomes dialogue. Each Sunday, we discuss a specific topic at the intersection of faith and life. Email spa@spafellowship.org to learn more about what we are doing each week.

BIBLE STUDY - Room 204

The class is studying the book of Judges, which continues the narrative of the Israelites' conquest and occupation of the land of Canaan after the death of Joshua and includes the challenges to their faith in its accounts of Deborah, Gideon, Sampson, and other leaders. The Bible study class utilizes the insights of a variety of scholars to expand our understanding of God's message of faithfulness to His people. Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop lead the discussions. All are welcome.

ARTS & CRAFT STUDIO

Room 9 (old classroom wing) We offer a Scrapbooking and Card-making Class as well as a Knitting, Crocheting, and Quilting class the first Saturday of each month. We also offer various other classes most Sundays. Check the St. Philip website for more!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30p AA, Pm 7p 7:00p Houston Pipers, FH	2 8p Fitness Class, DR 8:30a Staff Meeting 8:50p AA, 12:50p, Pm 8	3 10p Personnel Committee, CFR 12:30p Wednesday Bridge, DR	4 Mo-Ranch Weekend 8p Fitness Class, DR	5 Mo-Ranch Weekend 10p Men's Fellowship, CFR 10p SLAA, Pm 18 8p AA, Pm 18	6 Mo-Ranch Weekend 10a MicroSchool, AACCS 10a Prayer Circle, AACCS 7p Dinner After Worship
7 Mo-Ranch Weekend 11a Worship Service	8 8:20p Monday Evening Study Group, DR 8:30p AA, Pm 18 7:00p Houston Pipers, FH	9 8:00a Fitness Class, DR 8:30a Staff Meeting 8:50p AA, 12:50p, Pm 8	10 7:00p Tuesday at Top	11 8p Fitness Class, DR 7p Monthly Book Club	12 10p Men's Fellowship, CFR 10p SLAA, Pm 18 8p AA, Pm 18	13 10a Bible Update, AACCS 7p Dinner After Worship
14 8:00a Worship Service 8:30a Mike Clark Day, Card, AACCS 8:30a Sunday School 10:30a Choir Rehearsal 11a Worship Service 11:15a Children's Chapel 12:30p Road Race, Pm, DR 12:30p Prayer & Song, Justice, CFR 8p Thomas Coast Organ Recital	15 8p Kids Against Hunger, DR 8:30p AA, Pm 18 7p Houston Pipers, FH	18 8a Fitness Class, DR 8:30a Staff Meeting 8:50p AA, 12:50p, Pm 8 7p Session Meeting, DR	17 12:30p Wednesday Bridge, DR	18 8a Fitness Class, DR	19 10p Men's Fellowship, CFR 10p SLAA, Pm 18 8p AA, Pm 18	20 7p Dinner After Worship
21 Father's Day 8:30a Worship Service 8:30a Sunday School 10:30a Choir Rehearsal 11a Worship Service	22 8:20p Monday Evening Study Group, DR 8:30p AA, Pm 18 7p Houston Pipers, FH	23 8a Fitness Class, DR 8:30a Staff Meeting 8:50p AA, 12:50p, Pm 8	24 10a Wednesday Circle, Pastor	25 8a AACCS Brev, FH 8p Fitness Class, DR	28 12:00p Men's Fellowship 12:00p SLAA, Pm 18 8:30p CareCase Training, DR 8:00p AA, Pm 18	27 8a CareCase Training, DR 7p Dinner After Worship
28 8:30a Worship Service 8:30a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Service 11:15a Children's Chapel 12:30p AA, 12:50p 1:00p CareCase Training, DR 8:00p Healing Service, Sanctuary	28 8:00a Vacation Bible School 8:30p AA, Pm 18 7:00p Houston Pipers, FH	30 8:00a Vacation Bible School 8:00a Fitness Class, DR 8:30a Staff Meeting 8:50p AA, 12:50p, Pm 8	Welcome Summer			
JUNE						



A little birdie told me I missed May's celebrations, well, actually, a rather large bird.

HAPPY BELATED MAY BIRTHDAYS!

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| 01 Brad Exnicious
Mary Lomax
Barbara Rathgeber | 20 Mary Keating
21 Kathryn Harwood
Olga Lewis |
| 02 John "Jack" Fox
Janice Meyer | 22 Mary "Skip" Britton
Nancy Waldrop |
| 03 Joseph Munson | 23 Lingua Kong
Nathan Lee |
| 04 Rachel Biar | Betty Anne Poe |
| 05 Marty Coyle | Michelle Vasquez |
| 07 Peg Palisin | Hope Wilmarth |
| 08 Phoebe Murphy | 25 Betsy DuBose
Beth Flowers |
| 11 Andrew Henderson
Penny Vieau | 26 Harvey Britton
Catherine Herrera |
| 12 Alex Geis
Carolyn Herrera | Paxton Williams |
| 13 Christine Gensch | 29 Charles Lucas
William Miller |
| 14 Jan Connor | 30 Mark Clemmons
Susan Estill |
| 16 Nancy Cook
Jody Tomforde | 31 Marina Ramos |
| 17 Barbara German | |
| 18 Sarah Cherrillo | |
| 19 Emily Exnicious | |

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 15 Gary Whitney and
Molly Boren-Whitney | 25 Jack & Jan Fox |
| 22 Bill & Diana Herzog | 26 Rusty Howard and
Barbara Runge |
| 23 Greg Han and
Holly Crisp Han | 29 Casey & Nina
Lambright |



JUNE

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| 01 Alexa Demary
Michael Kirby
Jacqueline Teoh | 13 Eugene McKelvey, Sr.
David Castle |
| 02 Anne Wilson
Emily Hannah | 14 Mary Johnson |
| 03 Rhoda Arnes
Mary Bratton | 16 Leslie Taylor |
| 04 Patricia Lindsay
Christyopher Fletcher | 17 Vanessa Nenna |
| 06 Carol Dean
Eva "Laney" Miller
Connie Anderson | 18 Sally Slick
Lynn Red
Carrie Pepi
Tim Burgess |
| 08 Maizie Demary
Deborah Unruh
Mark Taylor
Laura Keller | 19 Jennifer Vestal |
| 10 Ellen MacDonald | 21 Julie Shepherd |
| 13 James Bratton | 22 Sue Baier
Mary Hansen |
| | 25 Winston Crowder
Carolyn McGinnis
William Poe |
| | 26 Malcolm Host
Governor Frazier
Logan Lyman |
| | 27 Virginia McFarland |
| | 28 Barbara Cloninger
Donald Barker |
| | 30 Betty Golemon |

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| 01 Bill & Ginny Camfield | 18 Ned & Mary Benson |
| 08 Paxton & Mary Linda
Williams | Mark & Terry Clemmons |
| 15 Andrew & Kate
Henderson | 19 Ed & Barbara Hairston
Gene & Florence
McKelvey |
| 16 John Wurster &
Deb Burks | 23 Tom & Connie Anderson |
| 17 Stan Brandenburger
& Betty Stone | |

PHILIP-EYE info.

Articles should be sent to **Laurie Fortenbery:**
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Also, contact Laurie if you would like to receive the Philip-Eye online. *You get the news faster; the church saves postage, and the impact on the environment is lightened just a bit.*

Please take note: The deadline for submitting articles for the next PhilipEYE is May 29 .



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