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Officers, Class of 2012, Ordained and Installed

During the worship service on Sunday, January 6, 2010, officers were ordained and/or installed as elders for service at St. Philip for a three year term.

Those ordained and installed are **Cheryl Barker, David Lindsay** (Youth Elder serving a one year term), **Omar Rauchon**, and **Wesley Vestal**. Those installed, having previously been ordained, include **Kate Burkart, David Fox, Joe Harwood**, and **Sondra Sullivan**,

Bill Lee was commissioned as Trustee to serve a three year term.

Please pray for these new officers as they begin their years of service to our church.

Please thank outgoing officers, **Amy Frautschi** (Youth Elder), **Kelly Gartner, Meredith Gartner, Sue Howard, Cathy Hunt, Casey Lambright, Charles Lucas, Jeromy Murphy, Mary Sinderson**, and **David Fox** (Trustee) for their years of service.

Lectionary Readings

January 17, 2010
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 24, 2010
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 31, 2010
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February 7, 2010
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 14, 2010
Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

St. Philip Turns 60!

St. Philip Presbyterian Church was chartered September 10, 1950.

Much about our roots will appear in these pages over this coming year.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 12, 2010. You'll want to be a part of the big celebration of our 60th birthday!

Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized/Healthcare: none known

Recuperating: **Claire Lanham McCorkle, Idalia Ovalle**, fiancée of Phil Stevenson

At home: **Bill Boren, Meredith Gartner, Penny Vieau**

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of former member and friend of St. Philip, **Willard Amann**, who died January 10, 2010 in Kerrville; and to **Jane English and family** on the death of her brother, **Charles Brice Robinson** on January 17 in Sherman, TX.

A note to St. Philip Presbyterian Women from **Susan and Steve Jackson**: *The kindness and generosity of spirit shown to our family (during the illness and death of our son, Mason) filled our hearts as surely as the gift of food and drink warmed our souls. You treated us as family, and it doesn't get any better than that. Much love and gratitude to each and every one of you.*

A note from **Beverly and Walter Baker**: *Words cannot express our gratitude for St. Philip, this amazing church! You have lifted our family in prayer, cared for us with food, flowers, notes, hugs, and visits, all of you endeavoring to do your best to make things a bit easier for us. How blessed we are to have this church family. Thanks to all of you for honoring Tim in this way. Our family will deeply miss him. You have touched our hearts.*

Check These Announcements

The Men's Fellowship offers to all men of the church a more intimate, informal opportunity for study, fellowship and service. We meet each Friday at noon for a BYO lunch followed with a presentation and discussion. Currently we are reading *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, by Adam Hamilton. Get your copy from Dan Flowers and join us!!

A Macintosh computer and HP color printer are available to anyone who would like either. Contact Ann Lockwood.

LOTS thanks: 15 members of St. Philip served breakfast to the homeless on January 10 as part of the Lord of the Streets (LOTS) program at Trinity Episcopal Church. Many thanks to **Robin Angly, Patrick Ball, Linda Bevill, Skip Britton, Ralph Cherillo, Sarah Cherillo, Janet Davis, Susan and Robert Estill, Tom Lewis, Bill Morris, Kappy Pratt, Sarah and Bill O'Dell, and Miles Smith**. If you would like to make a short term commitment, please call Janet Davis at 713 464-2385 to take part in this gratifying project. Our next date to serve is 3.21

From Your DCM:

The week of January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010. The Week of Prayer involves congregations and parishes all over the world and should begin in the hearts of the people. The theme is "You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:48) Just before his ascension, Jesus empowered his disciples by helping them to fully understand Scripture as they witnessed the fulfillment of God's Word.

We are called to many actions involving Christian unity. We are to bring good news and freedom to the oppressed giving us an opportunity for a new beginning. We are to bring about unity among divided people. All of us are part of the body of Christ, but our different gifts and different ways of looking at things sometimes bring tension. Different perspectives in Bible study can lead us to new understanding. Pray for the Holy Spirit to touch the lives of all.

Offer prayers for union for the people that have gone to Haiti to assist the local people during the recent earthquake disaster. Many diverse people will be assisting in a multitude of activities involving health care, search and rescue, peacekeeping, food distribution, and reconstruction. May cooperation, respect, and compassion be within the hearts of all involved.

From the Music Department: **The Bell Choir** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, January 21st at 6:00 pm in the Bell Room. **The Youth Choir** will resume rehearsing on Sunday, January 31st from 9:15 to 9:45 am.

The new St. Philip Directory and Photo Gallery is ready. Pick up your copy in the Gathering Area following worship or in the church office during the week. One per family, please.

PrimeTimers: Sign up now to attend The Alley's production of *Wonderland* (a delightful update of Alice's adventures through an amazing pop score) on Saturday, February 6th. The bus will leave the church at 1:30 pm for the matinee performance.

The Philip-Eye will be published on February 1 and 15. Please submit information and articles in a timely manner. 10:00 am on the day of publication is the deadline. E-mail to philip-eye@saintphilip.net or leave in the PE box in the mail room.

Wednesday Night Live

Dinner is at 5:45 followed by a study led by Rev. Kristy Vits. Call the church office to make a reservation for dinner. Cost is \$7.00 per person.

The class is called "The Question of God." From the PBS website: *The Question of God* explores in accessible and dramatic style issues that preoccupy all thinking people today: What is happiness? How do we find meaning and purpose in our lives? How do we reconcile conflicting claims of love and sexuality? How do we cope with the problem of suffering and the inevitability of death? Based on a popular Harvard course taught by Dr. Armand Nicholi, author of *The Question of God*, the series illustrates the lives and insights of Sigmund Freud, a life-long critic of religious belief, and C.S. Lewis, a celebrated Oxford don, literary critic, and perhaps this century's most influential and popular proponent of faith based on reason. The class will watch a DVD and then have a discussion.

Kids Against Hunger will be packing food on January 13th after the class.

FOOD FOR HAITI Kids Against Hunger Sunday, January 24th Packing Session

Kids Against Hunger has requested our satellite join with other satellites across the country to provide relief for Haiti. Arrangements have been made by Kids Against Hunger with the United States Navy to ship as many as five containers of highly fortified rice casserole packages. We have found a very reasonable way to ship packages packed at St. Philip to Norfolk, VA to be loaded on this Navy vessel. Also, several Presbyterian churches in Houston have asked us to join in their effort to fill containers with relief supplies. We would like to pack enough food to respond positively to both of these requests.

The St. Philip's Kids Against Hunger Satellite is off to a remarkable start. One hundred and twenty-one volunteers have taken part in our five packaging sessions. We have distributed food to Kid's Meals, SEARCH, and the Houston Food Bank's Buddy Backpack Program from the 22,896 meals we have produced. Let's keep up the good work and make a meaningful food contribution to the relief effort in Haiti.

Sign-up at the church office to take part in the after church packing session Sunday, January 24th. Before packing, Chuck will have lunch available in the dining room for \$7. Anyone 9 years or older can pack.

Hallelujah!

CORNER

Congratulations to **Jack Lippincott** for finishing his 36th Houston Marathon in a little over 5 hours. Jack holds the record for running the most Houston Marathons. Congrats, Jack, and may you have many more!

Nancy Johnson and **Meg Scott** and **Richard Johnson** are the proud grandparents of **Richard Benjamin Johnson, II**, born January 1 to Lori and Evan Johnson.

Name Tags

A new order for name tags will be made in the near future. If you would like to purchase a tag or need a replacement, the cost is \$5.00 each. Please make your request to Carla Burns at carka@aol.com. Remember to state if you have served as elder at St. Philip or other Presbyterian church.

For those of you who have tags, be sure to wear them regularly. It is especially helpful to persons who are visiting our congregation.

St. Philip Wants You!



St. Philip Presbyterian Church will host the Presbytery of New Covenant on Saturday, February 6, 2010. We will need volunteers to direct people to parking places, to classrooms, to help with lunch, for registration, etc.

We will have sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area beginning January 10th. This is a great opportunity for all of us at St. Philip to showcase our beautiful new sanctuary and our newly partially installed organ. If you have questions please call Florence McKelvey [713-668-6100].

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

February

1

Nan Schissler
Brandon Steele

2

Walter Baker
Joan Purcell
Margaret Seeliger

3

Mary Louise Wade
Bill Morris
Betty Stone

4

John Lindsay
Steven Lawson

5

Beverly Baker
Susan Lange
Ginny McDavid

8

Olivia Munson

9

Karl Dick

10

Roy Nelson

13

Ann Lockwood

14

Mary McKelvey

15

Marilyn Crawford

16

Kristen Goetter
Marguerite Badger

18

Julia Fox

20

Joseph Webster

23

Winfield Williams
Betty Duson Kahn
Virginia Waldrop

26

Mary Ann Thomas
Lucas Spath

27

Miles Frey
Renee Wright

Church School Classes for All Ages

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

Classes for Children

Nursery through two year olds
Room 7-8.

Godly Play class for ages 3-4
Room 6.

Elementary Rotation classes K-5th grades
Room 105.

Youth Classes

Junior High and Senior High
Café SPY.

Rooms 205/206 in the Education Building.

Adult Classes

The SPa (St. Philip Adults)

Room 200 in the Education Building

This class will use "Living the Questions" as our discussion resource. *Living the Questions* is a unique study curriculum that strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Each session has a 20-minute video segment which include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines.

Leadership will be on a rotating basis.

Come join the SPa class in 2010!

Bible Study

Room 204 in the Education Building

The class is studying the Book of Exodus
Led by Dr. Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop.

Church and Society

Room 201 in the Education Building

January 24 and 31

Lauren S. Perenyi will lead two classes called

"The Five Fingers of World Vision

Helping the Poorest of the Poor Focus
on Women and Children."

February 7

"Disenfranchised Grief"

When Society Doesn't Accept a Death

Led by Rev. Dr. Steve Spidell

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