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**60** *growing in  
God's grace..*  
**years**

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## St. Philip Services of Holy Week

April 1, 2010

### **Maundy Thursday**

**Service of Worship at 7:00 pm**

We will gather around the  
Communion Table in the Sanctuary  
to share the  
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

April 4, 2010

### **Easter Sunday**

**Service of Worship  
at 8:30 and 11:00 am**

We will gather for  
glorious and joyful worship  
on the Lord's Day  
to share the glad good news  
of resurrection!

Rev. Dr. William C. Poe, preaching  
Special music  
John Rutter's *Gloria*  
St. Philip choir, organ,  
brass and percussion.  
The One Great Hour of Sharing  
offering will be received.

### **Lectionary Readings**

April 1, 2010

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14  
*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2, 2010

#### **Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:13; Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 *or*  
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9  
John 18:1 – 19:42

April 4, 2010

#### **Easter/Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
*or* Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 *or* Luke 24:1-12  
Isaiah 25:6-9; *Psalm 114*  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

April 11, 2010

#### **2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29 *or* Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 18, 2010

#### **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 25, 2010

#### **4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

### **Intergenerational Easter Celebration Sunday, April 4th**

The Education Commission is sponsoring a morning of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord! There will be no Sunday morning education classes on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Instead, we invite everyone to join us for breakfast at 9:30 am followed by crafts, games, the flowering of the cross and an Easter egg hunt for the children!

Youth are invited to come early Sunday morning to hide the eggs.

Bring flowers from your garden or your local source to "Flower the Cross" which will be located just outside the Sanctuary.

Please direct your questions to Interim Associate Pastor Kristy Forbes Vits or Director of Children's Ministries Judy Gunn.

## Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized/Healthcare: **Ann Lockwood** at The Hampton at Post Oak,  
**Louise Bradley** at Hallmark Healthcare

Recuperating: **Marguerite Badger** at home,  
**Roy Nelson** at University Place

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

A note from **Molly Boren**: *I want to express my immense gratitude to my St. Philip family for all the support you gave to Bill during his long struggle, and to me during that time and at his death. You surrounded us with tangible expressions of love and caring, and I and our family all thank you for that. God's spirit is glorious in all of you.*

## 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!!

**The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5, 2010.**

**Many, many thanks to fifteen members of St. Philip who served breakfast to the homeless** on March 21 as part of the Lord of the Streets (LOTS) program at Trinity Episcopal Church. They were **Beth and Al Atkinson, Skip Britton, Barclay Davis, Ric Davis, Janet Davis, Elizabeth Duerr, Susan and Robert Estill, Joyce Fox, Casey Lambright, Paxton Lambright, Tom Lewis, Bill Morris, Mary Louise Wade**. 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 May 16.

**St. Philip turns sixty:** St. Philip Presbyterian Church was chartered September 10, 1950. Much about our roots will appear in our announcements and *Philip-Eye* 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 60<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**The *Philip-Eye* will be published** on April 12 and 26. 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.

## From the Pastor's Study:

Dear St. Philip Family,

Once again, I want to express my very personal thanks to the Fellowship Commission, and to all the others who helped to make this year's All-Church Picnic at the Poe Farm such a rousing success. We had a beautiful day for about 250 of us to enjoy the outdoors, the sunshine, the budding flowers, and the wonderful food and company. Betty Anne and I were very glad to have all of you there!

In case you weren't aware, there were at least three congregations represented in the group at the Picnic - St. Philip (of course!), Central Presbyterian Church (with whom we are about to unite!), and the Oasis congregation to which two of our three custodians (Wilbert & Dimas Parada) belong, and which meets every week in our Fellowship Hall.

We've been having this Picnic at our Farm now for about 7-8 years. The first one was in October - no bluebonnets, but plenty of chiggers!! After that experience, we changed the date to the March-April timeframe, to add the flowers and subtract the itching!! It's been great ever since. We have had great weather, for the most part - it was cold and windy a few years ago - and we've only had to dodge the MS 150 bikers a time or two.

Many of you have expressed the hope that, with my retirement, this spring picnic was an event you would not lose. Although it won't be at our farm in the future, who knows what all the possibilities are for something similar to continue the tradition. Plus, with the union of St. Philip and Central, and with new Interim staff and, eventually, a new Pastor, there will be new traditions to start!

In any event, Betty Anne and I have loved having you to our special place in the country, and we are very glad you have developed a sense of "connection" to the place. We love it, and we're glad for you to love it, too.

As we move on through the next few months of "last" this's and that's, let's remember to give thanks for all the times and wonderful relationships with which God has blessed us over the past 11 years, and look forward to whatever God has in store for us all in the future!

Yours in Christ,

**Bill**

## Church School Classes

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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 is using "Living the Questions" as our discussion resource.

Leadership is 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

April 4

Intergenerational Activity .

Ellen MacDonald from Central Presbyterian and Gerontologist of renown

will be leading our next three classes:

April 11

What are Normal Age-Related Changes?

Changes that typically occur with aging and the impact of these changes on older persons.

April 18

Dementia - Caregiving and Personal Issues

Caregiving challenges -

the frustration and the satisfaction.

April 25

Communication/Spousal Relationships

"I married her/him for better or worse, but not for lunch every day!"

People who have contributed to the life of our congregation over the past 60 years.

## 60 years...Remembering:

**Shelby Fletcher, Mary Jane Lippincott and Jane Young**, members all and long time office staff in the 60's and 70's.

Shelby was our financial secretary (and Warren Wallingford's loving mother-in-law). Mary Jane (Jack Lippincott's mom) was the office secretary. And Jane Young was editor of the *Philip-Eye*.

## Hallelujah!

CORNER

Kudos to **Justin Smith** and the **St. Philip choir** for enriching our Palm/Passion Sunday worship with their presentation of Bach's *St. John's Passion*.

## Organ Dedication Weekend St. Philip Presbyterian Church

Come and celebrate the completion of Op. 29 by Paul Fritts & Co. Organ Builders, of Tacoma, WA, a mechanical-action instrument of three manuals and forty-eight stops.

### Inaugural Recital

Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm

featuring St. Philip Organist Matthew Dirst.

Reception following the recital.

### Dedication Service

Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 11:00 am

featuring the St. Philip Choir singing

Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*.

Tours of the organ after the service.

## Offerings to Be Received on Easter Sunday

### One Great Hour of Sharing— Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined Christians around the world in supporting ministries of hunger, disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development through One Great Hour of Sharing. Our offering will be given to three denominational groups, Presbyterian Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PDP), and the Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People. Through these ministries people can find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. For St. Philip, this offering is a part of our ongoing commitment to mission to those in need both here and abroad and reflects our hope for a brighter future for all.

### April Hunger Offering

The April 4 Hunger Offering will be taken for the mission work of Les and Cindy Morgan in Bangladesh. The Morgan's are medical missionaries sent by General Assembly, and travel all over Bangladesh in educating local health personnel and tending to medical needs - both in treatment and supplies. They frequently provide their personal funds to feed those whom they find in clinics they attend to be in extreme hunger. The offering we give will go to aid them in their distribution of food and supplies.

## PrimeTimers to Visit a Texas Shangri La

April 13<sup>th</sup> the PrimeTimers will travel to Orange, Texas to visit the Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. Situated on a 252-acre preserve, the Shangri La Nature Center offers an opportunity for visitors to learn about the unique ecosystems of the easternmost part of Texas. When we arrive at the center, we will enjoy a box lunch prepared by the Star and Crescent Moon Café.

Our Outpost tour will begin with a short pontoon boat ride on Adams Bayou to an interpretative pavilion set deep within the wetlands of the Cypress/Tupelo Swamp. Our guide will point out the 1,200 year old pond cypress tree, a wide variety of wildlife, and many of the 300 types of plants in the sanctuary.

After our tour, we will be free to explore the nine formal gardens. These include The Line Garden, The Shape Garden, The Texture Garden, The Color Garden, and The Contrast Garden. The Pond of the Blue Moon features 41 varieties of azaleas.

Cost of the trip will be \$20 per person which includes the admission fee and lunch. We are limited to 26 people in our group because of the capacity of the pontoon boat. Stop by or call the church office to sign up.

## Calling All Gardeners: Help Beautify Our Campus

A workday is planned at St. Philip on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 10:00 am to plant spring flowers around our campus. If you are interested, please bring gloves, shovels, spades and good knees!

To thank you for your labors, a hot dog lunch will be served.

## Interfaith Ministries Opportunity!

Our Session has entered into a commitment with Interfaith Ministries to support a program called "Congregation to Congregation." The intent is to foster a series of interfaith dialog opportunities for folks of different faith groups. Our group includes Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic communities as well as the Baha'I Center and the Islamic Spirituality Center. We are asked to identify 20 members of our congregation who will participate together in a spirit of mutual understanding and fellowship. Fourteen St. Philipians have committed to this program. There is room for a few more people. Please consider this opportunity to meet and get to know people of other faiths.

Contact Sara Jean Jackson for a schedule of events and further information.

## Christmas Boxes for Seafarers

Yes, we are planning ahead. Next fall we will pack boxes for the Chaplains at the Port of Houston to deliver from Thanksgiving to Epiphany. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love and caring to Seafarers from around the world. To make life easy on us, we save and purchase all year long - bringing items to be stored in the Clearing House. We recommend that when you do your Spring Cleaning to set aside the following:

Hotel samples (shampoo, conditioner, hand cream), combs, shoe polishers, wash cloths, pencils, pens, small gifts, decks of cards, packs of Kleenex, small notebooks, cards, paper clips, rubber bands, needle and thread, chap stick, cotton balls and band aids in a snack size bag, coffee cups, new T-shirts, knitted watch caps, work socks, plastic or work gloves, plastic zip lock containers, bars of soap, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. **We do not include religious items.**

Please contact Sue Howard at 713-683-8139 or Janet Davis at 713-464-2385 if you have questions.

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