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'Tis Spring and Time For... The Poe Picnic!

It is Time to Make Your Reservation
for the Annual Church Picnic
at the Poe Farm
April 4 2009
11:00 am. to 3:00 pm.

Spring will soon be official. Blue-bonnets and Indian Paint Brush are ready to put on their annual show. It must be time for The Annual Poe Picnic. Bill and Betty Ann Poe will once again open up their home in Bellville for St. Philippians, young and not-so-young, to enjoy a day of fellowship. There will be games, walks, fried chicken, delicious side dishes, marvelous desserts, and excellent companionship.

Saint Philip provides: the farm, fried chicken, drinks, tables, plates, napkins, knives and forks, restrooms, extra bug spray incase you forget yours!

You supply: lawn games, blankets, lawn chairs, sunscreen, bug spray.

A-O: bring a side dish

P-Z: bring a dessert

Don't miss out. Sign up in the Gathering Area after church or call the church office to make your reservation. Sign-up deadline is March 29th so driving directions to the farm can be mailed to you and we can know how much fried chicken to order.

The PrimeTimer's bus will be available for the trip again this year. Any church member over fifty is invited to relax, enjoy the scenery and leave the driving to us. Just indicate on the sign-up sheet that you want to ride on the bus. So gather up the kids, leave the dogs at home, and head to the country for a fun, relaxing day with church friends. Who knows, you just might make a new friend?

Don't miss the next *exciting*
evening offered by:
Grace Song, Inc.

Keith Weber, *Artistic Director*

"The Triumph of Life..."

Music of Redemption

Including

- Benjamin Britten's Canticle III,
'Still Falls the Rain'
- A set of songs about Life and Death
sung by **Jamie Barton**
- A new, fully-staged production of Gustav
Holsts' one-act opera:

'SAVITRI'

Directed by Tara Faircloth
Costumes by Rooth Varland
Conducted by Keith Weber

with

The trebles of the **St. Philip
Choir**

Natalie Arduino as **Savitri**
Dann Coakwell as her husband,
Satyavan
and
Gabriel Preisser as **DEATH...**

Saturday, March 14th at 7:30 pm
in the St. Philip Sanctuary

Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized/Healthcare: **Rosemary Schwartzel** in hospice care at The Forum.

Recuperating: **Paula Vuyk**

At home: **Herb Scott, Ellen Red, Penny Vieau**

In Iraq: **Ken Evans**, Tamara Arlinghaus' father.

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Patti Rogers and family** on the death of her father, **Tom Raper**, on March 9.

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 in the office Conference Room each Friday at noon for a BYO lunch followed with a presentation and discussion. Currently, we are reading *The Apostles Creed for Today*, by Justo L. Gonzales. Get your copy from Dan Flowers. Grab a sandwich and join us!

Easter plants and flowers for our campus: If you would like to contribute, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form and return to the office by Friday, March 20. The suggested donation is \$10 and you are asked to **please print** names on the form.

Easter boxes for The Women's Home: Please bring your items to the containers in the church office or the Sanctuary Gathering Area. Due date is March 30 and all are invited to help pack boxes at Wednesday Night Live on April 1st.

Pick up a 2009 St. Philip Directory: The directories, with their bright yellow covers, are in the Narthex. Pick one up and please note that the last page contains changes and additions.

The Dartmouth College Glee Club will provide a concert on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at HSPVA. Elizabeth Brueyer, granddaughter of Jane English, is a member of the choir. This is a free concert, open to the public.

Knitting at Mo-Ranch: Once again we have the pleasure of offering a knitting class with Sally Wickes. Sally needs to know what types of knitting to offer: Do you need basic beginner instruction? Are you in a process of a complicated work and need direction and support? Do you have UFOs (unfinished objects) with calls for help? If you plan to knit at Mo with Sally, please call or better, e-mail her at prayerchild1@aol.com and describe what you will need in the two-day class.

From Your DCM:

The Internet offers a multitude of resources for all areas in our lives. There are many web sites where one can find daily devotionals. One reading I found to be interesting came from the *Worth Devotions* for January 20, 2009. The following came from that site.

2 Peter 1:5-7 *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

Patience is one of those attributes that you cannot learn by reading about it. It's a quality that can only be acquired by persistent, enduring, practice – and for me it is a drill that I go over, and over, and over again!

The original Webster's dictionary offers this definition of patience: "the suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation or other evil, with a calm, unruffled temper; endurance without murmuring or fretfulness, from a kind of heroic pride, or from a Christian submission to the divine will."

Reading this definition two things really struck me – first, "endurance without murmuring". Some people, for instance, get so frustrated sitting in a traffic jam... counting the wasted minutes that they could have been doing something useful! Yet, this is an opportunity to choose to quench the inner fumes – and use the delay to work on patience.

The second thing that really hit me was, "a Christian submission to the divine will." How many times are we placed in a difficult position, or forced to deal with an "impossible" situation or an "impossible" person? These circumstances are always opportunities to grow in patience – or to learn to submit to God's providential will, and often, to minister in some special or unique way.

Is your patience being tested today? Great! Remember, love is (first of all) patient. [1 Corinthians 13:4] The Lord is training you toward godliness – and godliness is moving toward perfect love. With so much work to be done, God is really wanting to work this quality into your character now – to perfect your love, and with it to transform the world around you for God's glory!

Judy

The Philip-Eye will be published on March 23, April 6 and 20. 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.

Presbyterian Outreach to Patients Seeks Lay Ministers to Serve at Memorial Herman Southwest and Memorial City Hospitals

Have you been interested in providing lay pastoral care to Presbyterian patients and families? Is one of these two hospitals close to you? This may be your opportunity. POP is inviting those interested in serving at one of these hospitals to let us know. This ministry enhances the local congregation's call to care for the sick; and reaches out those who may not be seen by anyone at all.

Training and supervision are provided. Two hours is the general length of time spent seeing patients. If you feel that this is a ministry you would like to find out more about, please contact POP Executive Director, The Rev. Dr. Steve Spidell at 281-294-9950.

Wednesday Night LIVE!

You are invited to Wednesday Night Live. Join us from 6:00-6:45 each Wednesday for dinner (\$7 per adult, \$3 per child), followed by worship and then a workshop at 7:00.

On March 11 and March 25 The Rev. Greg Han presents "From Purim to Passover": studying Jewish holidays that fall in the season of Lent. Within the Season of Lent 2009, observant Jews will celebrate two important holidays, Purim (March 10) and Passover (which happens to be on Maundy Thursday this year). Greg will lead the group through the history and theology of these two rich and fascinating holy days as we travel through the holy days of Lent.

Please call the church office if you plan to come for dinner so Chuck will know how many to prepare for.

Attention All Green Thumb Gardeners

On Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 9:00 am we will begin to flower the Saint Philip grounds. Plants and mulch will be provided. Needed are the diggers in the dirt who will plant the many flats of blooming plants. Please bring your gloves, your trowel, clippers, your sun hat and a smile. The Youth will be present to lend their hands and good spirits. Please join us and help to prepare our grounds for the celebration of Easter.

If you wish to volunteer, just come to the church and stay while you can. Leave when you must.

The Property Commission

Hallelujah!

CORNER

Both **Karen** and **Bill Morris** and **Ginny** and **Bill Camfield** are celebrating the births of grandchildren!

The Hunger Offering received on March 1st benefiting The House of Tiny Treasurers totaled \$1,499.54. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Congratulations to **Jean** and **Roy Nelson** who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 25, 2009.

SPY Youth Group *New Meeting Time* Sunday Evenings – 5:00 to 7:30

Join us every Sunday night for fun, games, food, excitement, and more. Upcoming events include Movie Day, Lock-In, and Mission trips.

For more information, contact Cindy Pope at Cindy@saintphilip.net.

Lectionary Readings

March 15, 2009

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 22, 2009

4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 29, 2009

5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-2 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

April 5, 2009

Passion/Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Bo's Place Announces Formation of Pregnancy Loss Support Group

Bo's Place, Houston's only ongoing, free-of-charge grief support program dedicated to providing services to bereaved children and their families, announces the formation of a Pregnancy Loss Grief Support Group for women who have experienced the perinatal death of a child(ren) through miscarriage or stillbirth.

The purpose of the group is to provide a safe and supportive environment for women to share their experiences of pregnancy loss with others who have faced a similar life event. The program is a five-week support group designed to companion the group participants with a directed approach through the grief journey.

A directed approach means that there is an overarching, broad theme to the group (pregnancy loss support) with a sub-theme explored each week. These might include telling the story, physical effects of pregnancy loss, emotional aspects, commemorating the child and looking to the future.

"We believe there is a major need to address the grief of women who have lost a child in pregnancy," says Ann Weiss, M.A.T., M.Ed., L.P.C. and Bo's Place director. "This was a natural extension of what we do at Bo's Place, offering support services to bereaved children and adults. Many people underestimate the emotional devastation of losing a child through miscarriage or stillbirth. These women grieve, but perhaps differently than others who have lost a loved one."

The support groups can accommodate six to ten people and will last for five weeks. The meetings will take place once a week for 90 minutes at the Bo's Place headquarters at 10050 Buffalo Speedway near Reliant Stadium. If you, a friend or a loved one would like to learn more about the Pregnancy Loss Support Group, please contact Bo's Place at 713 942-8339. To learn more about Bo's Place and its programs, please log on to the web site at www.bosplace.org.

Sunday School Classes

The SPa (St. Philip Adults)

Meets in Room 200

Church & Society

Meets in Room 201

March 15, 22, 29 and April 5

Great Themes of the Bible

Part of "The Thoughtful Christian" curriculum

Teacher: Mike Gabel

Questions: If we view the Bible as one whole document, what is it saying?

What are the big messages by which interior messages are to be interpreted?

Bible Study

Meets in Room 204

A study of Genesis

led by Dr. Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop.

March 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Bill Poe will conduct a one-Sunday class entitled "What Is A Presbyterian?"

It will be held on the second floor of the education building in room 203.

New members, visitors and any others interested are encouraged to attend.

Youth Sunday School

All Junior High (6th-8th grades) and

Senior High youth (9th-12th grades)

are invited to join us Sunday mornings

in the youth rooms

for a study called "Claim the Life".

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