

# PHILIP-EYE

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## St. Philip Youth Sunday May 16, 2010

### An Invitation to Wear Red in Celebration of Pentecost Sunday, May 23

On May 23, our worship service will be a celebration of Pentecost, the day we recognize the coming of the Holy Spirit. Red is the liturgical color of the day and all are invited to wear something in this color.

The Presbyterian church has designated a special Pentecost offering to be dedicated to improving the lives of children at risk and to supporting national youth ministries and young adults in their call to mission. 40% of our offering will stay at St. Philip for our missions to children at risk. The other 60% goes to General Assembly and is utilized in Child Advocacy Ministries, in ministries to youth and young adults, and in Young Adult Volunteer Opportunities.

This offering is our opportunity to give generously to the future of our community and our world. This is our Presbyterian way of looking ahead and passing on the spirit.

On May 16, we will celebrate the youth of our congregation. The entire worship service on that day will be planned by the youth with the guidance of their adult leaders.

High school seniors, Sarah Cherrillo and Elaine Flowers will preach sermons of their own composing.

Confirmands, Barclay Davis, Dillion Junkin, Paxton Lambright, Bennett Johnson and Wallace Pepi will present their Statements of Faith and be welcomed as members of the congregation.

The musical talents of the youth and children of St. Philip will be celebrated as well. The Children's Choir, directed by Julie Evans, will sing a wonderful, joyous piece called "Sing and Dance, Children of God." The Youth Choir, directed by Justin Smith, will sing a similarly joyous arrangement of "Little David, Play on Your Harp," and two of our wonderful singers will present a lovely duet on the famous spiritual "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child."

Two of our youth, Sarah Cherrillo and David Lindsay, will be commissioned as delegates to Youth Triennium to be held on July 20 to 24 at Purdue University.

Bibles will be presented to children in the third and fourth grades.

To bring the service to a rousing conclusion, the Adult Choir joins both of our young choirs to sing the "Hallelujah" from the end of Handel's *Judas Maccabeus*.

This service promises to be a wonderful celebration of our young peoples' talents and devotion! You won't want to miss it!

### Lectionary Readings

May 16, 2010  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

May 23, 2010  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

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### Congregational Concerns:

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

Recuperating: **Nancy Lomax, Roy Nelson**

At home: **Penny Vieau**

A note from **Bette Shumake**: *Dear friends at St. Philip, Thank you for your many prayers and expressions of support during the illness and death of my son, Bill. Your kindness and generosity of spirit has been heartwarming and very comforting. My sincere thanks to each 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!!

**Wednesday Night Live:** Dinner at 5:45; cost \$7.00. The discussion of Dan Kimball's book, *They Like Jesus But Not the Church*, led by Vicki Mckay continues. The book is an overview of the six most common objections emerging generations have with church and Christianity along with the biblical answers to these objections and examples of how churches are facing this challenge.

**Volunteer Opportunity - Lord of the Streets (LOTS):** The next date for us to serve breakfast to the homeless is Sunday May 16. We gather in the St. Philip parking lot at 6:30 am to carpool to Trinity Episcopal Church and are back at the church by 9:00 am in time for Sunday School. Fifteen volunteers are needed. If May 16th is good for you, please call Janet Davis at 713 464-2385 to take part in this gratifying mission project.

**The Women's Home**, at their annual volunteers appreciation dinner, **presented a special certificate to St. Philip Presbyterian Church**. It reads "St. Philip is recognized for exemplary service on behalf of the residents of The Women's Home for decades of support to the Women's Home residents." The certificate is displayed in the office reception area.

**The Philip-Eye will be published** on May 24, June 7 and 21. 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 Your Interim Associate Pastor:

On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Christian Education Commission invites you to a Parents and Teachers Appreciation Lunch. The CE Commission has been working hard over the past 18 months listening to and talking with parents and teachers about hopes and dreams for the educational ministries at St. Philip. The union with Central Presbyterian Church and Bill Poe's upcoming retirement opens us to an exciting time of transition. We are passionate about educating all of our children and youth and hope that each of our parents and teachers (and entire united congregation) feels the same way!

In our tradition, we receive children into the faith community through baptism long before their skills, gifts and abilities are known. They are baptized regardless of their skin color and before their personal likes and dislikes become evident. In baptism, the faith community acknowledges God's covenant promises and vows to nurture children and support their families as they grow in faith. It is our responsibility to take seriously the promises we make to the children we baptize and commitment to a strong, vibrant educational ministry is a wonderful first step! Come, catch our enthusiasm! Join us on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details to follow in the bulletin...

Grace and Peace,

*Kristy*

### CanCare Celebration

CanCare is proud to announce that Barbara Padilla, *America's Got Talent* finalist, will be our special guest for the 16th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day Luncheon, where CanCare will also celebrate our 20th anniversary. The event will be held on May 27, 2010 at The Westin Galleria Hotel, beginning at 11:30 am.

Ann Shaw Turnage, a fellow Presbyterian, will be among the honorees this year. Anne is CanCare's founder and a survivor of colon cancer with liver metastasis since 1973.

Additional information and tickets:

amyt@cancare.org,  
713 461-0028 or  
www.cancare.org.

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from High School or College,  
or getting an advanced degree?  
Please send information to  
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so you can be recognized in these pages.**

## Blood Donors Needed

by Pam Taylor

Stephen (Tony) Muguira is a 21-year old who suffers from Aplastic Anemia, a rare disease which results in the body's inability to produce blood cells. Over the past year, Tony has been blessed with the donations of blood and platelets from family, friends, and total strangers. The selfless donation of blood has enabled Tony to survive while his body is unable to produce blood cells.

Tony and his family live near Baton Rouge, LA, where he received treatment until recently. On April 21, Tony received a Bone Marrow Transplant at MD Anderson. An unknown 27-year old donor made this wonderful gift. Since the transplant, things have been looking very encouraging for Tony . . . his white blood count began increasing, and the doctors think that the platelets and red blood cells will soon follow suit. Tony was released from the hospital on May 4, but he will remain in Houston for 100 days post his surgery for daily visits to MD Anderson. Mark and I are pleased to be able to provide a place for Tony, Sherri (his mother), and Benny (his father, and my cousin) to stay while they are away from home.

Given that Tony's friends and family are in the Baton Rouge area, it is challenging to find individuals who can replace blood which has and will be used while receiving treatments at MD Anderson. *Here's one way that you can help.* To make a blood and/or platelet donation, please visit one of the two convenient MD Anderson donation facilities:

- Blood Donor Center - Holly Hall  
2555 Holly Hall (just east of Alameda)  
Free parking available  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-7:00 pm  
Saturday- Sunday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm
- Blood Donor Center - Mays Clinic  
Mays Clinic Bldg, Floor 2, near Tree  
Sculpture ACB 2.2173  
1220 Holcombe Blvd  
Parking validated upon request for Mays Clinic Garage  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Phone: 713.792.7777 (prior appointment required for platelet donation)

Information needed to ensure that Tony receives credit:

Patient Name: Stephen A (Tony) Muguira  
Patient ID #: 791400

If you are able and willing, we would very much appreciate blood or platelet donations on Tony's behalf. Please keep Tony, his family, his caregivers, and his wonderful donor in your prayers.

## Hallelujah!

CORNER

The Communion Offering received on May 2 benefiting SEARCH's House of Tiny Treasurers totaled \$890.11. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Anna Jane Leonardson**, daughter of **Susan** and **Pete Leonardson**, granddaughter of **Meredith Gartner**, niece of **Kelly Gartner**, received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 9.

## Very Important Sundays Coming!

St. Philip and Central Presbyterian Churches are uniting! After many months of work on the part of two Task Forces representing the two congregations, the Sessions and congregations approved the Union, and soon it will be reality.

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is Pentecost Sunday, will be the last Sunday on which the two congregations will worship separately. Then, on **Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, there will be **one service of worship at 11:00 am** as the Presbytery of New Covenant celebrates our union, re-constitutes our Session, and installs our Pastor.

Be sure to make plans to be here for these historic days!

## May 30 Film Study for All Adult Church School Classes

More than the story of a man who fires people for a living, *Up in the Air* was number three in 2009's top ten films selected by Presbyterians Today as celebrating hope and the human spirit. Academy Award nominated for best actor, best director, best picture, best supporting actress (two nominations), and best adapted screenplay, *Up in the Air* finds humor and sadness in the gray areas between what is traditionally "right" and "wrong."

Watch the Philip-Eye and the Sunday bulletin for some questions to consider that will help guide you in closely viewing this observation on society that has no easy answers to offer but that will engage your heart and mind. *Up in the Air* is rated R for language and some sexual content.

# 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 studying "Living the Questions".

Leadership is on a rotating basis.

Come join the SPa class!

## 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

### May 16

D. Michael Lindsay, Rice Professor

will speak about the role of contemporary Christianity in American society based on research for his Pulitzer nominated book,

"Faith in the Halls of Power."

He will relate insights and memorable stories from the interviews about the faith he conducted with 360 national leaders.

### May 23

Robert Zaretsky, UH Professor

will compare the history textbook controversy in Texas to a similar controversy in France,

then turn to what he believes is the proper response of professional historians.

### May 30

Kate Burkart

will lead a film study on "Up in the Air."

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