

PHILIP-EYE

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Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!

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Pastor

Rev. Dr. Samuel Lanham III
Pastor Emeritus

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Parish Associate

Rev. Gregory Crisp Han
Parish Associate

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Director of Music
Dr. Matthew Dirst
Organist
Margaret Dement
Director of Youth Bells

Judy Gunn
Director, Children's Ministries

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Ministries

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Meet The Rev. Helen Bailey

A warm welcome is extended to The Rev. Helen Bailey who your Session has approved to assist in visiting our homebound.

Rev. Bailey graduated from Cleveland State University, earned a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Rev. Bailey holds an Advanced Status in Clinical Pastoral Education, has worked as a part time chaplain with Hospice Care, Inc., and has served as a volunteer Chaplain in two hospitals and a local nursing home.

She served as Interim for several churches in Indiana, as Co-Pastor for four churches in Missouri and one church in Houston. She has experience working in the mental health field with Family Services of Greater Houston, Montrose Counseling Center and currently is employed with IntraCare Hospital Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program in Sugar Land.

On the Presbytery level she has served on various committees, been on the Board of More Light Presbyterians, served as the Minister of Reconciliation and Social Justice for this area and is presently serving on the TIPS board.

Rev. Bailey has three adult sons and fraternal two-year-old twin granddaughters. Please help welcome and thank Rev. Bailey.

At the Youth Sunday Service of Worship on May 17, three of our graduating high school seniors preached sermons. We celebrate their accomplishments and wish them well in new endeavors. Skip Britton presented each graduate with a gift from the Session and Sondra Sullivan presented each a gift from Presbyterian Women.

Caroline Flowers, daughter of Beth and Fort Flowers and granddaughter of Jeanie and Dan Flowers will be graduated from St. John's School. Caroline will join her sister, Betsy, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall.

Named "Pitcher of the Year" at his school, **Tyler Keever**, son of Pam and Frank Keever, will graduate from Westbury High School and will attend Hendricks College in Conway, AR.

Stefan Ketcham, son of Lynn and Bob Ketcham will be graduated from Carnegie Vanguard High School and will attend New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM in the fall.

Matthew Lindsay, son of Pat and John Lindsay, will graduate from Lamar High School and will go to University of Houston.

Jon Brian Rodiek, son of Elaine and Roger Rodiek, will be graduated from Stratford High School and will attend Syracuse University to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Please remember these exceptional young people in your prayers.

Please note: If you or your child has recently received or will receive a college or post-graduate degree, please let us know so that their accomplishments can be celebrated in these pages. Call the church office or send information via email to philipeye@saintphilip.net.

Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized/Healthcare: **Jane English** at
Hampton Healthcare

Recuperating: **Cheryl Barker, Barbara Eudey,
Alice Pennington, Paula Vuyk**

At home: **Bill Boren, Chuck Fortney, Ellen Red,
Herb Scott, Penny Vieau**

In Iraq: **John Bruyere**, Jane English's grandson; **Chris Echols**, Warren Wallingford's stepson; **Ken Evans**, Tamara Arlinghaus' father; **Travis Keever**, son of Pam and Frank Keever is scheduled to ship out in June.

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Pat Walker** who died this past week; to the family of **Leah McRoberts** who died May 7th in Colorado; to **Jon** and **Bobbie Khachiturian** and family on the death of Jon's father, Dr. Narbey Khachiturian, on June 14 in Illinois.

Check These Announcements

The Session calls a meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, May 24 during the 11:00 am worship service to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee who will nominate new members to the committee. Those being nominated are **Sarah Cherrillo, Sandra Cooper, William Morris, Randy Steward, Sondra Sullivan, and Ruthie Waldrop.**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in celebration of Memorial Day.

Wednesday Night LIVE! is on sabbatical until after Labor Day.

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 *Parables for Today*, by Alyce M. McKenzie Get your copy from Dan Flowers. Grab a sandwich and join us!

Thirteen members of St. Philip **served breakfast to the homeless on May 17** as part of The Lord of the Streets (LOTS) program at Trinity Episcopal Church. Thanks to **Robin Angly, Linda Bevill, Ginny and Bill Camfield, Janet and Don Davis, Elizabeth Duerr, Tom Lewis, Bill Morris, Miles Smith, Kappy Pratt, Pam and Mark Taylor.** If you would like to make this short term commitment, please call Janet Davis at 713 464-2385 to take part in this gratifying project. Our next date is July 12.

Notes from Your Director of Music:

Hi, everybody!

Special thanks to all of the Youth for a great worship experience yesterday... Things looked and sounded and felt just GREAT! Carefully planned, thoroughly prepared and beautifully executed... Bravi! Tutti!

Here's a short list of things on my mind:

1. SUMMER ADULT CHOIR...

We keep full-steam ahead. We meet in the Choir Room before church... please join us!

2. SUMMER KIDS CHOIR MUSICAL

We are spending each Sunday during the Sunday School hour preparing for a presentation of "Oh, Jonah!, a 'whale' of a tale..." by Allen Pote - for probable presentation between services on Rally Day in September! "Oh, Jonah!" is a funky and delightful updating of the story of Jonah and the Whale that will delight everyone involved.

If you are interested in helping out with logistics or production, please give me a call... We've got plenty for everyone to do... The core of the cast will be ALL children from rising K through Grade 5.

3. MO

I will be having my "Piano Compline" services - silence, poetry and music at the end of each day up at the Ranch... If you've got stuff for me to present during these times, please get me copies!

That's it for now....

Your Grateful Musician, *Keith*

Announcements continued...

Just a reminder that on May 11, 2009 the cost of first class postage increased to 44 cents per ounce and postcards to 28 cents.

Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday, May 31: In celebration of Pentecost, the day we recognize the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Presbyterian church designated a special 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 annual opportunity to give generously to the future of our community and our world. This is our Presbyterian way of looking ahead and passing the spirit on.

The Philip-Eye will be published on June 1, 15 and 29. 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.

PrimeTimers To Visit Affordable Housing in June

On Thursday June 4th, Mike Alexander will lead the PrimeTimers on a tour of several affordable housing venues in Houston. We will begin with Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers, a high rise in Southwest Houston. After touring the facility and meeting with the staff, we will travel to Jewish Family Services on Braseswood (next door to Bayou Manor). The Jewish Family Services Staff will show us their facility and discuss senior's issues. In Northwest Houston we will see garden style affordable housing at the Pinemont Apartments. At Pinemont, a lunch will be prepared for us. As a very special treat, we will be entertained by the Houston Senior's Choir directed by Mike.

We should return to the church by 2:00 pm. To sign up stop by or call the church office at 713 622-4807.

Mo-Ranch Shower

Mo-Ranch is a Presbyterian facility. It is used and supported by our denomination. The rates that we pay for the use of the camp and staff do not cover the cost of the services provided for our recreation. We go as guests who make some payment for the privilege of food, fun, and fellowship we receive. Being good guests, we bring a host and hostess gift.

Traditionally the Saint Philip family going to Mo-Ranch gives a small monetary gift at the time they receive their Mo-Ranch Booklet. It is called a **MO-RANCH SHOWER**. The money collected is given to the director of Mo-Ranch for the purchase of items not included in their limited budget. One year it bought towels, wash cloths and linens for the rooms. One year it bought a vacuum cleaner, which provided clean surfaces for all guests.

In an attempt to give back, the Mo-Shower will be held as booklets are handed out on May 31 and June 7. A basket will be provided for your gifts. Give in gratitude for our campgrounds and shared fun.

Hallelujah!

CORNER

Betty Ann and **Bill Poe** welcomed new granddaughter, **Kenna Sumerlin Hickey**, born May 5th to **Sarah** and **Michael Hickey** in Round Rock.

Ginny and **Bill Camfield** are proud grandparents of **Caroline Virginia Camfield** born to **Heather** and **Paul Camfield**.

On May 10, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to **Colby Major Stewart**, son of **Wendy** and **A.J. Stewart**, grandson of **Judy Gunn**.

Congratulations to these St. Philippians who were honored by St. John's School on May 12: **Fort Flowers**, Board of Trustees; **McNair Johnson**, W. Bryan Trammell Chair in English; **Cathy Steele**, Elkins Chair in Mathematics and Computer Science.

Congratulations to **Christian Smith** and **Max Shanley** on their marriage, May 9th in Austin. Christian is the daughter of **Vicki** and **Paul Smith** and the granddaughter of (Church Triumphant) **Ruth** and **Joe Hobbs**.

Lectionary Readings

May 24, 2009

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 31, 2009

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 *or* Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

June 7, 2009

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 14, 2009

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13; Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2009

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20

or 1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 28, 2009

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Spend your summer with SPY!

Join us each Wednesday as Spy youth group shifts into summer. Sunday night SPY is taking a break and will return in the Fall.

Beginning June 3,

SPY will meet on Wednesdays at noon for lunch at various locations t.b.a.

Activities include movies at the IMAX, go-karts, a day at Schlitterbahn, and an Overnighter at the beach.

Watch for a flyer to come soon with specifics or contact Cindy Pope at 713-622-4807x309 or Cindy@saintphilip.net for more information.

Memorial Day Weekend Film Study

May 24, 2009

9:30 a.m., Room 201

Led by Kate Burkart

Once

A struggling street musician meets a Czech immigrant street vendor who just happens to be an accomplished pianist. They discover a gift for musical collaboration as well as shared loss in each of their personal lives. Over several days, they will transform each other and make life-changing decisions that pave the way to their futures and give voice to their artistic gifts.

Filmed in Dublin in 17 days for less than \$200,000, with professional musicians in the lead roles (and performing their own compositions), *Once* is a natural, believable character study that tells a fresh, real, honest story. It shows how completely music created from the heart can reach the soul and communicate far more deeply than words.

Visit your preferred video rental source, watch the film with your full attention within a week of our study, and come prepared to share your experience of the film. Here are some questions to consider that will help guide your viewing and our study.

To train yourself to watch a film closely, try using this exercise for the opening scene (leading up to the main title):

People:	Who is present?
Time:	When does the scene take place?
Location(s):	Where does it take place?
Events:	What happens?
Mood:	What is the atmosphere of the scene?
Other:	What else do you see?
Questions:	What would you like to know?

How does this film bring to your attention the following spiritual practices?

- Connections
- Love
- Yearning
- Listening
- Grace

- How do we experience life? What is the world like?
- According to the film, what is the purpose of life? How are we to live our lives? What has value?
- How does the filmmaker think we determine what's right and wrong? What actions would the filmmaker put in each category?
- What power relationships exist in the film? If there are patterns of dependency, on whom are any of the characters dependent? Does this seem to be a problem in the film, or simply a matter taken for granted?

Note: The dialogue can be a little unclear in the opening scene. There are subtitles available from the main menu: choose language selection, then subtitles, English. That said, *Once* is rated R for strong language, and the opening scene is very high in profanity by American standards. Please do not let this discourage you from the rest of the film. Instead, consider the reason or purpose the filmmaker might have for making this choice.

Church School Classes for All Ages

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

Classes for Children

Nursery

Rooms 11/12 in the Nursery Wing

18 Months -Two Years

Room 7 in the Nursery Wing

Three and Four Year Olds

Room 5 in the Nursery Wing

Elementary K - Fifth Grade

Room 310 in the Education Building

Youth Classes

Junior High and Senior High

"Claim the Life" Series

Rooms 205/206 in the Education Building

Adult Classes

The SPa (St. Philip Adults)

Room 200 in the Education Building

Bible Study

Room 204 in the Education Building

A Study in "Genesis"

Led by Dr. Nancy Cook and Al Wadrop

Church and Society

Room 201 in the Education Building

May 24

Film Study led by Kate Burkart

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May 31

In the Dining Room

Perspectives on Immigration

The perspective of business and economics will be addressed by Stan Marek, President and CEO of the Marek Family of Companies (one of the largest interior contractors in the southwest) and board member of numerous educational and charitable organizations, including President of the Boards of the Diocesan Foundation of the Galveston-Houston Diocese and the University of St. Thomas.

June 7

In the Dining Room

Perspectives on Immigration

Beto Cardenas will join us to share both legal and personal experiences regarding immigration.

Mr. Cardenas was a former staff counsel for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and now serves as a public policy lawyer with a specialty on immigration for the firm of Vincent & Elkins.

June 14: TBA

June 21

In the Dining Room

Perspectives on Immigration

The series will conclude with a representative from Immigration and Border Control who will speak to the challenging mission of the Border Control.

Happy Birthday!

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Mary Bratton
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Pat Lindsay
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Carol Dean
Connie Anderson
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Mark Taylor
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Maren Jones
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Jim Bratton
Gene McKelvey, Sr.
Sasha Arlinghaus
David Castle
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Jack Dean
Marymac Johnson
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Monica Ajak
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Leslie Taylor
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