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Church School Teachers Thanked

May 31 was St. Philip Teacher Appreciation Sunday. During the 11:00 am worship service, the Education Commission recognized and thanked the Church School and Youth workers for the 2008-2009 session. Your dedication to your call to teach is appreciated by all!

Staff:

Bill Poe, Pastor/Teaching Elder
Judy Gunn, Director of Children's Ministries
Cindy Pope, Interim Director of Youth Ministries
Keith Weber, Director of Music

Adult Leaders:

Jeromy Murphy and Brian Webster, Spa (St. Philip Adults)
Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop, Bible Study
Carol Lucas and Kate Burkart, Church and Society

Youth Teachers and Leaders: Mike Alexander, Edward Herrera, Beth Atkinson, Jeromy Murphy, Casey Lambright, Cathy Steward, Cathy Herrera, Brian Webster

Children's Leaders: Paul Arlinghaus, Judith Hiott, Tamara Arlinghaus, McNair Johnson, Karen Davis, Nina Lambright, Ric Davis, Marian Murphree, Omi Ford, Betty Anne Poe, Jack Fox, Ruthie Waldrop

Second Hour Volunteers: Laura and Jeff Bream, Mary Grace Carter, Julie and Chris Evans, Kathryn Harwood, Carol Junkin, Rachel and Rob Kimbro, Jennifer and Steven Kirk, Juliana and Michael Lawson, Mary and Gene McKelvey, Karen and Bill Morris, Lori and Jeromy Murphy, Cathy and Randy Steward, Mary Ann Thomas, Jenny and Wes Vestal, Amye and Brian Webster.

June Hunger Offering

The recipient of our June 7th hunger offering is CCSC (Christian Community Service Center) an agency with which we have been long affiliated and with whom we have a strong interest and commitment, both in terms of benevolence dollars and also volunteer participation.

St. Philip is one of many member churches in Southwest and inner-city Houston who combine support and efforts to serve needy persons while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences. All of CCSC's service areas are volunteer driven and more volunteers are always needed. Contact Clare Bruce at 713 961-3993 for more information or speak to Susan Estill, St. Philip member serving on the CCSC Board of Church Representatives.

We invite you to be generous with your donation on June 7th to the hunger ministries of CCSC.

**See You
at Mo!**

Visit our website @
www.saintphilip.net

Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized/Healthcare: none known

Recuperating: **Jane English, Barbara Eudey, Alice Pennington**

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

In Iraq: **Ken Evans**, Tamara Arlinghaus' father; **John Bruyere**, Jane English's grandson; Warren Wallingford's stepson, **Chris Echols**; **Travis Keever**, Pam and Frank Keever's son will ship out this month.

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

Mo-Ranchers: Pick up your booklet (and name tags for new Mo-Ranchers) and leave your donation for the "Mo Shower" next Sunday in the Gathering Area before and after the worship services.

On Sunday, June 14, many of our congregation will be worshipping at Mo-Ranch. Both services here at St. Philip will be led by The Rev. Dr. Steve Spidell. Rev. Spidell is a former St. Philip Parish Associate and currently leads the POPS ministry at the Texas Medical Center.

Join the Dawn Patrol for mid-week, early morning Bible Study. Each Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:30, in the Parlor, a dedicated group of early-risers meets for prayer, Bible study, fellowship, donuts and coffee. Currently they are studying the book of Mark and invite all to join them. Call John Lemen with questions at 713 669-8446.

The Monday evening study group will take a summer holiday after their meeting on June 8. When they resume in the fall, the book for discussion will be *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Watch these pages for the fall start-up date and get a preview of the book at our Mo-Ranch weekend as Gene McKelvey presents an interest group.

The Philip-Eye will be published on June 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.

From the Pastor's Study:

One of my most treasured possessions is a drawing which hangs on the wall in my study. It portrays Jesus laughing. Some of you may have noticed it. This isn't just a picture of Jesus with a smile on his face, but actually laughing, deeply, and with obvious enjoyment.

I am often struck by the comments people make when they see that drawing for the first time. They marvel over the fact that they have never seen one quite like it. Never in their lives have they seen a picture of Jesus laughing!

Isn't that a shame? We need to reclaim that side of Jesus' personality that reveals his enjoyment of life and living. Certainly, he was "*a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief*" (Isaiah 53:3), but if our Lord was truly human, as we believe, then he also laughed, enjoyed a good joke, loved a good time.

The drawing on my wall was originally an illustration for a magazine article by theologian Harvey Cox, whose writings include *The Secular City* and *The Seduction of the Spirit*. The article from which the drawing is taken was on religion and humor. Somewhere along the way, for some of us at least, these two important parts of life became separated from one another, and we are the poorer for it.

Laughter is an important, even essential, part of life, and it needs to be part of our religious lives, as well. I invite you to stop by my study sometime, and see the picture of Jesus laughing. It may bring a laugh to your lips, as well.

Yours in the name of a Christ who laughs,

Bill

SPY: SUMMER C.I.A.

Don't miss out on all the action this summer! SPY, our youth group for all middle school and high school students) moves from Sunday nights to Wednesdays. Be sure to join us at noon on June 3 as we kick off our summer program with lunch at Fuddruckers, located at 3929 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX, 77027.

Along with our regular lunchtime at Fuddruckers, SPY will take part in several activities including movies at the IMAX, go-karts and a day at Schlitterbahn. Our summer ends with an overnigher at the beach on Galveston Island. Along with fun in the sun, we will reach out to the local community by participating in IKE cleanup.

Don't miss out! Watch for our flyer or contact Cindy Pope at Cindy@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807 x309 for more information .

Prime Timers to Visit Holly Hall on July 9th

Betty Moreton, a current Advisory Board member of Holly Hall, has arranged a July visit to their facility. Holly Hall is a Christian Retirement Community founded sixty years ago by concerned Houston church leaders. Holly Hall does not receive federal, state or United Way assistance and is therefore dependent upon the generosity of churches and church members to help cover the "cost of care" for those residents who can no longer afford this care. St. Philip's Presbyterian Women includes Holly Hall in their budget each year.

Holly Hall provides a continuum of care for senior adults, offering Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Healthcare accommodations. Having recently completed a major renovation and reconstruction, Holy Hall has space available in every area of care. We will be touring the facilities on July 9th, and they have invited us to be their guests for lunch in their lovely dining room.

Call 713-622-4807 or sign up at the church office. Hope to see you July 9th.

P.S. Our own minister, Bill Poe, had a mother and two aunts who lived at Holly Hall!

Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) Seeks Youth and Adult Applicants

The Presbyterian Youth Connection, a national youth ministry organization, seeks to connect young people to each other, the whole church, and the whole world through faith in Jesus Christ. Each Presbytery established councils, which encourage youth to be a part of the community of faith by working together with adults, receiving training, reaching out to their local community, and connecting with youth throughout the nation.

The PYCC of our presbytery is seeking new members for the 2009 - 2010 year. Each church can select 3 youth (10th through 12th grade) and 2 adults (over 21) to take part on the council. Participants will take part in meetings, retreats and conclaves held at the Presbytery office and Camp Cho Yeh. Participating youth and adults will develop and nurture a presbytery-wide youth ministry network, serve as liaisons between the local church and presbytery, and empower youth to participate in all areas of the church's ministry. For more information on PYCC or to obtain an application, contact Cindy Pope.

Hallelujah!

CORNER

Ava Taleen Arlinghaus, daughter of Tamara and Paul Arlinghaus was baptized on Sunday, May 31.

The Pentecost Offering, received on May 31 totaled \$2,734.00. Thank you for your generosity. 40% of this offering will remain with our congregation to benefit children at risk. The General Assembly divides the remaining 60% between ministries with youth and young adults (50%) and children-at-risk ministries (10%).

Elizabeth Davis Carlton, daughter of Lynne and Jeff Carlton, and grand daughter of Jeanie and Dan Flowers graduated summa cum laude from Kenyon College on May 16, 2009. Elizabeth won nine national titles, broke a Division III record in the 50-yard freestyle and helped Kenyon capture three consecutive NCAA Division III swim team championships. The biology major received the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and was twice named a COSIDA/ESPN Academic All-American. She plans to pursue a Ph.D in ecology, evolution and behavior at Indiana.

Lectionary Readings

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



Purchase ARS LYRICA season tickets for the 2009-2010 season, "A Musical Grand Tour" by June 15 and receive:

- *A chance to win two Continental Airline tickets for travel in the U.S.
- *A free extra ticket to any 2009/10 Ars Lyrica programs
- *Up to 35% savings on individual tickets
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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

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.

Dated Material