

# PHILIP-EYE

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## Vacation Church School

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### Lectionary Readings

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

July 5, 2009

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12, 2009

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19, 2009

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:  
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26, 2009

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

St. Philip will hold Vacation Church School August 3 through 7 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Children ages three years through fifth grade are invited for a week of Bible study, music, crafts, recreation, food, and fun. St. Philip youth are encouraged to join us to assist our teachers with classes. Youth can get more information by contacting Judy Gunn or Cindy Pope.

Room 11 is the place to be each day to experience Ranch House Kids: Adventure of the Open Door. Come for all of the fun at the Circle G Ranch - where God is at the center and love never ends.

This year's Vacation Church School program is based on the Bible verse from Matthew 7:7. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you". With each activity the children will

- know God's door is always open
- discover an open Bible is an open door to God
- encounter the love of Jesus
- share God's open door with others.

Contact Judy Gunn to register your children, grandchildren, and their friends at 713-622-4807 ext. 303 or [judy@saintphilip.net](mailto:judy@saintphilip.net)

### Disaster Communications

General Presbyter Mike Cole of New Covenant Presbytery reports that volunteers and funds are desperately needed for Hurricane Ike recovery.

Donations to the planned multi-year effort so far have totaled little more than one percent of the Presbyterian-related funds for recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. There is a great shortage of volunteers.

## Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized: **Pat Fortney** and **Chuck Fortney** at Memorial Southwest

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

At home: **Grayson Anderson, Bill Boren, 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 to Afghanistan with his unit this month.

A note from **Jane English**: *To my many friends at St. Philip, many thanks to each of you in making my stay after surgery in the hospital, at The Hampton, and now at home so very pleasant.*

## 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!

**Julia Fox's recital, scheduled for June 27th, has been cancelled.**

**The sermons preached on Youth Sunday are available online.** Go to the home page at [www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net) and click on the link to read sermons by our terrific seniors, **Caroline Flowers, Tyler Keever** and **Matthew Lindsay**.

**The Spa is hosting a Pot-Luck dinner in honor of Father's Day** on Sunday evening, June 21. Some of the fathers will be cooking for everyone. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Dinner is from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Art Room on the second floor of the new Education Building.

**SPY: SUMMER C.I.A. is Here!** Meet us every Wednesday at noon for lunch at Fuddruckers located at 3929 Southwest Freeway. Future activities include Laser Tag, a day at Schlitterbahn, and an Overnighter at the beach. Coming July 1 - we're going to see Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen at the Imax theater! For more information, contact Cindy Pope at 713-622-4807x309 or [Cindy@saintphilip.net](mailto:Cindy@saintphilip.net).

**The Philip-Eye will be published** on June 29, July 13 and 27. Please submit information and articles in a timely manner.

## From Your DCM:

Butterflies flutter from flower to flower in the bright sunlight searching for nectar.

Bees buzz around the tiny white flowers in the prayer tank early in the morning.

Larger strong ants march in a long parade carrying bits of food as they approach a hole in the mortar of the sidewalk near the river.

A female cardinal cautiously approaches the bird feeder hanging on the side of the critter building striving to get the seed that has been so graciously provided by bird lovers.

Various sized minnows swim about in the shallow water along the banks of the river searching for food.

A curious wren joins the worshipers each morning in the auditorium perhaps to discover the source of the beautiful music that he hears.

A lizard basks in the sun to warm its body before scurrying off in search of insects.

In the morning and early evening the humming birds dart from blossom to blossom seeking a sweet drink and then return to the branches of a nearby tree to rest until the next flight.

There is evidence on the bark of a fallen tree that a beaver had made nightly visits to gnaw with his ever-growing front teeth.

Spiders work on an intricate web to catch unsuspecting insects that will be used for meals.

The vultures glide in the gust of wind for our enjoyment as we gather for worship on the hill.

Few of these God created creatures will know that a great group of St. Philippians were among them during the weekend of our retreat. I am thankful for the gift of time away from our busy lives to observe these marvels of creation.

Judy

## Mo-Ranch Conference

### Bible Study Conference

"Joshua: The Journey of Faith", July 27 - 29, 2009

Dr. Mary Mikhael, President of the Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, and author of the 2009-2010 Horizons Bible Study is the keynote speaker. This conference, designed for PW leaders provides an in depth look at the curriculum for the coming year by the author of the study. Next years curriculum focuses on the book of Joshua.

For information on this and all Mo-Ranch offerings, simply visit [www.moranch.com](http://www.moranch.com)

For questions about cost and conference housing call 800-460-4401 ext 229 or email [gailm@moranch.com](mailto:gailm@moranch.com)

## Did You Know?

that Presbyterians care for children at risk in a number of ways through Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)? This agency has a covenant relationship with the PCUSA. It provides services and facilities to meet the need of today's families. It does this through its ministry providing homes for children between the ages of birth to 17 years who have suffered from neglect, abuse and abandonment, or children whose families are experiencing some type of crisis, such as the death of a parent, divorce, illness, violence, homelessness, parental drug/alcohol abuse and other issues that threaten family stability. The agency provides group homes, foster homes, child and family programs, advanced education/aftercare and single family programs all over the state of Texas.

On June 28, 2009, Josh Plumley, Development Officer for PCHAS, who offices here in Houston at the Presbytery of New Covenant, will speak to Church and Society class about the way in which this agency fulfills its mission to provide a variety of Christ-centered service to children and families in need and ways in which members of this congregation can be a part of its services.

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## 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 (10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tyler Kever** was named Westbury High School's Pitcher of the Year and to District 21-4A's All District First Team. Thumbs up, Tyler!

The hunger offering received on June 7 to benefit the hunger ministries of Christian Community Service Center totaled \$913.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Abigail Lee**, daughter of **Richard Lee**, was baptized June 14 during the Worship Service on the Hill at Mo-Ranch.

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## 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, Holly Hall has space available in every area of care. We will be touring the facilities on July 9<sup>th</sup>, and have been invited 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## St. Philip Mo-Ranch Retreat

Many of us have just returned from our annual family retreat to the Texas Hill Country. We all have our special memories of this time spent with family, old friends and new friends.

Jane English shares her memories of early days at the Ranch. She writes "My husband and I along with four other couples attended the first Young Adult Conference over a Labor Day weekend. Our minister and wife, Tom and Kitty Talbot accompanied us... The River Lodge was our headquarters for the 4-day camp. Men stayed on the second floor, women on the first... There were no children this weekend and, of course, no alcohol, although most of us, with the leaders, went to Criders on Saturday night." ("Saturday night at Criders" was a tradition in the early years of St. Philip's retreat experience.) Memories...

### 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 and Youth

“The Jonah Project”

Room 105

*Oh, Jonah!* is a fun musical with upbeat songs that are appealing to the fun side in everyone.

Activities will include the children studying the Bible story, learning the music, helping design and create the sets and costumes, and learning the choreography.

Our goal is to present the production on Rally Day, September 13 during Church School.

#### 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 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.

June 28

Josh Plumley, Development Officer for Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services (see article “Did You Know...” on page 3)

## Happy Birthday!

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| July                 | 16 Travis Calhoun      |
| 1 Walker Fair        | 16 Joan Boelens        |
| 2 Amye Webster       | 16 McNair Johnson      |
| 2 Sarah Hannah       | 17 Julieana N. Lawson  |
| 4 Randy Steward      | 18 Laura McKay         |
| 5 Lindsay Hunt       | 19 Marian Murphree     |
| 6 Frank Donnelly     | 19 Leah Nancy Bream    |
| 7 Libby Peavy        | 19 Daniel Flowers      |
| 7 Michael Purcell    | 20 Martha Ann Marshall |
| 8 Louise Bradley     | 20 Todd Crouse         |
| 8 Carla Burns        | 22 Bob McHone          |
| 8 Carolyn Ljungdahl  | 23 Martha Hargraves    |
| 8 Tyler Keever       | 24 Jim Vick            |
| 9 Paul Pennington    | 25 Herb Scott          |
| 11 Beverly Hudson    | 25 Bill Lee            |
| 13 Gene McKelvey     | 26 Sharon Coufal       |
| 13 Connie Mayfield   | 27 Stuart Lang         |
| 15 Laura Lomax Bream | 29 Bill O’Dell         |
|                      | 29 Abigail Flowers     |

### Mo-Ranch Conference

Art, Recreation & Theology, July 19 - 24, 2009

ART at Mo is an intergenerational event that gives people of all ages the opportunity to get away for fun, fellowship and artistic exploration. The very young to the "Young at Heart" will share in discovering artistic gifts, the wonder of nature, the joy of friendships and the presence of God.

Class Options still available: Limestone Carving, Raku Pottery, Stained Glass, Quilting, Watercolor, Art For Young Children (K-2), Art for Youth (3-6), Outdoor Adventure For Youth.

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