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## Make Sunday School a Part of Your Summer Plans

Classes Sunday Mornings at 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 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.  
**Bible Study**  
Room 204 in the Education Building  
The class is studying  
the Book of Exodus.  
Led by Dr. Nancy Cook & Al Waldrop.  
**Church and Society**  
Room 201 in the Education Building  
**June 13**  
Mo-Ranch retreat weekend: No class

**June 20**  
Multi-cultural church:  
The Rev. Tim Phillips,  
Multi-cultural Cafe,  
Presbytery of New Covenant  
**June 27**  
Immigration reform:  
The Metropolitan Organization,  
Houston religious leaders group

### Summer 2010 Children's Musical Workshop

Calling all children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors! Join us this summer for our second annual children's musical workshop!

We're journeying to Egypt with gospel-inspired music to learn about Moses, freedom, and the plagues, using "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" with director Rob Kimbro and music director Justin Smith. The workshop starts in the Sunday School hour (9:30 am) on Sunday, June 20th for children ages Pre-K-5th grade. Children will learn the music each Sunday during the summer.

The workshop will culminate with a performance of "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" on Rally Day, September 12th. Youth are welcome to assist! Please email Rachel Kimbro with any questions at ([rachel.kimbrow@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.kimbrow@gmail.com)).

### Lectionary Readings

June 13, 2010  
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a  
Psalm 5:1-8  
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

June 20, 2010  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a  
Psalm 42 and 43  
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 27, 2010  
13th Sunday in Ordinary time  
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:13-25; Luke 9:51-62

### Mo-Ranchers

Remember to bring  
your Mo-Ranch booklet  
and your nametag.  
And drive safely!

## Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized: **Bob Coyle** is at St. Luke's Rehab Unit

Recuperating: **Bill Camfield, Tyler Keever, Betty Anne Poe**

At home: **Grayson Anderson, Louise Bradley** at Hallmark Healthcare, **Penny Vieau**

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Beth Ayers and family** on the death of her father, **Fred Crookshank**, on May 16th; to **Kate Burkart and family** on the death of her father, **Girard (Jerry) Burkart**, on May 24th in Reading, PA; to **Molly Boren and family** on the death of her son-in-law, **Mike Gregory** on May 26th; and to **Mary'O Wilpitz** (former St. Philip organist) and family on the death of her husband, **Ernest Wilpitz**, on May 3.

A note from **Joyce Fox**: *I would like to thank all of you who sent cards and gave words of comfort in regards to the death of my sister, Judy. David and I love and appreciate our church family who are always there when you need them the most! Thanks!*

## 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!!

On **June 13**, there will be **no Sunday School**, and **two services of worship (at 8:30 and 11:00 am)** with the **Rev. Steve Spidell preaching**. Many members will be at Mo-Ranch for our annual family retreat.

**Many, many thanks to Beth and Al Atkinson for doing the Presbyterian weekend meals delivery** on Saturday, May 29th. One of the many outreach programs of St. Philip, we are responsible for delivering meals to shut-ins in central Houston on the fifth Saturday of each month that has one. If you would like to make a short term commitment, please call Janet Davis at 713 464-2385 to become involved. Our next delivery date is July 31st.

The *Philip-Eye* will be published on June 21, July 6 (Tuesday) and July 19. 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 Director of Music:

### Announcing the upcoming Music at St. Philip Concert Series!

In addition to the myriad offerings at worship made by the music department, this Fall we are instigating an exciting new musical venture. "Music at St. Philip" will be a six event concert series spread out over the 2010-2011 academic year, and will feature many wonderful events, all held in our glorious sanctuary. For this column, I thought I'd give you a taste of what's on tap; this is subject to change as we put the final touches on the series.

Kicking the concert series off on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be our annual Concert for Peace, featuring poetry reading, organ works, and music of conflict and peace sung by the Moores School of Music Concert Chorale, one of the finest college choirs anywhere. It promises to be a wonderful, hopeful evening with some really gorgeous, soul-soothing music.

On **October 30<sup>th</sup>**, the St. Philip Choir will present Haydn's sweeping oratorio *The Creation*. Telling the story of the first seven days of the universe, the work is one of the greatest choral works of all time, never failing to enthrall the listener in the way it lovingly and expressively details God's creation of the earth.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** will feature Martin Jean, organist, in recital on our splendid new Fritts organ. Martin is on faculty at the Yale Institute for Sacred Music, and one of the most renowned players in the United States. The combination of his expertise and our wonderful new instrument will make for quite an evening.

On **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, a small ensemble from Ars Lyrica, with guest organist Robert Bates, will present a program of orchestral music and organ concerti.

To herald the coming of Spring, Rob Landes will bring his jazz trio to give a concert on **March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Many of you know Rob's work as both composer and pianist; he's written many anthems for our music program here.

Finally, on **May 14<sup>th</sup>**, the St. Philip Choir will present a send-off concert as we prepare to embark on our trip to Edinburgh and Scotland that summer. We'll be singing the repertoire we will present overseas.

I hope you'll mark your calendars now for any or all of these events; we're very excited about making St. Philip a well-known center for music in the city of Houston in the coming years, and believe this series is a very good way to go about it!

**Justin**

## Poe Luncheon Reservation

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, will be a great day of celebration at St. Philip Presbyterian Church. A festive retirement luncheon honoring Betty Anne and Bill Poe will be served at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Please make your **reservation** for this very special celebration by calling the church office at 713-622-4807 **by Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Please Note...**  
**There will be one**  
**Service of Worship**  
**on June 27<sup>th</sup> – at 11:00 am.**

## Kids Against Hunger Summer Packing Sessions

Many school children depend upon school lunch programs for most of their meals. Summer can be a very difficult time for families with limited resources to provide adequate nutrition for their children. Agencies our Mission Commission serve have made a special appeal to us for Kids Against Hunger rice casserole packages. The difficult economic times have amplified the extent of hunger and even malnutrition in Houston.

Come help us meet this serious need. We will hold packing sessions July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am worship service. Reserve these important dates for helping to meet the needs of our Houston neighbors.

More details and sign up sheets will be available at a later date.

## PrimeTimers Visit IMAX Hubble 3D

On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Primetimers will visit the Museum of Natural Science IMAX to view "Hubble3D", a movie made by an IMAX 3D camera which flew onboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis. See the cosmos as never before and explore the grandeur of the nebulae and galaxies in 3D. We only have 25 reserved seats to the performance so sign-up soon!

Lunch will follow at your choice of the restaurants around St Philip. Have you enjoyed a Five Guys hamburger yet? It is a new restaurant near Panera's.

The bus will leave at 10:00 am. Enjoy the fun and fellowship by calling the church office 713-622-4807 or signup in the church gathering area on Sunday.

## Hallelujah!

CORNER

Congratulations to these graduates:

**Christopher Eagleson** graduated from Rice University on May 22nd.

**Pam Keever** graduated from South Texas School of Law on May 23;

**Alex Rodiek**, graduated May 29th with a Master of Music from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem.

The Pentecost Offering received May 23rd totaled \$2381.00. St. Philip will keep 40% to support Kids Against Hunger. The General Assemblies portion (60%) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian Youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Thank you for your continued support.

The Hunger Offering received June 6 in support of Bering Omega Community Services totaled \$820. Omega House is always in need of volunteers. To get involved contact Sarah Brown, Volunteer Coordinator at 713-341-3761.

## Information From Your Property Commission Regarding the New Entrance

Members: The new traffic signal is installed and operating! (on the west side, the Panera/Barryhill side of the campus) The re-working of the road for entering and exiting our campus is also complete. Additional signage is being planned and will be added in the next few weeks.

What will change for many of us are the areas where we are able to park. Spaces for cars are clearly marked with fresh paint and signs. What we need to avoid is parallel parking on Sunday mornings as if this were the old driveway. We can no longer do this. The function of the road now allows two-way traffic and requires access for vehicles (including ambulance and fire) by Uptown Houston.

## Travel to Edinburgh and York in 2011

All those interested in accompanying the choir on our singing trip to Edinburgh, Scotland and York, England, from May 25th-June 7th, 2011, are reminded that **the deadline to secure a spot is June 15th**. A \$250.00 deposit - fully refundable - will hold your place for this magnificent journey we are planning together.

The total cost will be between \$3024-\$3125, depending on how many people sign up, and can be paid via installment plan. The cost covers all transportation, lodging and breakfast. Checks can be made out to St. Philip and put in Justin Smith's box. Any questions, please contact Justin at the church or eroica999@gmail.com.

## Youth News

### Summer with SPY

We kick off our summer "Lunch with SPY" on Thursday, June 17. We'll meet at Five Guys Burger and Fries (located behind the church) for the first of our summer lunches. Join us from noon to 1:00 pm for food and fellowship. Future summer events include possible trips to the beach, movie days and more. Don't miss out on the summer fun. See you at SPY!

### SPY Summer Mission Trip

Join us on our summer SPY mission trip to San Antonio, TX, from July 28 - 31. We will participate in local service projects and learn more about Presbyterian mission effort in the San Antonio Area. Make a difference - sign up for our mission trip! For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Cindy Pope.

### Presbytery-wide Youth Mission Trip

A mission trip open to all youth (ages 14 and older,) especially those in smaller churches, is planned for **July 4-10** in Galveston. They will work with recovery efforts that are still helping people to have safe, sanitary, and secure housing, as well as enjoy time together in worship, scripture, prayer (with guitarist and youth leader, Charlie Lloyd). The team will stay at our PDA Village in Texas City.

Sponsors are also needed - one adult for every four youth. The all-inclusive cost is \$250 with a limited number of spaces. To learn more or to sign up, contact trip organizer, Rev. Mark Downs, Heights Presbyterian, Houston.

For more on all youth meetings, programs and activities contact Cindy Pope at [Cindy@saintphilip.net](mailto:Cindy@saintphilip.net).

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Save the Date!! The PrimeTimers and the Fellowship Commission have reserved a block of seats in the right field mezzanine at \$12 per seat for the Houston Astro-Atlanta Braves game on Wednesday, August 11th at 1:30 pm.

The PrimeTimer bus will be available for anyone over age 50. Others may arrange carpools.

Sign-up will begin after Mo-Ranch weekend!

Coming to Houston...  
An event you don't want to miss!

Bestselling Author  
**Gail Sheehy**

June 22, 2010  
St. Anne Catholic Church  
(St. Basil Hall)  
2140 Westheimer Road  
6:30 pm

\$35 each  
(including a book  
*Passages in Caregiving*)

### Reservations are necessary

(Book signing opportunities possible)

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