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## Presbytery of New Covenant's Day of Service Weekend of August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

### Thanks from the DRAFT Church Information Form Task Force

You have been hearing quite a bit from this task force lately. We have sent out an e-mail survey and provided paper copies also. Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> we held two congregational dialogues after the Church services. Anyone who has not submitted your survey, please do it as soon as possible so we can begin compiling the information.

We will provide the information we have collected to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) when it is formed. We plan to give the PNC a summary as well as the raw data. They can do with it as they see fit. They may choose to collect more information or use what the task force provides them. Our purpose has been to assist the PNC with the time-consuming task of preparing the CIF.

For your information, the following people are on this DRAFT CIF Task Force: chairs are Bill Lee and Randy Steward; members are Mary Bratton, Walker Fair, Beth Flowers, Nina Lambright, Cathy Patterson, and Al Waldrop, and Mark Taylor helped with the e-mail survey. The group wishes to thank everyone who participated with your input -- thank you very much.

On the Presbytery Day of Service, 105 communities of faith in southeast Texas will be participating in projects of "service evangelism." The connectedness of our Presbyterian tradition encourages us to do this on the same day so that at least in spirit, a large community of faith is working on a common theme.

The Mission Commission at Saint Philip has been requested to support three projects in conjunction with this day of service.

The **Christian Community Service Center** is helping equip 6,000 students with a comprehensive packet of academic supplies, new clothing and shoes. Seven hundred volunteers are needed to make the **Back To School** program a success. Help parents and students pick up their packets at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire @ Ave. B. Volunteers can select from two shifts on **Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm or 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

Volunteers have been requested by **The Church of The Servant Savior** to help with moving chairs into storage and with lawn maintenance at 11303 Hughes Road, Houston 77089. They will be hosting this work day on **Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>,** after the 11:00 am worship service, **Kids Against Hunger** will be packing fortified rice casserole packages for the children served by Kids Meals and Small Steps Nurturing Centers.

Sign-up sheets for these important mission projects will be available in the gathering area after church or you may call the church office to volunteer.

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[www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net)

## Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized: **Martha Jane Aldred** at West Houston Medical Center,  
**Bonnie Dickson Hill** at Methodist Healthcare: **Lola Scott** and **Mary Louise Wade** at Hampton on Post Oak  
**Ruth Siciliano** at Bayou Manor  
 Recuperating: **Bill Carlson, Garry Eudey**  
**Virginia Lemen** at Brighton Gardens Rehab.  
 At home: **Penny Vieau**

**A note from Mary Louise Wade:** *There is no way I could have lived my life without the love and support of my St. Philip family. I truly appreciate your care and concern which has once again helped me get through bad times.*

## 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 *Christian Prayer for Today* by Martha L. Moore-Keish. Get your copy from Dan Flowers and join us!!

**Guest preachers scheduled** for the next several weeks are as follows: July 25 - Rev. Stew Coffman, August 8 - Rev. Dr. Steven Spidell, August 15 - Rev. Greg Han, August 29 - Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick.

**St. Philip's Persistent Cleaners (SPPC):** We would like to invite folks to the Richmond campus on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon for a workday to clean up overlooked and forgotten items. The Richmond campus needs to be organized and picked up for "staging" for prospective buyers. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Mark Clemmons at [clemmons@hal-pc.org](mailto:clemmons@hal-pc.org).

**Many, many thanks** to fourteen members of St. Philip who served breakfast to the homeless on July 11 as part of the Lord of the Streets (LOTS) program at Trinity Episcopal Church. They were **Robin Angly, Skip Britton, Janet Davis, Elizabeth Duerr, Susan and Robert Estill, Joyce Fox, Carolyn Keeble, Char Lee Kibler, Bill Morris, Laureen Perenyi, Patti Rogers, Miles Smith, and Mark Takayama**. If you would like to make a short term commitment, please call Janet Davis at 713 464-2385 to take part in this gratifying project. Our next date to serve is September 19.

**The Philip-Eye will be published** on August 2, 16 and 30. 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](mailto:philip-eye@saintphilip.net) or leave in the PE box in the mail room.

## From Your Interim Associate Pastor:

This summer the children of the church have been working hard on the delightful Hal Hopson musical "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics." The musical workshop is led by Rachel and Rob Kimbro, Justin Smith and Judy Gunn. The musical will be presented to the congregation on Rally Day, Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> during the education hour. In addition to learning the music, the kids are doing a script workshop process that enables them to learn about the story of Moses in exciting new ways. I have had the privilege of watching and listening to a couple of the rehearsals, and I have been extremely impressed with the children and the adults who are working with them. It's not too late to join the fun. Practice is at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the choir room in the administration building.

Even if you cannot participate, I hope that each of you will take the time on Rally Day to come down to the sanctuary and hear our own special children of God as they share God's Word through song and drama.

The summer musical is a wonderful new tradition at St. Philip. We are blessed to have such a great group of children and adults willing to share time and talent with their St. Philip family!

Grace and Peace,

*Kristy*

## More Announcements...

**Monthly Book Club:** A monthly interest group for "youngish" women who like to read books socialize, and have a night out. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm at a member's home. This self-led interactive group produces lively discussions and is a wonderful opportunity for dialogue and fellowship. The Book Club is on summer hiatus and will resume in September, when they will discuss *The Stieg Larsson Series*. Call Cathy Steward at 281-881-9137 with questions.

**Dawn Patrol:** Enjoy a Bible Study experience every Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 am. The group meets in the Parlor near the Fellowship Hall kitchen entrance and next to Room 16. Men, women, and clothing vary from where you might be headed next, work, exercise, etc. Faces vary with vacations/schedules. Brewed Starbucks and donuts are on the table as you enter. The group is discussing the book of Romans. For further information, please call John Lemen at 713-669-8446.

## Welcome New Members...

**Elaine Wright** is a very committed woman of God, referring to her commitment to that of a nun. She has attended church her whole life, and is now retired and looking forward to attending many church activities. She is working on earning an Associates of Arts degree through Southwest Clinic and the University of Houston. Her mother and father have gone on to heaven to be with our Savior. However, she is blessed to have relatives in the Houston area and Nederland.

**William Thomas Rowe** grew up in Los Angeles, CA, Salt Lake City, UT, and Houston, TX. He has been living in Alexandria, VA for 8 years, and now is back to Houston, TX. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology and business at Stephen F. Austin University, and has been a computer technician for over 16 years. His father and mother live in Houston. He likes high end audio equipment, building computers, and basic coin collecting. In his spare time, William likes to read books, go bicycling, swim, and do gardening. He is also a certified divemaster.



We are happy to announce that St. Philip is now on Facebook. Everyone is invited to join this page. Please note that this is NOT the same thing as the Facebook "My Church" group that you may have joined previously (so be sure to join this official page). If you have a Facebook account, simply visit [www.facebook.com/StPhilipPres](http://www.facebook.com/StPhilipPres) and click on the "Like" button at the top next to our church name. You will then receive our real-time messages through your Facebook profile. Don't worry...your personal Facebook updates will NOT go out to all members of the group.

This is a great way to find other St. Philip folks you may have not talked to in a while, or just to stay aware of some things that are happening in the church. This page is open for anyone to contribute so don't be shy...post event information, photos, news, etc...anything related to the church and its activities!

## PrimeTimers Go to the Ball Game..... 2 for 1 Bonus

Reserve a seat now! We have obtained a new sign-up deadline of July 28. The PrimeTimers have reserved a block of seats in the right field mezzanine at \$12 per seat for the Houston Astro-Atlanta Braves game on August 11th at 1:30 pm.

The first 20 people who sign-up will receive a free ticket to the Astros-Milwaukie Brewers series scheduled for September 13th-15th (exact game not determined yet). The PrimeTimer bus will take everyone to and from the game saving the cost of parking! Sign-up at the church office.....payment is requested at the time of sign-up!!

## Hallelujah!

CORNER

**Marguerite Badger** "First Lady of Life Flight", was recently honored as one of this year's Health Care Heroes by The Houston Business Journal. Of approximately 116 nominees, Marguerite was one of 12 winners. Asked what she considered her biggest accomplishment, she replied "Establishing the Life Flight Program and being able to be the role model for other air ambulance programs in our country." We salute you, Marguerite!

At a called meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant on Sunday, July 18, **Charles Kelly** was moved from inquirer to candidate status. Charles shared a portion of his faith statement and of his in response to God's call to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament. It was a special time in the life of our church. Charles is the son of **Caryn Bahruth** and the grandson of **C. J. Miller**.

## Kids Against Hunger Update

### Fantastic News

The Kids Against Hunger application for a Vision Initiative Grant in the amount of \$1,500 was approved by the General Council of New Covenant Presbytery. These funds will be available to our satellite for the purchase of ingredients and materials used to prepare rice casserole packages. Priority in awarding these grants was given to projects that reach out to communities, groups and organizations with the express purpose of increasing disciples. We owe special thanks to the Saint Philip volunteers who have brought outside groups and friends to our church for this mission project. Please keep Kids Against Hunger - Houston in mind as organizations you belong to plan future service projects.

Central Presbyterian Church's Presbyterian Women were very generous in their decision to donate the balance in their checking account after the union with Saint Philip to Kids Against Hunger. This \$700 gift will provide enough materials to pack an entire pallet of food or 7,128 meals. Our satellite is helping two organizations, Kid's Meals and Small Steps Nurturing Center, fill the gap created by the absence of school meals this summer. One pallet of food will meet our commitment to these groups for July and August.

We have been blessed with generous donors. Now all we need are packers! After the 11:00 am worship service on August 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be packing food in the area behind the dining room. With two working lines, we can pack a pallet of rice casserole packages in an hour and a half. That means 1,188 families will have some food in their home to get them through summer week-ends. Call the church office to volunteer. Chuck will have a light lunch available for \$7.

## Announcing the Inaugural "Music at St. Philip" Concert Series

The website has launched: [www.musicatsaintphilip.net](http://www.musicatsaintphilip.net)!!! The music department is proud to announce the first season of this exciting series of concerts in our Sanctuary. The arrival of our stunning new Fritts organ makes our inaugural season all the more special. From stirring choral works sung by the St. Philip Choir, the Houston Cecilia and the Moores School Concert Chorale, to the vibrant jazz of Rob Landes and his trio, to the brilliant, virtuoso organ playing of Robert Bates and Martin Jean, our series has something for everyone.

Check out the website for more information, and we hope to see you at the first event in the series, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert for Peace, on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## St. Philip Summer Lecture Series

### "What is God's Plan in Our World Today" Implications from the Witness of the Global Church for our Ministry August 29-30, 2010

Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick will share with us some of the exiting ways that God is at work today in our world and the implications of the exciting things that God is doing in so many parts of the world for our ministry and mission right here in Houston. His sermon and lectures will be as follows:

Sunday, August 29, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Cliff will be preaching during the Sunday morning worship service on the theme, "A Different World is Possible," drawing from the legacy of John Calvin and the scripture texts of Amos 5: 21-24 and Mark 1: 14-20.

Sunday, August 29, 6:00 pm

Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office for reservations by noon on Thursday, August, 26, 2010.

Sunday, August 29, 7:00 pm

Cliff will lecture on "Calvin's legacy 500 Years Later: A World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Future of the Reformed Movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Monday, August 30, 7:00 pm

Cliff will lecture on "Witnessing to Christ Today: The Implications and Challenges for our Life and Ministry from being Part of a Global and Ecumenical Church."

Please plan to attend this informative series.

## Youth News

### St. Philip Youth Attend Triennium

Sarah Cherillo and David Lindsay will be part of our presbytery's youth delegation attending the Youth Triennium to be held at Purdue University, July 20-24. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is an event sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches (CPC and CPCA) gathering Presbyterian and Reformed young people from all over the United States and the world together for worship, prayer, play, and community. This year's theme for the Triennium is "For Such A time As This" and will feature Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow and Tony Campolo as speakers.

### SPY Mission Trip

San Antonio is the destination for this summer's Youth Mission Trip. From July 28-31 our youth, along with chaperones George and Cindy Pope, will serve in community gardens, feeding kitchens and food warehouses. Working with San Antonio Family Endeavors, our youth will have opportunity to reach out to families at risk in the San Antonio area.

Please keep all our youth in prayer as they journey this summer to worship, share in fellowship and serve.

## Lectionary Readings

July 25, 2010

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

August 1, 2010

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August 8, 2010

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 15, 2010

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 22, 2010

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 29, 2010

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Church School Classes for All

Classes Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am

### Classes for Children Nursery through ages 3-4

Room 7-8.

The Wee Believe Summer material will be used.

#### Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grades

Children's Choir room on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building  
Children will work with Justin Smith, Rachel Kimbro and Rob Kimbro on the musical *Moses and the Freedom Fighters*.

### 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.

#### The Bible Study Class

will resume after Labor Day.

### Church and Society

Room 201 in the Education Building

#### July 25

Michelle Shonbeck will provide an overview of Christian Community Service Center's seven programs to combat poverty and will include relevant stories to illustrate the agency's mission.

#### August 1

The Rev. Mike Cole, General Presbyter, Presbytery of New Covenant will report on his recent trip to Cuba where he visited Presbyterian churches. His topic will be "Cuba: And a Child Shall Lead Them."

#### August 8

"Religion vs. Science: A Physicist's Perspective"  
Dick Wolf, Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy, Rice University, will discuss ways in which physics and astronomy support and illuminate religion, as well as difficulties in reconciling the two world-views.

#### August 15 and 22

The Rev. Greg Han will report on the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that was held July 3-10 in Minneapolis. Greg was chosen to be a commissioner from New Covenant Presbytery.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August	15 Janet Davis
2 Beth Atkinson	15 Judy Seligman
3 Kim Hoesl	16 Ralph Arlinghaus
4 Meg Scott-Johnson	21 Julie Evans
4 Steve Adger	22 Michael Alexander
4 Shelby Kallus	22 Stuart Red
5 Walter King	24 Max Wennenweser
6 Rick Stegall	24 Maggie Dement
6 Richard Schissler	24 Nancy Lomax
6 Keith Weber	26 Elizabeth McPhail
8 Steve Nettles	26 Tony Peterson
9 Mary Wassef	26 Paul D'Agostino
10 Alice Pennington	26 Tyler Herzog
10 David Fox	27 Jan Fox
11 Lee Larkin	27 Ralph Cherrillo
12 Jeanie Flowers	29 Rowan Murphy
12 Angela Crouse	30 Betsy Flowers
13 Warren Wallingford	31 Evelyn Murphy
14 Barbara Eudey	31 Joyce Randolph
14 Kelly Gartner	

Please note: We would like to celebrate all birthdays in these pages. If you would like to be included, please call the church office or email [karen@saintphilip.net](mailto:karen@saintphilip.net)

## A Report on the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

About 900 commissioners and advisory delegates worshiped and prayed, deliberated and discerned, all aiming to advance the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They gathered in Minneapolis July 3-10 under the theme "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters."

As always, the GA began with the election of a moderator. Cynthia Bolbach, an elder and lawyer from Arlington, VA, was elected against a field of five ministers.

After three days of working in committees, the commissioners heard reports and voted on several issues; referred some issues back for additional study, and adopted other issues for study.

For a complete report, go to [www.pres-outlook.org](http://www.pres-outlook.org). And as mentioned in the adjacent column, Rev. Greg Han, a commissioner from New Covenant Presbytery will report on his experience at the Church and Society Church School Class on August 15 and 22.