

# PHILIP-EYE

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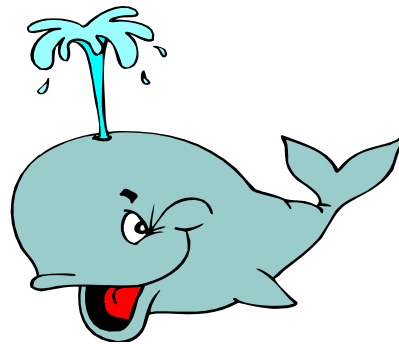
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## Oh Jonah!

Join the St. Philip Kids when they discover that the tale of a whale is a whale of a tale.

You will meet Jonah, the Whale,  
sailors, angels and those Ninevites.



Our whale tour can be observed  
from the bough of the SS St Philip  
as we sail away in a new year of educational adventures.

All ages are welcome.

Our Captain Bill Poe will see that we have a safe trip and our  
wonderful Cruise Director, Kristi Vits has  
some wonderful activities for you.

Rally Day  
September 13, 2009 at 9:30 am  
The Whale Deck  
(Fellowship Hall)  
On the SS St. Philip

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**Sail Away, Sail Away, Sail Away**  
**On the S.S. St. Philip**

Our educational ports of call are calling out to you for a season of spectacular learning and fun. From the toddler to the older adult, there is something for everyone.

Join us in the fellowship hall for continental breakfast, excursion tables (Educational Opportunities) and a talented group of St. Philip Kids who will take you on a Whale Watch (Oh, Jonah!). Cruise attire is encouraged.

If your educational group or commission would like a table to properly advertise the coming year, please contact Mike Alexander immediately...281-635-4499 or email your request to [almike@swbell.net](mailto:almike@swbell.net). Our wonderful staff and crew will prepare a place for you.

### Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized/Healthcare: none known

At home: **Grayson Anderson, Bill Boren, Penny Vieau**

In Iraq/Afgahanistan: **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 summer; **Robert Phillips**, Martha and Jim Braswell's nephew.

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of **Azaleigh McGinnis** on her death on August 18 in Dallas. Azaleigh was St. Philip's Director of Music for 22 years.

### 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 *The Life of Jesus for Today*, by Ronald J. Allen. Get your copy from Dan Flowers and join us !!

**All those interested in ringing this Fall in the St Philip Bell Choir** please plan on attending an informational meeting after the 11:00 am service on Sunday, September 6th upstairs in the Music Department. Justin Smith, the new interim music director, would like to discuss plans for the Fall and schedule rehearsal times. If you have questions, or are interested but cannot make the meeting, you can email Justin at [eroica999@gmail.com](mailto:eroica999@gmail.com).

**Final Call:** Have you had your photo taken for the new St. Philip Pictorial Directory? On August 30 Omar Rouchon will take the final set of pictures for the new church photo directory. You can find Omar in the gathering area following both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. Say "cheese".

**SPa No Stress Potlucks:** Bring a dish to share and join your SPa friends here at the church for a potluck supper, games and fellowship for both adults and kiddos. Our final gathering for the summer will be on August 30. We start at 5:00 pm and go home by 7:00.

**The Philip-Eye will be published** on September 8 (Tuesday) and 21. 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 the Pastor's Study:

Dear St. Philip Family,

Changes and new beginnings continue to arrive as this summer draws toward a close! I want to acquaint you with a couple of new faces you will be seeing in our church staff as our fall programs begin to gear up.

First of all, you should look forward to meeting our new Interim Director of Music, Dr. Justin Smith. Beginning Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Justin will be the staff person in charge of the music programs and ministries of St. Philip for the next six months or so as we search for a new Director of Music. Justin is a recent graduate of the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston, with a Doctorate in Choral Conducting. He is also a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Music and of Wesleyan University in Connecticut. He has served as Director of Music at St. Sebastian's School in Massachusetts, where he oversaw music programs for middle and high school youth. He has also directed numerous community choirs, as well as the Moores School Men's Chorus and, as assistant conductor, the Houston Symphony Chorus. Justin is married to Dr. Cristina Cavazos, a neuro-radiologist, and they are the parents of Alex (3) and Nicholas (10 weeks).

The second introduction is to someone many of you have already met. Peter Ramadan has been a part of the St. Philip worshiping community for several years now, and is a familiar presence on most Sunday mornings in his regular pew (near the front, on the pulpit side). Peter is originally from Sudan, but is now a proud United States citizen. He will be joining us as a part-time addition to our custodial staff, working with Wilbert and Dimas Parada about 20 hours per week. His first day of work is Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Peter is married to Siham Suliman, and is the father of two high-school age boys, Nelson and Suliman.

Please offer a warm St. Philip welcome to these new members of our staff!

In Christ, **Bill**

## Preparing Seafarer's Boxes

We will be packing Seafarer Boxes again this year and October looks like the magical month to pack them.

We need the following items in September: 75 toothbrushes, 75 combs, 75 decks of cards, 300 disposable razors.

Other needed items are: shoe polishers, wash cloths, pencils, pens, small gifts, packs of kleenex, paper, cards, paper clips, rubber bands, needle and thread, chap stick, cotton ball, band aids, coffee cups, new or gently used T-shirts, knitted watch caps, new work socks, plastic or work gloves, plastic zip lock containers, large bars of soap, toothbrushes, and hand knitted seafarer caps. We also accept hotel toiletry collectables. Please remember that these items go into a shoe box so there is no need to "supersize".

Any questions call Sue Shirley-Howard or Janet Davis.

## PrimeTimers Return to the Painted Churches

Several years ago the PrimeTimers visited the Painted Churches of the Schulenburg area. The interiors of the churches are very much like seeing some of the colorful churches in Europe. Numerous requests have been made to repeat the trip and on September 10th the PrimeTimers' bus will head to Schulenburg. Four churches will be visited with a guide to explain the beautiful artwork, stained glass windows, and architectural styles. Most of the churches are over 100 years old and still contain their original handpainted artwork and decorations.

Lunch will be at the Oakridge Smokehouse in Schulenburg. Total cost will be \$15 per person plus lunch. This will be a full day trip since we will leave early and return late afternoon. Based on the interest we have seen expressed the reservation list should fill quickly. So...go by or call the church office 713 622-4807 to reserve your place on this memorable trip!

## Youth News

### Youth Sunday T-Shirts are Coming

You can order a T-shirt just like those worn by our youth on Youth Sunday. Proceeds will help send our youth to conclaves, Synod Mission Rally, 2010 summer mission trip, and the 2010 Youth Triennium. You may order by stopping by the table in the Gathering Area. Support our youth!

### Coming This Fall – Just for Youth

It's not the same old Sunday School and Youth group. Opening on Rally Day are Café SPY and SPY Bistro! Don't miss it and keep watching for more information to come!

## September Hunger Offering

The recipient of our hunger offering to be received September 6 is Good Neighbor Healthcare Center, an agency that has been supported by St. Philip during all the 30+ years of its existence.

Good Neighbor expresses a mission to provide quality healthcare, education and assistance to low income families in the Fourth Ward of Greater Houston, regardless of ability to pay. The Center has strong ties to Houston area teaching institutions allowing patients access to a wide variety of services.

St. Philip's long history of support of the Center includes not only contributions but also volunteers and board members. Our continued support is made possible by benevolence support and an additional contribution of food and funds that will be received on Sunday, September 6th. As always, we are asked to consider a donation at this time.

## Lectionary Readings

August 30, 2009

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 6, 2009

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 13, 2009

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 20, 2009

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1  
James 3:13 – 4:3. 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 27, 2009

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

## Room Assignments for Children's Sunday School Classes

Church School Classes for children will begin the fall schedule on September 13 following the musical presentation, *Oh, Jonah!* There will be a brief time for meeting the teachers in the classrooms.

Classes for nursery through two year olds will meet in room 7-8. Godly Play class for ages 3-4 will meet in room 6. Elementary Rotation Workshop classes K-5<sup>th</sup> grades will gather in room 105.

**Church School Classes for All Ages**

Sunday Mornings 9:30 am

**Classes for Children**Nursery — 4 years old  
Rooms 8-9**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.We will present the production on Rally Day,  
September 13 during Church School.**Adult Classes****The SPa (St. Philip Adults)**Room 200 in the Education Building  
**Church and Society**

Room 201 in the Education Building

This class is studying issues of social justice,  
peacemaking, and tolerance in the context of the  
Holocaust. The class will use as its outline a  
curriculum developed by Mickey McGall Meyers,  
which has been piloted by the  
Presbytery of New Covenant, Central Presbyterian  
Church, and several other denominations.

August 30

"Where is My Family?" DVD  
led by Mickey McGall Meyers

September 6

"The Story of Ruth Steinfeld" DVD  
led by Mickey McGall Meyers**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

September	14 Donna Host
1 Sandra Truxillo	14 Ginny Camfield
2 Cathy Hunt	14 Stanley Soroka
4 Dick Howard	14 Joe Munson
5 Lola Scott	14 Jonathon Eagleson
5 Steve Hunt	17 Patti Rogers
5 Wilbert Parada	18 Kappy Pratt
6 Matthew Dirst	18 Naomi Ajak
6 Kitty Curry	19 Frank Cantrell
6 John Hudson	20 Kathi Rovere
6 Jeanette Wennenwaser	21 Tamara Arlinghaus
6 Greg Lewis	21 Mary Grace Carter
7 Brian Coufal	23 Linda Beville
8 Bill Carlson	24 Charlie Moreton
9 Bill Connolly	24 Dimas Parada
9 John Lemen	24 Al Pepi
9 Lily Frautschi	26 Judy Gunn
10 Jessica Fair	26 Cynthia Shoup
10 Sara Nan Peterson	26 Judith Hiott
11 Ruth Weber	26 Milton McCollough
11 Callie Bream	27 Martha Jane Aldred
12 Alex Purcell	30 Carolyn Keeble

**BBQ! BBQ! BBQ!****3RD ANNUAL BBQ****SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 12TH****FELLOWSHIP HALL****5:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M.****BBQ, MUSIC,  
DANCING, FUN  
FOR ST. PHILIPPIANS  
& FRIENDS****COME ONE, COME ALL****CHEFS' JIM, MAX & JEROMY  
WILL FIRE  
UP THE SMOKERS FOR THE  
BEST BBQ IN TOWN!****Bring a big side dish  
(Last Name A-M)  
or dessert  
(Last Name N-Z)  
and a donation for the pit.  
Drinks provided.****AND****ENTERTAINMENT by DONNY TAYLOR &  
THE GULF COASTERS.****INVITE YOUR FRIENDS  
A TERRIFIC WAY TO ENTERTAIN  
NO FUSS, NO CLEAN-UP!****SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
OR ON THE FRIENDSHIP PAD  
BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH!**

### Congregational Meeting Called for August 30, 2009

The Session calls a Congregational Meeting for August 30 to be held toward the end of the 11:00 am worship service, for the purpose of acting on requests from Uptown Houston that we grant them two easements as part of the reconstruction of San Felipe.

One easement would be for a new sidewalk on the north side of our property along San Felipe. We have never had a sidewalk there, and it would be a nice improvement and a convenience to us and the many people who walk along San Felipe. The second easement is for a common entrance for us and the shopping center to our west, with both of us granting space for the easement, so that the intersection of San Felipe and Hallmark St. can be made into a "signalized" intersection, with a traffic light. This would be an improvement both for us and for the shopping center, since it would give safe access to people wanting to turn left into both parking lots. It would also provide a safe crossing place between our church and the Hallmark, where some of our members live.

Both the sidewalk and the new driveway are improvements to our campus that will be at no cost to the church, and we will retain ownership of the property in which the easements are located. If you have questions about this meeting, please feel free to call Bill Poe at the church office, or Property Commission Moderator Lee Murphree.

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### The CNC Invites Your Recommendations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee of St. Philip invites the congregation to nominate persons for leadership as church officers for 2010. You may nominate yourself. Please use another sheet of paper if necessary.

Qualifications fall into these general areas:

- Church involvement: attendance at public worship, participation in church activities, offices held, and services rendered.
- Christian living: within the family, at work, in the community.
- Personal characteristics and skills: willingness to learn, openness to new ideas, maturity of judgment, and special talents.

Particular responsibilities for each office:

**ELDER:** All matters of leadership, spiritual life, education, mission, personnel, worship, government and discipline in the congregation, financial affairs, oversight of church plant and maintenance/improvement.

**TRUSTEE:** To manage property and special funds for the church, acting after authority is granted by the Session or congregation. To lead the congregation to engage in a process for growth by making bequests of property, stocks, or other assets.

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I suggest the name of \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination to the office of Elder, Trustee. Particular qualifications include: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE CIRCLE EITHER ELDER OR TRUSTEE.**

Please fill out and place in the offering plate or send to Nominating Chairperson, Charles Lucas - address - 6213 Longmont, Houston, Texas 77057 or e-mail - clucasjr@swbell.net

Your response must be received no later than September 4, 2009.