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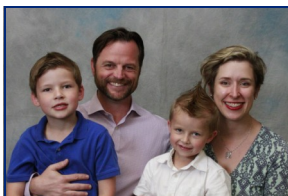
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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PHILIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME

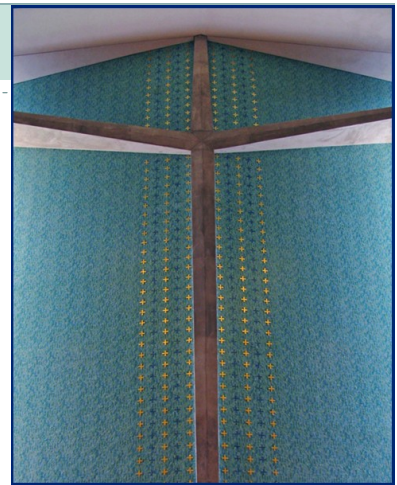
The Session welcomed new members on Easter, and the Welcoming and Membership Committee invite you to get to know them and say hi the next time you see them.

Jared Ewing and Amanda Kirtley joined St. Philip on Easter Sunday. Amanda grew up in Kentucky, went to Rhodes College in Tennessee for her bachelor's degree, and completed her law degree at the University of Kentucky. She is an Assistant District Attorney for Harris County. In her free time she enjoys trivia games and camping. Jared also went to college at Rhodes and is an attorney. He completed his JD at the University of Houston and works for a local title company. He grew up in Houston and is a big sports fan. Jared and Amanda were married in 2017 and are looking forward to the birth of their first child in the fall. They learned about St. Philip through Jared's grandmother, Ruth Ewing, a long-time member. Both say they enjoy the worship and the friendly congregation at St. Philip. Welcome, Jared and Amanda!



Chris and Amanda Newport also joined St. Philip on Easter. Chris grew up in Clear Lake, but also spent part of his childhood in Jakarta, Indonesia. He is a management consultant who enjoys outdoor activities like sailing, running, and cycling. Amanda grew up in Tulsa, OK, and the Dallas area.

She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian in Flower Mound, TX, before moving to Houston. She is currently a stay-at-home parent, but also has been in project management. She enjoys the outdoors, especially gardening; playing piano is another interest. Amanda and Chris both graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio; Chris also attended Rice University. They have two young children, Ellis and Tristan. They learned about St. Philip from Harry and Aileen Todd, who are regular visitors to St. Philip. The worship, the friendly congregation, and the pastoral staff of St. Philip attracted them to the church. Chris is interested in Christian Education opportunities, while Amanda is interested in music and youth programs. Welcome, Amanda and Chris!



Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster
Pastor, Head of Staff

Rev. Keatan King
Associate Pastor

Rev. Omar Rouchon
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Samuel Lanham III
Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Randall Swanson
Director of Music

Dr. Matthew Dirst
Organist

Cecy Duarte
Children's Music Associate

Micah Meyers
Art Director

Denise Ferrell
Bookkeeper

Wilbert Parada
Facilities Supervisor

Dimas Parada
Custodian

Lorrie Castle
Office Manager
Newsletter Editor

Susan Estill
Editor Emerita



WORSHIP LIVE

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our Communications & Technology Committee has made it possible for you to see St. Philip Sunday services from your home -- or wherever you have a computer, phone, or tablet. You can watch the service live at 11:00 on Sundays or view it - and other archived services - when convenient. Look for the [Worship](#) button on our website, saintphilip.net.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

I wrote to you last month about my participation in a CREDO conference, the vocational wellness event for pastors sponsored by the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). While at the conference I discovered that I was unique among my fellow CREDO participants in having a sabbatical scheduled for later this year (or any year). Throughout the conference, there was much admiration expressed by my peers and the faculty for what our church has done in establishing this program for clergy renewal.

I will be away from St. Philip August 5-November 4. Deb and I plan to spend approximately two months in England. For a good bit of the time, we will be in York, a historical city that includes a fantastic cathedral with a rich worship life. We also plan to complete the coast to coast walk, a three-week self-guided journey that takes us across northern England, from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. When we return to the US, our plan is to spend a couple of weeks with Deb's family in New England. At the very end of the leave, I will spend a week or so on a private retreat, reflecting on the gifts of time away and the possibilities of the road ahead.

Our church received a grant from the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal program to fund my sabbatical (<http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal>). Based in Indianapolis, the Lilly Foundation has a longstanding interest in supporting and enhancing congregational ministry. St. Philip is one of 148 congregations across the country (and one of six congregations in Texas) to receive a clergy renewal grant this year.

While I'm away, Keatan will serve as the Acting Head of Staff. She and Omar will share the preaching duties; and, together with the elders and the deacons, cover the pastoral and programmatic duties. A sabbatical committee, consisting of Keatan, Bebe Burns, John Lemen, and Al Waldrop, is in place to help consider issues before, during, and after my leave. We intend to have a couple of forums in July at various times so that I can share more details about this sabbatical. Then there will also be a "show and tell" event when I return. As I wrote in the Lilly grant application, my proposed program "has opportunities to refresh, restore, and reclaim a sense of call, a sense of balance, and a sense of myself as child of God." I'm grateful for this opportunity and very much appreciate all of the interest and support.



I will be at Austin College in Sherman, Texas May 18-19. I have been invited to preach at the college's Baccalaureate service, and I will receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree the next day at the Commencement. I'm deeply honored by this invitation and award. While I myself attended one of the "other" Presbyterian colleges in the state (Trinity University), I've known, learned from, and served with Austin College alums for most all of my life. We have several of these Kangaroos in the St. Philip community, and I'm delighted to soon be numbered among them, if only in an honorary way!



In February, the Session sent a letter to the congregation explaining that in order to have a balanced budget for 2019, mission expenditures would have to be decreased from 2018 levels. The letter also invited new and revised pledges. Many responded to that invitation (thank you!), and last month the Session approved a revised 2019 budget with a \$23,373 increase for mission. We have now allocated \$132,704 for mission in 2019, compared to \$161,862 expended for mission in 2018. Our total mission-giving as a congregation includes not just the mission dollars in our annual operating budget, but also amounts contributed through the monthly communion offerings as well as the distributions from our Central Mission Endowment Fund. That figure for 2019 will be over \$500,000.

Faithfully yours,

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **May 12** immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to call Omar Rouchon as permanent associate pastor, thus concluding his term as designated associate pastor. In 2017, with the presbytery's support, Omar was called to a designated associate pastor position, which allowed for an expedited search process. The term for that designated relationship was set at two years. Now the Session is recommending that Omar be called to a permanent status as associate pastor. Pending the vote of the congregation on **May 12**, he would be installed to this position at the 11:00 service on **June 2**.

PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE

STILL TIME TO GET TICKETS!

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S EVENT:

A SHARED BREAKING OF THE FAST DURING RAMADAN

St. Philip is pleased to host the Pink Iftar on Thursday, **May 9**, when women of Muslim faith backgrounds gather with women from other faith traditions to enjoy an informative talk followed by a call to prayer and breaking of the fast with a shared meal. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. (registration at 6:30), with a program in the Sanctuary led by Wafa Abdin, Executive Director of Houston Volunteer Lawyers, discussing Islam and women, followed by the meal in the Fellowship Hall. Individual tickets to this woman-only event are \$45, and sponsored tables are \$360. You may register online at <https://pinkiftar2019.eventbrite.com>; or by check, payable to Women's Table of Houston, and mailed to 6417 Virginia Court, Houston, TX 77005. St. Philip's Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, with the endorsement of Session, is sponsoring the 2019 Pink Iftar, and Rice University's Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance is a partner with the Women's Table of Houston in presenting the event.

FELLOWSHIP

SUMMER BASEBALL!

Stop by the Fellowship table in the Gathering Area today if you have interest in heading to the ballpark (Skeeters AND Astros) with your friends from St. Philip.



Skeeters vs. York Revolution, Sunday, **May 19** @ 2:05 p.m. \$20 for seat AND food voucher. Carpooling from St. Philip will be an option. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, **May 12**.



Astros vs. Los Angeles Angels, Sunday, **August 25** @ 2:10 p.m. \$49 for seat. Carpooling transportation TBD. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, **June 2**.

Payment is accepted in person on Sundays in the Gathering Area by putting an envelope in Amye Webster's (Fellowship) box in the Mailroom with your information or online! To pay online, go to www.saintphilip.net and click on "Make A Contribution." Select the FELLOWSHIP FUND. In the memo line, please specify team and # of tickets [i.e. Skeeters 4]. The deadlines for payment through St. Philip are firm!

The purpose of the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee is to highlight and support the denomination's Peacemaking Program; and to maintain congregational awareness of issues of social, racial, and economic injustice; human rights; arms control, and environmental degradation; and all forms of exclusion and prejudice [as described more fully in St. Philip's Commitment to Peacemaking (2003)].

The purpose of the Fellowship Committee is to plan and arrange social activities and celebrations for the congregation throughout the year, for the congregation's enjoyment, and to welcome new members and visitors. The Fellowship Committee welcomes all as part of God's family. In recognition of our common faith, the Fellowship Committee brings together the church's immediate and extended family in joy and thanksgiving to build bonds in Christ.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) offers a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community beginning with Bible study at St. Philip. May is the last month the PW Circles will meet until September.

Circles

Sunday Circle

*3rd Sunday of the month
after 11 a.m. service
in the Dining Room*



Monday Morning Saints

*2nd Monday of the month
at 10 a.m.
in the Dining Room*



Wednesday Morning Circle

*4th Wednesday of the
month at 10 a.m.
at Brazos Towers
at Bayou Manor*



Wednesday Evening Circle

*1st Wednesday of the
month at 6 p.m. in the
Dining Room*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Recent Happenings

March was certainly a busy month for PW happenings please enjoy reading about them.

March 10—Birthday Cake and Offering

A whole-hearted thank you goes out to the many members and friends of St. Philip who generously donated a total of \$1,427.01 to the Birthday Offering. The 2019 Birthday Offering recipients were: **Disaster Response Team** Presbytery of Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina; **Effingham Child Development Center Inclusive Playground**, Effingham, Illinois; **Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc.**; Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps, Kentucky; **Wings of Refuge** Restoration Home, Iowa Falls, Iowa. PW is extremely grateful and thankful for Nan Schissler who consistently spearheads the arrangements for the Birthday Offering.

March 22-24—2019 PW Retreat

You Will be My Witnesses: God's Job Description for Every Christian

The weather was gorgeous, the company was especially genial--twenty St. Philip Presbyterian Women gathered for the weekend at Homewood Suites in Conroe for the 2019 retreat, and was by all accounts a huge success. We were extremely privileged that Rev. Kristin Huffman agreed to serve as the Retreat Leader. A performance of *Godspell* just happened to be at the Conroe Owen Theater Saturday evening, and several women were delighted with the spirited performance. The success of the retreat could not have happened without the valuable assistance of Rev. Keatan King, Sandra Truxillo, Jane Cooper, Laura Burgess, Liz Miguez, and especially the very patient and helpful Lorrie Castle.

March 30—First Presbyterian Church of Brenham—New Covenant Presbytery Spring Gathering--HEALING JUSTICE

As luck would have it, once again the weather was gorgeous that weekend! Several St. Philip women attended the Spring Gathering in lovely Brenham. The offertory collection was donated to the **Faith Mission and Help Center**, a multi-campus, faith-based community working to help people become self-sufficient through emergency assistance and paths to long-term improvement in Washington County. Visit www.faithmission.us to learn more about this organization. The Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Women of New Covenant Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Janice Bradshaw at 10:02 a.m. on Saturday, March 30 at Brenham Presbyterian Church, Brenham, Texas. Janice greeted and welcomed visitors Carol Davis; Sally Judge, PW Synod CT; speakers Rev. Emilee Whitehurst, Houston Area Women's Center, and "Plants in the Bible" presented by Phoebe Lake, New Leaf Nursery; Lisa Johnson, PCHAS; Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, Worship Leader; Lynn Hargrove, Presbytery Staff Liaison to PW; Kristen Campbell, Synod of the Sun Representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women; and Cretora Biggerstatff, 101 years old from Woodlands Community. She thanked the PW, Rev. Dr. Brent Hampton, the staff, and congregation of Brenham PC for their hard work before, during and after the hosting of the 2019 Presbytery PW Spring Gathering. Rev. Dr. Brent Hampton extended greetings from Brenham and led the Opening Prayer.

Save the Date

2019-2020 Horizon's Bible Study Overviews for "Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia A. Gamble

Dates, Locations and Speakers:

Saturday, August 3

- ✦ Community of the Servant Savior—11303 Hughes Road, Houston, 77089.
- ✦ Registration and Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., followed by overview from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Register with church office at 281.481.1692 (leave message) or email Dot-t3@juno.com.
- ✦ Presented by Connie Nyquist, C.C.E. (Retired), Clear Lake Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, August 10

- ✦ The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church—4881 W Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, 77381.
- ✦ Registration and Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., followed by overview from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ✦ Register with Kristen Campbell at 910-322-0330 or email e.kristen.campbell@gmail.com.
- ✦ Presented by Reverend Laura Grice, T.E., The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.

Friday, August 16

- ✦ St. Andrews in Beaumont—1350 N 23rd Street, Beaumont 77706.
- ✦ Registration and Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., followed by overview from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ✦ Register with Liz Webb at 409-860-5212 or email lizshanahan@aol.com. Presented by Reverend Sharon Gazaway, T.E., Trinity Presbyterian Church and Julie Odle, Pastoral Care Coordinator, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Saturday, August 17

- ✦ Spring Branch Presbyterian Church—1215 Campbell Road, Houston, 77055.
- ✦ Registration and Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., followed by overview from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ✦ Register with the church office at 713-464-7659 or email secretary@springbranchpres.org.

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- ✦ First Presbyterian Church, Conroe is planning to host the 2020 PW Spring Gathering

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Weekday Classes

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

John Wurster's Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room and will conclude for the summer on May 15.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in the Conference Room at noon. We are studying the book *The Good and Faithful Servant* by Hugh Hewitt at our meetings. Men who wish to participate should bring a bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. The group wraps up promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you have any questions.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Monday, **May 13**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., is the next meeting of the Monday evening study group, as we begin our next book, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith*, by Marcus Borg. We will read chapter 1, "Meeting Jesus again." In this book, Borg

addresses the yearnings of those who want a fully contemporary faith that welcomes rather than oppresses our critical intelligence and openness to the best of historical scholarship. Borg shows how a rigorous examination of historical findings can lead to a new faith in Christ, one that is critical and, at the same time, sustaining. Haven't read it? No problem! Consider joining us anyway to hear what your fellow St. Philipians think. We meet the second and fourth Mondays, in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus), and refreshments are provided. There is no better time to join our group, as we start a new book!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join a community of people in their 20s and 30s for compassionate conversation regarding all matters of the life of faith. We meet monthly at different restaurants in Houston and pose questions for group reflection and discussion. Bring a friend or your partner, your questions and ideas, and your thirst for knowledge! Next meeting is **May 14** at 6:30 p.m. at The'401 Table and Tap, 6700 Ferris, Ste. 150, Bellaire, 77401.

Mission of Christian Education Committee: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, to guide us as we engage and inspire as to build faith and discipleship within the children of God.



NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants and children through 4 years old are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

All classes begin at 9:30.

Godly Play (Age 3 to K)
Room 104
*Omi Ford, Joyce Fox,
and Ruthie Waldrop*

Children's Music
Room 105
Cecy Duarte

Grades 1—5
Room 105
*Paul Arlinghaus, Linda Bevill,
Kara D'Agostino,
and Paul D'Agostino*

Grades 6—8
Room 206
Judith Hiott and Jack Lippincott

Grades 9—12
Room 205
Keatan King and John Lemen

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

A monthly interest group for women who like to read books, socialize, and have a night out will meet **May 16** at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is at the home of Melissa Aldrich, and we will discuss *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. This interactive self-led group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at: sarah.odell6@gmail.com

PUB CLUB

Pub Club is a group for men in the church who like to enjoy fellowship, stories and spirited discussion once a month at a local pub. Pub Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our next gathering is Tuesday, **May 28**, Griff's Irish Pub. 3416 Roseland St., 77006. Men interested in attending may eat beforehand or order food from the pub. For more information or questions, please contact Tim Burgess at: TimRB1987@gmail.com.

Sunday School

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Room 201 – *Mickey Meyers* and *C.J. Miller*, leaders. **May 12** - *Plant It Forward* - PIF's mission is to train and support refugees to operate urban farm businesses throughout Houston. Plant It Forward builds a greener Houston by growing fresh, local, pesticide-free vegetables and fruit; giving our farmers an opportunity to build a self-sustaining, free market enterprise in America for themselves and their families; and building our community by integrating our farms into neighborhoods. Their vision is a farm in every neighborhood, operated by people achieving the American Dream. Presented by Liz Vallette - President of Plant it Forward. **May 19** - A Look at the Book *America's Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics* - an investigation into the "ideational roots of race hate" by examining a philosophical "trinity" - Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, and Adam Smith - whose works collectively imagined, institutionalized, and ingrained racist ideologies into the hearts and minds of the American people. Presented by Joel Goza, author of *America's Unholy Ghosts*. **May 26** - *Roma* - A Film Presentation by Kate Burkart.

BIBLE STUDY

Room 204 – Al Waldrop, leader. We will continue our study of The Psalms, primarily from the NRSV and Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary*.

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Room 200 - We are studying *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* by Martin Thielen. A contemporary look at essential - and non-essential Christian beliefs, this introductory book takes a look at common assumptions and important questions of faith. The St. Philip Adults class is a fellowship of adults from all walks of life who gather for learning and community. It is a conversation/dialogue-based/interactive class. Sharing leadership is easy and fun and asking questions is what it is all about. Contact:

Omar@saintphilip.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children in pre-K through first grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel with Rev. Omar Rouchon and a parent helper following the conversation with children during the 11 o'clock service on the second and fourth Sundays. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.



SUMMER VBS VOLUNTEERS

The Education Committee is welcoming volunteers to join us for Summer VBS on Saturday, **July 13** from 9-2. If you've been looking for a chance to share your time and talents with our youngest disciples, this is a great opportunity. We will provide curriculum and materials; we ask you to bring your love of art, science, drama, recreation and snacks! This year's theme is *Healing and Friendship: Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man*. Contact Pastor Omar, Vanessa Nenna, or Liz Miguez for more information and to sign up.

CLERK OF SESSION

Session Highlights

Stated Session Meeting – April 16, 2019

- ✦ Session approved a revised 2019 budget of \$1,635,526 for St. Philip, up from the original 2019 budget of \$1,607,953.
- ✦ Session approved the recommendation of the Trustees to consolidate all of the church's invested funds in the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. The Trustees' recommendation was based on their review of the relative performance of the church's invested funds with both the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and the Presbyterian Foundation's New Covenant Fund since the merger of Central Presbyterian Church and St. Philip Presbyterian Church in 2010.
- ✦ Session approved the recipients of the Communion Offerings for the remainder of 2019:
 - May – Liberty High School
 - July – Bethesda Clinic in Xocenpich, Mexico
 - August – CCSC
 - September – United Campus Ministries
 - November – Kids Against Hunger
- Session approved the Mission Committee's proposed allocation of 2019 Mission expenditures totaling \$128,500.
- Session approved the grant application, prepared by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee for submission to Presbytery of New Covenant, requesting \$1,750 of the Lynn Johnson Social Justice funds which are to be used for a public viewing of the *Out of Ordinary* documentary.
- Session called a congregational meeting for **May 12** immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of the meeting is to call Omar Rouchon as associate pastor, thus concluding his term as designated associate pastor. If the way be clear, a service of installation will be scheduled for **June 2**.
- Session approved having St. Philip become a certified Red Cross Emergency Shelter to be activated at the Pastors' discretion in consultation with the church calendar and staff and with the best interests of the congregation and the Houston community in mind.

Committee and Council Actions:

- ✦ Education Committee has chosen to use the story of Jesus healing the paralytic for Summer VBS and to write its own curriculum.
- ✦ Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee has voted to join Presbyterians for Earth Care (<https://presbyearthcare.org/>).
- ✦ Personnel Committee has requested Bebe Burns, Al Waldrop, John Lemen and Keatan King serve as the Sabbatical Committee for John Wurster.

Called Session Meeting – April 21, 2019

- ✦ Session received by letter of transfer Jared Ewing from Chapelwood United Methodist, Houston; and his wife Amanda Kirtley from First Presbyterian Church, Owensboro, Kentucky.
- ✦ Session received by reaffirmation of faith Chris and Allison Newport; their children are Tristan and Ellis.

John A. Lemen, Clerk of Session

TREASURER

Operating Budget Report

	<u>March 31, 2019</u>	<u>March 31, 2018</u>
Total Revenue:	\$378,994	\$333,500
Total Expenses:	\$470,382	\$508,715

Session

John Wurster
Moderator

John Lemen
Clerk

Pastors
Keatan King
Omar Rouchon

Class of 2019

Kate Dickinson-Varner
Janet Hess
William Rowe
Chuck Seidel
Sandy Truxillo
Anne Wilson
Nancy Beck Young

Class of 2020

Selena Brinegar
Tim Burgess
Scott Easterly
Jack Lippincott
Bonnie Moore
Peg Palisin
Amye Webster

Class of 2021

Lee Ardell
John Boone
Kate Burkart
Bill Connolly
Dave Durham
Vanessa Nenna
Cathy Patterson

Purpose. The purpose of the Mission Committee is to develop and nurture the congregation as it reaches out to support Christ's mission locally and around the world as well as through the PCUSA. The Committee works to make mission an integral part of the life of the congregation.

MISSION

SPPC T-SHIRTS



The Mission Committee is excited to once again take orders for our "official" St. Philip T-shirt! As we are out and about volunteering, as we gather as a community at Mo Ranch, as we pack meals for Kids Against Hunger, this is a great way to identify and promote that we are members of St. Philip! The design will be the same; the shirt will feel softer and be a darker heather royal blue. The shirts are produced in a 100% No Sweatshops & Eco-Friendly company that is Platinum WRAP (Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production) Certified.

- Youth Short Sleeve sizes are \$10.
- Adult Short Sleeve sizes are \$15.
- Long sleeve adult shirts are \$18.
- 2XL – 4XL sizes are an additional \$2.

All proceeds from the sales will go towards supporting our Mission Partner, Newspring. Newspring is a faith-based non-profit dedicated to making positive social and economic impact in the Spring Branch area of Houston. Sales will be held in the Gathering Area and on our website through Sunday, **May 19**. Sample shirts in all sizes are available at the Mission table. Payment must be made at the time you order by check, cash or credit card. Shirts may be picked up at church starting on Sunday, **June 2** – just in time for Mo Ranch! Questions? Email mission@saintphilip.net.

MISSION PARTNER—NEWSPRING SUPPORT

Enjoy the Newspring Student Art Auction on **May 10** in the beautiful lobby of the A.D. Players George Theater! Student artists will be on hand to visit about their artwork. The auction provides a terrific opportunity for each student to be recognized for their talents and experience the marketplace at work. Newspring created the Student Art Auction to encourage students to remain in school and utilize their God-given talents. Proceeds from the sale of the artwork go directly to the student. For more details go to their website:

<https://newspringcenter.org/artauction/>

LOTS

You are cordially invited to the Lord of the Streets 2019 Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, **May 14** with Keynote Speaker Greg Audel, featured on NPR's Radio Moth Story Hour, a storyteller, writer and radio co-host of KPFT 90.1's "So, What's Your Story?" Greg is founder of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Homeless Program. For tickets visit www.LOTSHouston.org or more information contact Jane Flinn at jpflinn@sbcglobal.com.

SUNSHINE SHOP NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

Although Christian Community Service Center's Sunshine Resale Shop will be closing in September, it is still taking donations (and needs them!) through July--and you can continue to get great deals on high-quality merchandise until September. Visit the Shop at 5413 Bellaire Blvd., Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., to browse and say hello to the wonderful volunteers. Donations are accepted every day until 4 p.m. For more information, or to schedule a pickup of your furniture donations, call Yolanda at 713-665-4000. Donations can be left in the John Blow Clearinghouse and St. Philip volunteers will deliver them.

AMAZING PLACE

We know caring for loved ones with dementia can be particularly stressful and overwhelming. At Amazing Place, we offer three caregiver education programs specifically tailored to help meet the unique challenges associated with dementia caregiving and caregiving in general. Our experienced and trained educators are here to help equip you or someone you know with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive as a caregiver. To learn more about our programs or to sign up for an upcoming course, please visit our website:

www.amazingplacehouston.org.

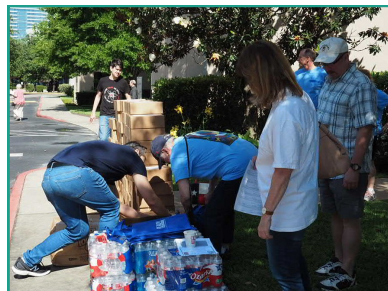
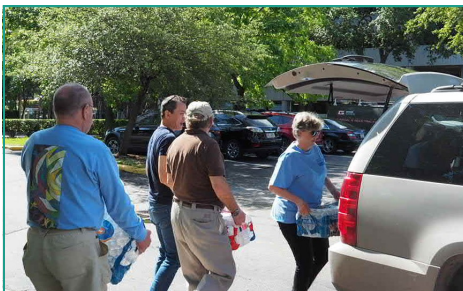
INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS

In 1963, a Belgian sea captain immigrant to the U.S. had a dream to change the Port of Houston from the “worst port in the world” for seafarers, to a “home away from home” for them. In 1968, three ministers, one of whom was Presbyterian pastor Taft Lyon, brought this dream to life. Recognizing that all human persons are a gift of God, the mission of the chaplains and Committee on Ministry of the Port of Houston is to carry out a ministry of presence, outreach, witness, worship, service, and advocacy to, with and for Seafarers and their families from around the world.

You are invited to make donations of the personal items listed below to fill the 2019 Seafarers’ Christmas Boxes. Each year, Congregations from the Houston area pack personal items that sailors use every day in empty shoe boxes and wrap them with Christmas paper. The boxes are delivered to the Seafarers’ Center and then personally taken to the ships by the Port chaplains. Annually, over 10,000 wrapped boxes are delivered to over 500 ships. Members of these crews have traveled from 65 different countries.

The seafarers greatly cherish these gifts. On board the ships for many months at a time, away from their families, a personal touch of a gift is so important to these sailors. Your donations of the items listed below will help to ease the loneliness and let them know that they are cared for. The items will be packed later this year (date TBA), by the loving hands of St. Philip members. Collection boxes will be in the Gathering Area and in the church office for donations.

Empty Shoe Boxes	Address Book	Baseball Caps	Body Powder
Combs	Cotton Swabs	Dental Floss	Deodorant
Deodorant Soap	Disposable Razor	Foot Powder	Gum
Hard Candy	Hot Chocolate Packets	Hotel Samples	Key Chains
Lip Balm	Nail Clippers	Mechanical Pencils	Paper Clips
Pens	Playing Cards	Pocket Notebooks	Popcorn (Microwave Packets)
Rubber Bands	Sewing Kits	Shampoo	Shaving Cream
Small Tissue Packs	Socks	Sudoku	Texas Souvenirs
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	USB Flash Drives	Wash Clothes
Word Searches	Antiseptic Cream		



Operation Impact

Over 25 St. Philipians and friends came out on May 4 to load and distribute supplies to Interfaith Ministries senior clients.



IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Vicki McKay; Nita Davis; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Walter Baker; Jim Bratton; Arlette Keene; Susan Leonard; Betty Knepper; Betty Golemon; Joyce Fox; Russell Bahruth; Bill Taylor; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; John Palisin—brother of Peg Palisin; Carolyn Jones—sister of Cynthia Shoup; Norma Reagan—mother of Sarah O'Dell; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; Bessie Johnson—mother of Pat Lindsay; Ralph Arlinghaus—father of Paul Arlinghaus; Ian Pearce; Rusty Howard; Phillip McDaniel; Carol Paine Kendrick; John Paser—brother of Mary Ann Thomas; and Hollie Bailey—niece of Peg Palisin.

Always in our prayers are the homebound members of St. Philip.

Friends of St. Philippians—Wes Mayo—friend of Vicki McKay; Grady Reed—friend of Stephen Paine.

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