



PHILIP-EYE

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IT'S TIME FOR MO-RANCH

Each June, members of St Philip Presbyterian Church travel to the Texas Hill Country for a long weekend of Christian fellowship. In the beautiful surroundings of Mo-Ranch, we study, play, and relax as a church family. Our program begins after supper on Thursday, **June 6** and continues through morning worship on Sunday, **June 9**. Many families arrive earlier on Thursday to enjoy the ranch and time in the river. Most of us find it difficult to leave on Sunday.

MY MO-RANCH STORY

The Texas Hill Country is a geographic region located in the Edwards Plateau at the crossroads of West Texas, Central Texas, and South Texas. Given its location, climate, terrain, and vegetation, the Hill Country can be considered the border between the American Southwest and Southeast. Wikipedia

My first adventure to the Hill Country was with St. Philip around 2010 at Mo-Ranch. I can't tell you exactly how many times I have been because I lost my first name tag, then got married to David Castle so I needed a new one (thank you, Tom Lewis) and just had a hard time keeping up with the beads each year. To say all that, it has always been fun. I have the memories even if I don't have the beads. The first two trips were before we got married, and the wonderful planning team (Jeanie Flowers, room coordinator extraordinaire) found roommates for me. Sadly, each year these individuals had to cancel at the last minute; you might have thought no one wanted to stay with me. The fun went on anyway.

A church retreat, I had never been on one and anticipated a bunk house because it was a 'ranch'; I was surprised when I saw the hotel style rooms. Wow! We usually arrived late on Thursday night so I didn't really see much more than that until morning. The first walk to breakfast I saw the old chuck wagon and all the buildings around a beautifully shaded grass area. King Dining Hall was massive and loud and we were welcomed at any table for the meals. I really got to meet and know so many more St. Philipians than you do at church on Sunday.

After the insightful speaker sessions, there is so much fun to be had. I recall my first time at the rapids, so refreshing. David enjoys birding and I enjoy wild flowers so we always are able to see both at various places around Mo-Ranch. There are always crafts (yeah!) and the Friday night socials, square dancing or a talent show, a BBQ by the river, meditation and more. Recently we have had fly fishing, bingo, drum circles, and bible study in the rapids; Keatan laminates the lessons. I hope I have piqued your interest if you haven't been, and if you have, then reminded you why you need to go this year. —*Lorrie Castle*

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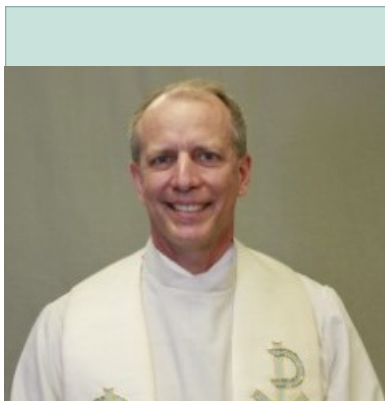
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*“Will you serve
with energy,
intelligence,
imagination, and
love?”*

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

The new year is hurtling along. This past Saturday the 2019 Session gathered for a retreat at the Interface-Samaritan building on our campus. In addition to worship and group-building activities, we spent some time identifying our values and how they are reflected in our words, deeds, and commitments. Towards the end of the day, we were each invited to share a couple of our values with the group, writing them on a display board. I am inspired by the collection of values among our Session members: compassion, generosity, hope, faithfulness, honesty, fairness, and justice and many more. I'm grateful for these people and their willingness to respond to God's call and their effort to serve our congregation with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

In the course of exploring our individual core values, we had some conversation about what we might identify as the core values of St. Philip Presbyterian Church. This topic is being explored more completely by our strategic planning task force, which began meeting in December. For most of 2019, this group will seek to discern the values, vision, and mission of our congregation and then develop a plan to present to the Session to guide our ministry for the coming years. The task force includes current Session members Selena Brinegar, John Boone, Bonnie Moore, and Anne Wilson as well as Maggie Dement, Chuck Johnson, John Van Osdall, and Gary Whitney. Dan Klein, former president of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, is also working with the group as a consultant. In 2013, Dan helped us establish the framework for our Central Mission Endowment Fund. You will be hearing more about this task force and opportunities to participate in this planning process.

The Session has set the annual meeting of the congregation for **February 10**. Departing from past practice, we will have this meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following an abbreviated 11:00 worship service. We hope this change in format will allow for wider participation in the meeting, which will include action on the pastors' terms of call, election of a representative to the congregational nominating committee, review of financial data for 2018, and presentation of the 2019 budget. Afterwards, the fellowship committee is sponsoring a Mardi Gras lunch.

This issue of the Philip-Eye has lots of information about coming opportunities for worship, mission, study, and fellowship. 2019 is a year full of promise. I'm excited about what is ahead for us as God's people in this place.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Kate Dickinson-Varner
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Sandy Truxillo
Anne Wilson
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John Wurster

Class of 2020

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Peg Palisin
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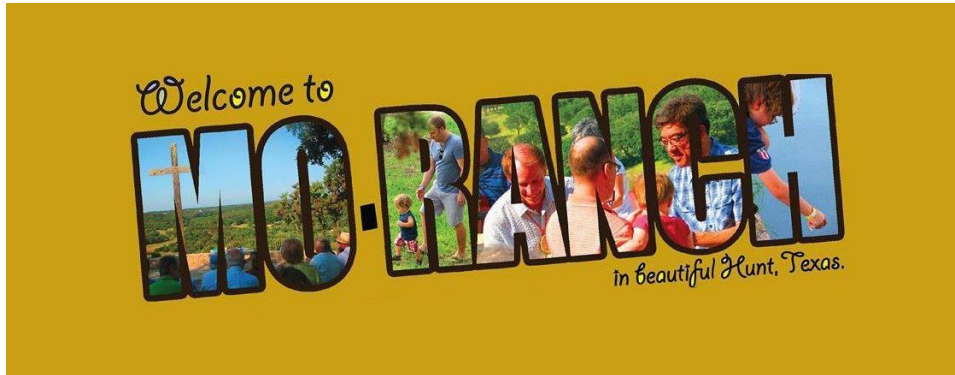
John Lemen-Clerk
Keatan King
Pastors

Class of 2021

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

Omar Rouchon

FELLOWSHIP



Join us for a long weekend of Christian fellowship in the beautiful surroundings of Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country to study, play, and relax as a church family. This year's event begins after supper on Thursday and continues through worship on Sunday morning.

You may pay in full at the time of registration or in three installments (March 1, April 5, May 3). Confirmations and bills will be sent out by email. (Please be sure that the email you provide is correct and is an address you check regularly.) All registrations must be complete and paid by March 1, 2019. (First payment, if paying in installments.) No refunds can be made after March 1. If you do not cancel your reservation by that date, you must pay for your room whether you go or not. **WE REGRET WE CANNOT HOLD SPACE FOR ANYONE WITHOUT A COMPLETED REGISTRATION.**

PRICING:

Pricing for a room in Wynne, Flato, or Pheasant Run lodge depends on how many adults will share the room. Prices for adults include lodging and all meals from breakfast Friday through breakfast Sunday. Children and youth are billed only for their meals (but must be accompanied by at least one adult per room).

The pricing for a room in Manor House does not include meals. To book in Manor House, select the room when registering the first adult in your group, then select meals for each person in the group.

If you wish to have Thursday dinner at Mo-Ranch, you must select that separately. Cost: Adults and Youth \$14.50; Children (ages 4-11) \$10.25

WYNNE LODGE/FLATO LODGE (each room has two queen beds)

Adult (single accommodation): \$469

Adult (room shared by 2 adults): \$286 each

Adult (room shared by 3 adults): \$225 each

Adult (room shared by 4 adults): \$195 each

Youth 12-18 in same room: \$82 per child

Children 4-11: \$60 per child

PHEASANT RUN (most rooms have two beds)

Adult (single accommodation): \$439

Adult (room shared by 2 adults): \$271 each

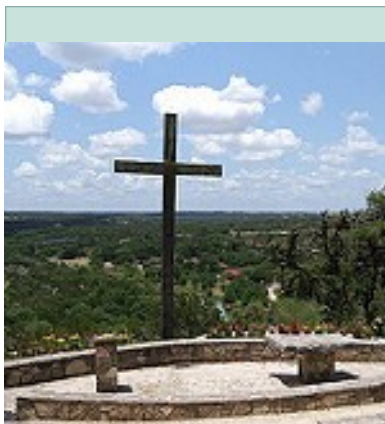
Adult (room shared by 3 adults): \$215 each

Adult (room shared by 4 adults): \$187 each

Youth 12-18 in same room: \$82 per child

Children 4-11: \$60 per child

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.



*The mission of
Presbyterian
Mo-Ranch Assembly
is to foster growth in
God through Jesus
Christ by sharing its
unique living,
learning, Christian
environment.*

MANOR HOUSE - This lodging is reserved for families. All sleeping rooms share a common living room. There are large rooms with multiple beds (some twins, some queens in varying combinations. We will match your family to the best available room.)

Room Cost: \$544 per family

Meals (Friday Breakfast through Sunday Breakfast)

Youth/Adult: \$82

Child 4-11: \$60

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION:

On the first screen, you will need to add each family member attending. (When you see 'Mo-Ranch Reservation (Free)' it means only that there is no service charge for using the online system.)

You will select each person's lodging and meal on the second screen, and will be asked further questions about participants in your group as you complete the process.

PAYMENT:

At the end of the online registration process, you will have the option of paying immediately by credit card or paying by mail or in person at the church office.

If you are setting up a payment plan, you will choose the option to Pay In Person/Mail. Indicate Payment Plan in the memo box. You may then make payments in the office or sign in to MyStPhilip and make payments to the Mo-Ranch Fund **on March 1, April 5 and May 3.**

To learn more about Mo-Ranch, visit the table in the Gathering Area before and after the 11:00 worship service on **January 27, February 3 and 10.**

VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Mo-Ranch committee, please email Melissa Aldrich at aldrimel@comcast.net. Assistance needed in planning activities for all ages, coordinating prayer leaders, scheduling, and promotions.

BUILD ON YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

HEALTH YOUR WAY

St. Philip welcomes the return of a program sponsored in part by AARP which meets **Wednesdays** in Room 16 from 2:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. This class includes topics like Balance and Stability, Everyday Movement, Stretch and Release, Memory Fun and Games, Heart Health Discussions, Strong Muscles, Healthy Bones for seniors. St. Philip members and friends are welcome to attend this free program. A complete schedule is available at: www.healthyourway.com.

CAMP GLADIATOR

Camp Gladiator is a four-week outdoor group fitness program. Each workout or "Camp" is a 60 minute, full-body workout incorporating both cardio and strength, with no two workouts the same! CG meets in the parking lot at St. Philip three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00 a.m. and 6:15 a.m. if you are interested. Their fee schedule is can be found on their website. www.campgladiator.com

ALL I REALLY NEED IS LOVE, BUT A LITTLE CHOCOLATE NOW AND THEN DOESN'T HURT!

In a recently released survey about Valentine's Day spending, the National Retail Federation reported that 47 % of adults buy candy for Valentine's Day, and 34% buy flowers. It is the biggest day of the year for some florists and chocolate makers. But when making such purchasing decisions, few shoppers know about the controversial background of these two products: the exploitation of adults and children. As we make our Valentine's Day purchases this year in the hopes that our gifts will make loved ones happy, we must also consider the human consequences of our spending decisions.

The majority of flowers purchased in the U.S. come from Colombia and Ecuador, where flower workers routinely face labor violations. In a push to meet the demands of Valentine's Day, workers have been reported to log up to 20 hours a day, at 250-300 stems per hour. According to the Victoria International Development Education Association, two-thirds of Colombian and Ecuadorian flower workers suffer from work-related health problems. These problems, especially those associated with birth defects, are primarily attributed to the chemicals that workers are exposed to while on the job.

Thousands of miles away in West Africa, similar abuses are occurring on cocoa plantations, where 70% of cocoa, the main ingredient in Valentine's Day chocolate, is grown. However, in addition to all of the health risks associated with growing and harvesting cocoa, these problems are concentrated among thousands of children who work in cocoa fields every day.

Children as young as 5 and 6 years old are required to perform dangerous tasks on cocoa fields, such as chopping down cocoa pods with machetes, breaking the pods open with knives, carrying heavy loads of cocoa beans, and spraying dangerous chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides. These hazardous activities have resulted in injuries and an inability to attend school.

So how do Valentine's Day consumers make a difference this year? One option is to opt for products that have been certified to promote worker rights and protections.

When purchasing flowers, look to shops which offer Fair Trade certified bouquets such as the VeriFlora program, which sets standards for worker rights, water conservation, recycling, and organic production.

And when purchasing chocolate, come along to the Gathering Area on **February 10** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our *Very Dark Chocolate Bars* are a organic fairly-traded delicious treat that support small-scale farmers and their families. The bars combine famous Swiss standards in chocolate making with cocoa from the farmer co-operatives CONACADO, in the Dominican Republic, COCABO, in Panama, and CACVRA, in Peru; fairly traded organic sugar from co-operatives in Paraguay and Costa Rica; and fairly traded vanilla from Madagascar. We will also have mini-bags of ten chocolates, coffee, tea, olive oil and almonds on offer.



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Purpose. The purpose of the Worship and Music Committee, working with the Pastor(s) and Director of Music, is to develop, implement, coordinate, and oversee all aspects of worship that strengthen both public and private worship of God.

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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

The next service of healing and wholeness is **January 27** at 5:00 p.m. In this service, we claim God's promise of well-being and seek God's healing touch in body, mind, and spirit. In gathering for this service, we acknowledge that all healing is from God and we affirm that in the midst of illness, pain, and suffering, our relationship with God in Christ sustains us.

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP 2018-2019 SEASON

Coming in February!

Texas Guitar Quartet

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 9, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.



The **Texas Guitar Quartet** has been embraced by audiences throughout the world for their daring programs, dazzling virtuosity and joyful music making. Join us as TxGQ members **Isaac Bustos**, **Joseph Palmer**, **Alejandro Montiel** and **Jay Kacherski** perform brilliant acoustic works by **Gerónimo Giménez**, **Isaac Albéniz**, **Maurice Ravel**, **Matthew Dunne** and **Astor Piazzolla**.

FREE (contributions welcome)



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Music at St Philip

February 24, 25, & 26

"The Great Ends of the Church: For the Fullness of Life"



Speaker: Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Professor of World Christianity and Ecumenical Studies, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Stated Clerk Emeritus for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Preaching Sunday morning 8:30 and 11:00
Lectures each evening at 7:00 p.m.

The lectures will focus on one of the "classics of the faith" for Presbyterians, The Great Ends of the Church. Dr. Kirkpatrick will explore the contemporary relevance of this historic call to faithful Christian living while exploring how God might be calling us

- to be faithful evangelists;
- to create caring communities both within and beyond the church;
- to be open to fresh winds of the Spirit in our worship;
- to uphold the truth of the gospel
- to be on the *front lines* of the struggle for peace and justice, and
- to be a living demonstration of what God intends for all humanity.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Room 201 – *Mickey Meyers* and *C.J. Miller*, leaders. **January 27** - *Update From Damascus* - An update on the work of Susan McDonald, whose mission is to support artists in regions of conflict or isolation through performances, deliveries of musical instruments and art supplies, teacher training and mentorship at the Higher Institute of Music in Damascus. Also, an update on the Orontes Guitar Quartet. Presented by Susan McDonald, classical guitarist and Director of International Programs for Remember the River. **February 3 & 10:** *Skeleton in Science's Closet: The Scandal of Eugenics*, presented by Bruce Yaeger. The eugenics movement in the first part of the 20th century, which permeated all areas of life, was heralded as a scientific solution to the world's ills. But it turned out to be so embarrassing that today most science books don't mention it, and history books cover up the details. This pair of classes will explain how and why the eugenics movement happened, and raise some thought-provoking questions about the roles of science and religion today. (Bruce Yaeger is the author of the book *Wrestling Brothers: Rethinking Religion-Science Relationships*.)

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*.

SPa

Room 200 - SPa is taking a break during the month of January, but on **February 3** will begin 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 belief, this introductory book takes a look at common assumptions and important

questions of faith. Please join us the morning of Super Bowl Sunday for an array of breakfast treats, fellowship and meaningful conversation. 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.

GOD'S FAMILY AT WORSHIP

The Education Committee invites all elementary-aged children and their families to the final worship class which will be co-led by committee members and St. Philip worship leaders during the Sunday School hour on **January 27** for *Music and Worship*. We will meet in Room 105. We hope to see you there!

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

*Who is God
making us into?*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKDAY CLASSES

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

John Wurster's Wednesday morning bible study meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room.

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 starting a new book, *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion* by Martin Thielen. 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.

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 usually meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is Thursday, **January 24**, West Alabama Icehouse, 1919 W. Alabama St., 77098. 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.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Monday, **January 28**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., is the next meeting of the Monday evening study group, as we continue our study of *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine*, by Cynthia Rigby, with chapter 6, "Who is God making us into? The doctrines of sin and salvation," in part 3, "God makes us." 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.

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 **February 12** at 6:30 p.m. at Paulie's Restaurant, 1834 Westheimer Rd., 77098.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

A monthly interest group for women who like to read books, socialize, and have a night out meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. usually but in February we will meet on **February 21** at the home of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor and we will discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tart. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

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. Please join any one of the circles for their monthly meetings. This year PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*, takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. This study does not delve deeply into manifestations of God's presence but rather on God's actual articulation of God's promise. We will see anew that God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophets; from the judges to the kings; before, during, and after the exile; into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age.

CIRCLES

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

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

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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

YOUTH GROUP

The St. Philip Youth had a lock-in on Sunday, January 20 in the Education building with other youth from St. Thomas Presbyterian Church. Discussions about faith, games with messages from the bible as a reward and food, all filled the night. On Monday morning they woke early to head down to Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston to join others as they made no-sew fleece scarves and Valentine's Day cards for Meals On Wheels recipients.

*Who is God
calling us to be?*



Thomas Young



Fiona Murphy



Margaret
Fair



Eleanor Kimbro speaking to Youth at IM.

MISSION

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.

THE BEACON

Providing essential and next-step services to restore hope and help end homelessness in Houston.

The Beacon is a non-profit organization that serves the Houston homeless community through daily services, civil legal aid, counseling and mentoring and access to housing. The Day Center – supported by SPPC funds – is the gateway for all services at The Beacon. Open 5 days a week, the Day Center provides a hot meal as well as access to showers and laundry facilities to an average of 315 men and women each day.

Join other SPPC members in serving at this vital ministry in 2019.

When:

- Saturday, January 26, 2019
from 10:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 17, 2019
from 7:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
(returning for Mission Sunday services)

Where:

The Beacon, 1212 Prairie St,
Houston, TX 77002 (Free
parking garage adjacent for
volunteers)

Who: SPPC members and
friends over 13 years of age

Registration required - at church
on 1/6 or 1/13, or by contacting
Betsy Boston at 610-304-3896
or Ehbluzerne@aol.com

UPCOMING MISSION DAY: ALL HANDS ON DECK!

This year's Mission Day is scheduled for **February 17**. A commissioning service will be held at 8:30 am. We will have a regular worship service at 11:00 a.m. to ensure that all of the congregation have a chance to be involved in both mission activities as well as to worship together. There will be many familiar activities as well as some new ones as we have adopted some new mission partners. There will also be Kids Against Hunger packing session, the Community Garden workday, and the Stitchers will be in full swing. Watch the website for all that will be offered.

Signups will begin this coming Sunday in the Gathering Area and online will follow shortly after.



Thank you!

The December 2018 communion offering benefitting Christian Community Service Center 'A Time to Build' capital campaign raised \$ 2,831.

The Christmas Joy offering collected \$2,094 providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Cents-a-bility coins 2018—\$211.49 was the total collected and was equally shared by Kid Against Hunger and Presbyterian New Covenant Hunger Fund.

The Presbyterian Women offering of *least coins* used for grants to special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief and awareness-building among women throughout the world raised \$149.63.



PAM is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for people who are involved in the areas of worship, music, and the arts.

ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EDUCATORS

We are proud that Galveston is the location of the 2019 APCE Annual Event February 6-9. Better yet we have a few St. Philipians actively involved in with the event. Anne Wilson is co-chair of the conference. Keatan King, Omar Rouchon and Jonathan Britt from St. Thomas PC will be sharing with other educators their model for a spiritual pilgrimage with youth. Meg Scott-Johnson will also be leading a group on labyrinths.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Hank Semler & family upon the death of his father Saturday, January 19.

St. Philippians & their families: Jim Bratton; Betty Knepper; Jo Helland; Bill Holden; Dick Howard; Russell Bahruth; Bill Taylor; Joyce Fox; Jean Miksch—daughter of Mary Benson, sister of Amye Webster; Alan Coufal; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; Ralph Arlinghaus—father of Paul Arlinghaus; Arlette Keene; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Ian Pearce; Rusty Howard; Phillip McDaniel; Carol Paine Kendrick; and Hollie Bailey—niece of Peg Palisin.

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

Friends of St. Philippians: Traci Hahn—friend of Shelley Smith; Betty Reilly—friend of Scott Easterly; Bennett Williams—friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Grady Reed—friend of Stephen Paine.

The Philip-eye has taken on a new look after many years. I hope you will enjoy it as much as you have in the past. Each edition will include a word search with words from the previous service bulletin or the newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions please send them to:

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D P R A Y E R S E U G E N I C S B

Compassionate
Fellowship
Prayers
Shine

Eugenics
Healing
Quartet
Stretch

Fair
Homeless
Reveal
Supper

Faith
Pastor
Scripture

