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PHILIP-EYE

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: DONATION DRIVE-THROUGH, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 10 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Did you know that the second Sunday in October is World Homeless Day? In recognition of that, and to help address homelessness in our community, the Mission Committee invites you to a donation drive-through on **Saturday, October 16**, in support of the House of Tiny Treasures, which serves children experiencing homelessness.



House of Tiny Treasures (HTT) is part of SEARCH Homeless Services of Houston. It is a nationally accredited preschool program that provides developmentally focused early childhood education to children, aged 2 – 5 years, who have experienced homelessness. Nutritious meals, education, and intensive art, play, and speech therapy address students' needs and prepare them to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. By

investing in these at-risk children, we are striving to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. While the children are being cared for, their parents are able to focus on getting back on their feet and regaining a stable, self-sufficient life for their family.

St. Philip has had a long relationship with SEARCH, and the children attending House of Tiny Treasures have for years received hand-made quilts lovingly created by the St. Philip Stitches.

On October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. we will be collecting items for House of Tiny Treasures. Members of the Mission Committee will be available to unload your items. All you need to do is drive up to the collection station and pop open your trunk or door and the volunteers will do the rest. Blessings for being Mission-Minded!

Below is a list of items that are needed at this time.:

- Diapers (sizes 4 and 5)
- Baby wipes
- Size 2T-6T underwear (*for both genders*)
- Toddler-sized socks
- Liquid laundry detergent (*brands like Purex for Baby, Seventh Generation Baby, Better Life Unscented*)
- Gallons of glue
- Individual watercolor sets
- Paintbrushes of assorted sizes
- Paint cups
- Modeling clay/Play-Doh
- Tissue paper (for art studio use)
- Gallons of assorted color, washable tempera paint



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CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING RECEIVED AT OCTOBER 16 DRIVE-THROUGH

St. Philip participates in the denomination's Cents-ability offering, to raise awareness – and funds – for the fight against hunger.

Cents-ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Participating congregations invite every member — of all ages — to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat." When St. Philip members and friends bring forward their offerings on communion Sunday, all those coins "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received for this dedicated purpose.

These small acts of faithfulness can add up: If only 100 people in a congregation contribute only two cents a meal, that makes \$180 a month and \$2,160 a year!

Cents-ability began in 1976 as "Two-Cents-A-Meal," a project of Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. St. Philip's Cents-ability program benefits local hunger ministries as well as the national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). Your gifts help alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes for people around the world. Learn where your gifts have been and will be at work by visiting [Presbyterian Mission Agency | What is Cents-ability? | National Hunger & Poverty](#). Your Cents-ability gifts make a difference! Thank you for giving generously.

AMAZING PLACE

Amazing Place is celebrating 25 years of service to the community the first full week of October. And it just so happens that AP was awarded a grant to help with the expansion of its ministry to open an AP-West Campus in Katy during this last week of September. AP had already purchased property, was working to raise funds through the "Amazing Together" fundraising campaign, and the groundbreaking was to have been during fall/winter of 2019. That groundbreaking had to be postponed due to COVID. But we are excited that with this grant, which is tagged only for "expansion or new services", we will reach our groundbreaking and expansion goals sooner than we anticipated. The new groundbreaking date is slotted for fall/winter of 2022. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to John Wurster, Pam Keever, or AP's executive director, Tracy Brown. If you would like to see a rendering of the new campus, contact Pam and she can show you the plan.

By Pam Keever

LORD OF THE STREETS

Covid has been a trying time for all of us, especially the homeless. Lord of the Streets (LOTS) has remained open during the entire pandemic. We modified services to provide one hot meal a day to the homeless. Currently, we are serving over 300 meals a day out our front door. We continue to provide a main address to over 1000 of our neighbors giving them access to social security, food stamps, IRS and other critical mail services. The medical clinic, vision clinic, food stamps and clothing and hygiene centers are all operating again. We've added showers too. All of this is being done with everyone's safety in mind.

As the infection rates are trending lower, we are hoping that members of your congregation might be willing to come out from sequestering and join us to help serve the most vulnerable. We have three different volunteer opportunities that have three different levels of interaction with our neighbors. All the opportunities are weekdays between 8 and noon (or part of that time).

- Kitchen help offers little to no interaction, but is a vital need in serving over 300 meals a day. It involves food prep and line service duties.
- Front door volunteers can interface with the neighbors - offering them a meal, checking for their mail, and answering questions (yes, we will train you on the answers). I find this to be the most fun and rewarding. You can also answer the phone, if you prefer that level of interaction.
- Clothing volunteers offer a range of interaction with neighbors. We currently work with neighbors to list their needs, or the volunteer can be sorting clothes and other useful organizational activities.

Masks are required for all LOTS staff, volunteers, service providers and neighbors. We encourage everyone to be vaccinated and offer vaccines through Harris Health every Tuesday at LOTS.

The best way to find out which opportunity best fits is to simply come down one morning and kick the tires and see what appeals to you.

They can contact me directly at:

Will Symmes
Director of Volunteers, Lord of the Streets
wsymmes@lordofthestreets.org
832.746.7001

Welcoming, Restoring, & Rebuilding lives through relationship-focused ministries with the homeless and formerly homeless.

(Janet Davis from St. Philip had coordinated groups to help in the kitchen on Sundays. That has been put on hold due to Covid, but individuals are welcome to help this mission partner.)



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Connections Program

Linking our extensive knowledge of brain health and compassionate understanding of dementia with families, caregivers, health professionals, and the community at large, Amazing Place is empowering lives, one connection at a time.



Family Caregiver Support

Caregiver Education

Connects dementia caregivers with the knowledge and strategies needed for dealing with dementia-specific behaviors.

Caregiver Support Group

Connects dementia caregivers in a supportive space offering advice and encouragement.

Community Resources & Consulting

Connects individuals experiencing cognitive changes and their caregivers with resources, advice, and care.

Caregiver Counseling

Connects families in the community with counseling and psychosocial support.

Community Education

Aging Solo

Connects individuals aging alone with the tools and guidance to be independent and feel empowered.

Memory Enhancement Training

Connects the community with a course on tips and techniques to improve memory.

Brain Health Matters Presentations

Connects the community with free lectures about brain healthy lifestyles, dementia, and caregiving.

Training for Healthcare Professionals

Connects healthcare professionals and students with dementia education and training.



Our first week was full of recreation and reconnecting! The Christian Education Committee extends a big thank you to those who led stations and organized the day: Sasha and Ava Arlinghaus,

Katherine and Robert Boone, Kara and Gianna D'Agostino, Rowan and Fiona Murphy, Vanessa and Grace Nenna, and Anne Wilson. Join us again on **October 10** for a ukulele sing-a-long, breakfast and coffee,



origami butterfly prayers, decorating lunch sacks to donate for Kids' Meals, and conversation about this week's Big Question from the gospel of Mark, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. At our next meeting on **October 14** at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey. We will meet in the Dining Room at St. Philip. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Nina Lambright or Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday continues with Zoom sessions Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets in person each Friday in the Dining Room from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Also, while there is an in person meeting, that meeting is carried live via Zoom for those who want to join the meeting but are either out of town or prefer to meet from a distance. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. by Zoom **October 10** - *Six Great Ends of the Church* - We will explore these foundational statements of mission for our life together and what they mean for the Church's place in our world today with Rev. Omar Rouchon. **October 17** - History of the Presbyterian Church Southwest - The Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest exists to "stimulate and encourage interest in the collection, preservation, and presentation of the Presbyterian and Reformed heritage in the four state area" of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Presented by Rev. Dr. James Currie - Executive Secretary, Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. The meetings are virtual, and a Zoom link is sent to all PW members of each circle. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate, so please email Lorrie to request the link: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints

Second Monday of each month—10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle

3rd Sunday of each month—12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle

1st Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL: AT ST. PHILIP AND BEYOND

The St. Philip Education Committee has been prayerfully considering the best way forward for faith formation activities in the fall. At this time, we are planning on a delayed start for in-person classes; we considered that it would be best to wait a few weeks for the school year to get settled as we continue to monitor local conditions and guidance from health officials. While there are ways to safely gather in-person, the committee noted the evolving situation in our community, and wishes to proceed with caution. We look forward with hope to a time when it will be safe and comfortable for us to gather, with hope that cooler weather in a couple of months may provide an opportunity to be outside as a church family. Let us pray for all the students, teachers, and administrators navigating their way through the beginning of another school year. We pray for health and wellbeing, in the midst of learning and growth.



WELCOME PICNIC ON THE LAWN

Come celebrate our journey to St. Philip. Join the Fellowship and Stewardship Committees for an all-church picnic on Sunday, **October 17** at noon. Zoom attendees especially welcome. We'll meet safely outdoors, near the sanctuary, with tables under several tents or if you prefer you can bring your own lawn chair. Fried chicken will be provided, and we ask folks to bring a side dish.

If your last name begins with:

- A - G - Salad
- H - R - Side dish
- S - Z - Dessert

If attending worship prior to the picnic, please feel free to wear casual outdoor attire.

The picnic is free, but we ask that you RSVP in order to help us determine the amount of chicken to provide. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office (713-622-4807) or sending an email with "Welcome Picnic" in the subject line to welcome@saintphilip.net.

Please let us know:

- **how many people** will be attending,
- if **childcare is requested**,
- if you have **mobility issues** and prefer to sit under a tent by the statues rather than the lawn.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

REV. SALLY JOHNSON, AUTHOR

Friends of former Associate Pastor, the Rev. Sally Johnson, will be interested to know of her success in retirement as a published author. Now living in Little Rock she is to be congratulated on the completion of three historical novels dealing with the years 1918 - 1941. The novels follow the lives of people living in a small fictional town in northeast Arkansas. The first two, *After Yesterday*, *the Land of the Living* and *An Approaching Storm* are available on Amazon, the third will be out soon.

by Sara Jean Jackson

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Date: **November 14**

Time: 9:45-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Christmas is just around the corner, and the Mission Committee is providing an opportunity to shop for meaningful gifts for friends and family and support our Mission Partners at the same time.

Equal Exchange will be there with coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oils and more. CCSC will have a Wish List where you can donate toward items for their Jingle Bell Express event for kids in need. Long-time mission partners, like Project CURE, will be there, but so will some new ones. Have Shears Will Travel will give you the opportunity to donate a shampoo or haircut for someone in need.

The St. Philip Crafters will have a table, as will the St. Philip Stitchers. And by popular demand, Lynn Quinn's pickled green tomatoes will be back...they go quickly!

The market will be open before and after the 11:00 service on **November 14**. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted for payment. We invite you to come and be mission-minded as you shop!

Here's another way you can be part of the Market: Consider donating an auction item. This might be a gift basket, tickets to a cultural or athletic event, art or photography. If you are interested, please contact the church office (713-622-4807) or Hope Wilmarth by November 7: hlwilmarth@hotmail.com. Indicate the price and Mission Partner you would like to support.

CONGRATULATIONS LILY!

Lily Frautschi has been accepted into the Hands of Hope Service Year at Casa de Esperanza in Houston. From June 2022-2023, Lily will commit for one year to live and work with vulnerable children in the Residential Program's agency foster homes. Responsibilities include daily care of the children, household management, and the coordination of medical appointments and therapy sessions. Almost all children arrive at Casa de Esperanza having experienced trauma or neglect in their short lives. Their need for safety, stability, and reassurance is immediate and often intense. Lily hopes to use the skills learned in this program for pursuing further study in law school, with the aim of legally representing children in foster care. Congratulations, Lily!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers for the family and friends of Lois Read Baker (formerly of Central), who died on September 11, 2021 at age of 99 in Monroe, WI.

St. Philippians and their families—Joyce Fugit; Sondra Sullivan; Orlean Anderson; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Deb Burks; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Matthew Hill—son of Craig & Judy Hill; Dan Hayes—father of Lorrie Castle; Dave Berry—husband of Sam Fisher; Dale McAllen—brother of Orlean Anderson; Alma Fonseca—mother of Angelina Fonseca; Bill Polk—brother-in-law of Sharon Webb; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart—niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Mac & Beverly Wilson—parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family—daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family—cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron—sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound—Walter Baker; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians—Auden McCarty—friend of Mary McGuire; Ted & Susan Hirtz—friends of Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Paul English; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton—friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff—friend of Jo Helland; Rob Bond, Lavon Thomas, and Jackson Tavel—friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III—friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email deacons@saintphilip.net.

Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>), text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE—The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary. Masks are required. The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE—Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website. If you'd like to attend the midweek service in-person contact the church office.

Next edition: October 19; Deadline October 14—3:00 p.m.

Stay connected with regular emails from the pastors until then.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Philip-Eye, please send them to: philipeye@saintphilip.net or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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