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DUERR LECTURE SERIES

“Christian Biblical Interpretation and Christian Antisemitism: Exploring an Unfortunate Link”

Deborah Forger, speaker for the twenty-third annual Duerr Lecture Series, **February 23, 24, and 25**, is Post Doctoral Scholar in Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Her lectures, **“Christian Biblical Interpretation and Christian Antisemitism: Exploring an Unfortunate Link,”** will focus on biblical interpretation, historical writings of Christians and Jews, and understanding how we can confront our inherent biases and accept how Jesus’ own message of the love of God and love of neighbor can help to combat the rising violence of antisemitism. Dr. Forger says that in recent years, both in the United States and all across the world, antisemitic violence has been on the rise. If there was ever a time in history for Christians to address such bigotry with knowledge and to grapple with both the Jewishness of Jesus and the history of Christian anti-Judaism---now is the time. In her three lectures Forger will explore how fully embedded Jesus was within the Judaism of his time, both in terms of its diversity and its resistance to Rome; examine through Jewish religious writings, most known to the Gospel writers, the first-century Jewish world into which Jesus was born; and in the final lecture show why the Pharisees, who have long operated as a metonym for the ‘Jews’ and ‘Judaism’ among Christians, have often functioned within scholarly circles as a lightning rod for broader, theologically-based disputes between Jews and Christians. By demonstrating how polemical the Pharisees have been in the history of scholarly interpretation, with scholars of different religious persuasions depicting them in vastly different ways, the lectures seek to confront our inherent biases, in hopes of forging a more charitable view.

Deborah Forger received her B.S. degree in Biology and Psychology at Calvin College, the M.Div. from Duke University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She has published articles in *Journal for the Study of Judaism* and *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, plus book reviews and book chapters. Currently in preparation are the chapter “The Pharisees” in *The Pharisees and Their History of Interpretation*, and a book *Divine Embodiment: Ancient Jewish and Christian Views of God’s Bodily Form*.

Dr. Forger will be preaching at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday -

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

Rev. Keatan King
Associate Pastor

Rev. Omar Rouchon
Associate Pastor

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There will be no 9:00 service on February 23.

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“Glimpses of God” - and presenting lectures each evening at 7:00. Sunday night’s lecture will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Lectures on Monday and Tuesday evenings will take place in Room 209, the Choir Room. The sermon and all lectures will be recorded and available either in sets of 4 CDs or as downloadable files. Child care is available for each lecture by calling the Church Office (713.622.4807).

The lecture series was established in 1998 in memory of Chris Duerr, with the purpose of bringing the best Reformed scholars and preachers to St. Philip and the wider community each year. Duerr was born and raised in Germany, growing up during the years of World War II. He came to the U.S. in 1950 in the first class of Fulbright Scholars from Germany, studying at Michigan State University. He also studied at the University of Hamburg, Germany, where he received the equivalent of a Master’s Degree in political economics. He moved permanently to the States in 1968, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1973. He joined St. Philip in 1979 and later served as a ruling elder.

The Lecture Series was established through generous contributions made in Duerr’s memory. While the lectures are free and open to everyone, your gift to ensure the continuation of the series on an annual basis is greatly appreciated. Gifts may be made to the series in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one. Checks should be made payable to St. Philip, marked “Duerr Lecture Series” and sent to the Church Office. Contributions may also be made on the St. Philip website, www.saintphilip.net, or by credit card during the lecture series.

Come and take part in the lectures for a time of challenging study and spiritual renewal.

DLS BROWN BAG LUNCH

Men and women are invited to meet with Rev. Dr. Deborah L. Forger, Ph.D. on Monday, **February 24**, from noon to 1:00, in the Dining Room. Please bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy informal conversation with the speaker for the Duerr Lecture Series. Drinks are provided. Bring a friend, all are welcome, no reservations necessary. Note that there is only one lunch meeting and both men and women are invited.

LENT IS COMING SOON

The season of Lent begins on **February 26, Ash Wednesday**. We will mark this day of penitence and reflection with services at 12 noon and 6:30 pm. Both services will include the imposition of ashes. Lunch in the Gathering Area will be available at 12:30, and dinner will be available at 5:45 p.m. On the subsequent Wednesdays, we will resume our Lenten practice of midweek worship services at 12 noon with guest preachers offering sermons on biblical texts that show broken hearts being mended. For the 40 days of Lent John Wurster will again offer daily biblical reflections that will be distributed via e-mail. If you’d like to join the list for these e-votions, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Those who subscribed last year are automatically enrolled on this year’s distribution list.

COMMUNION OFFERINGS

The **March** communion offering will benefit our mission partner Plant It Forward (PIF), a non-profit empowering refugees to develop sustainable urban farming businesses that produce fresh, healthy food for our community. PIF enables the entrepreneurial ambitions of refugees being resettled in Houston, helping those with agricultural backgrounds find meaningful, dignified work that utilizes their crucial skills. PIF currently has 13 farmers on 8 farms, and they are working on plans to grow in the coming years.

Thank you for your generous donations in **January** we were able to give a gift of \$1,736.03 to the Houston International Seafarers Ministry. This ministry will be in its 51st year of service to seafarers visiting the Port of Houston aboard merchant ships from countries all over the world. The seafarer ministry is a long-time mission partner with St. Philip Presbyterian and is in a covenant relationship with Presbytery of New Covenant. Your donations are used solely to support two Presbyterian chaplains who serve alongside chaplains of other faiths and work out of Seafarer Centers in the Port of Houston and Laporte, TX. Our chaplains provide pastoral care and social services to seafarers and work closely with officials of the Port of Houston, Coast Guard, Homeland Security, ship’s agents, and others to resolve issues impacting visiting seafarers. Our Presbyterian chaplains and their colleagues attempt to visit every ship calling on nearly 90 miles of the Houston ship channel shoreline. Many seafarers do not have U.S. visas and cannot disembark their ships, so the chaplains come to them aboard their vessels bringing magazines, bibles, Wi-Fi connectivity, the coveted Christmas gift boxes, and a caring spirit. The life of seafarers is hard and lonely. These sailors are often away from home, friends, and family for over nine months a year. The care and help offered by the chaplain is cherished by many visiting seafarers and helps make Houston a desired port of call.

VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER

The Welcoming & Membership Committee needs your help in staffing the ministry of greeting. What better time to jump in than at the beginning of a new year! Sign up sheets will be available at the Welcoming table in the Gathering Area. Please choose a Sunday or Sundays and commit to serve the Lord in this way. It is an easy task especially when shared with others. Bless someone's Sunday worship experience with a smile and a warm welcome. You will be blessed as well. You can email Peg Palisin at Mpalisin@aol.com to help with greeting.

BRIDGE

The bridge group at St. Philip is looking for new, regular, or substitute players. If you like to play bridge, we would welcome having you play with us on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information or to sign up, call or email Mary Waggoner (346-571-2288) jim.mary.wagg@oplink.net.

MUSIC FROM ST. PHILIPPIANS

Grace Song, Inc. and Keith Weber, artistic director, (www.gracesong.us) invites you to a concert on **February 23** at 4:00 p.m. for She's Baaaaaack! A song recital with Julia Fox and Keith Weber. After the birth this past fall of Julia's son, we felt led to present a program all about family and families, with an emphasis on contemporary and modern repertoire through two cycles and a landmark 'concerto for soprano...!' Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4930 W. Bellfort St., 77035. Free parking, free admission and reception to follow.



LENT AT ST. PHILIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

~ SERVICES ~

FEBRUARY 26

12 NOON & 6:30

[LUNCH AVAILABLE AT 12:30 & DINNER AVAILABLE AT 5:45]

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

~ SERVICES ~

MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25 | APRIL 1

12 NOON

[LUNCH AVAILABLE AT 12:30]

SERMONS ON

BROKEN HEARTS BEING MENDED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



ADDING THE PRAYERS OF OUR HEARTS TO THE SANCTUARY PRAYER TREE THROUGHOUT LENT.



E-VOTIONS
E-MAILED DAILY

Family **LENT**
DEVOTIONAL



VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS: SaintPhilip.net

TEXAS COUNTS!

Would you like to help make sure the 2020 Census counts every Texan -- so that our state receives the congressional representation, the funding, and the information we need to thrive for the next decade? If so, Interfaith Ministries' Volunteer Houston has an opportunity for you: Boat People SOS - Houston needs your help to get the word out!

If you can

- Canvas
- Prepare materials
- Call constituents
- Help the census team around the office, or
- Volunteer at census-related events, go to https://www.volunteerhou.org/need/detail/?need_id=459432 for more information or to respond to this opportunity.

Also needed are Census Ambassadors, who will help run training and workshops to educate the public. More information about the importance of the Census is available at <http://texascounts.org/>.

WHAT IS THAT BIG JAR ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS WITH ALL THE COINS IN IT?

Why, glad you asked! It's the Cents-ability offering, which St. Philip participates in 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 their offerings to church on Communion Sundays, all of 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 <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/nationaldevelopment/what-cents-ability/>!

As we care for creation through encouraging the use of recyclable materials, we will begin offering labels instead of the Cents-Ability branded plastic offering cups that many of us have. Look for the labels to be available soon, and use them to design your own collection cups made from frosting containers, coffee cans, or other jars of your choice.

Your Cents-Ability gifts make a difference! Thank you for giving generously.

WANT TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Did you know that Texas as a whole ranks #2 among all 50 states in terms of human trafficking rates (after California), and Houston is #1 among cities? (Source: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) One of the local organizations St. Philip follows in this area is Free the Captives, a faith-based anti-human trafficking 501(c)(3) nonprofit that fights the exploitation and trafficking of Houston's youth.

If you are interested in the latest information and updates on human trafficking in Houston, join St. Philipian Gary Gardner at Free the Captives' 10th Annual Houston **Human Trafficking Conference**, on Wednesday, **March 25!** This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about human trafficking from the experts and how you can get involved in fighting this horrific crime.

The Conference will be at the Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall Street, 77029, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The goal of the conference is to equip and train nonprofit and ministry leaders as well as anyone in the community who wants to make a difference. Participants will receive critical information and practical tools to stop human trafficking.

Conference costs are as follows:

- Regular registration (ends 2/29/20): \$40 per person
- Late registration (3/1/20–3/23/20): \$50 per person
- Registration at the door: \$60 per person

Contact Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee chair Kate Burkart at kiburkart@comcast.net for more information if you are interested in registering. Scholarships are also available from the committee on request.

VOTING IS AN ACT OF FAITH!

Wait, what? Well, our faith is one of hope and of action. And on Election Day (or during early voting season), the action that all of us need to take is to enter our polling place, confront the choices before us, and vote for those candidates and those initiatives that will best serve God's people on earth.

Are you ready for Super Tuesday? The big day is **March 3**, with early voting beginning today, **February 18**, through Friday, **February 28**. As Texans, we will be selecting our major party candidate for president as well as candidates for several statewide races and legislative seats.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is this Friday, **February 21**. You are eligible to vote by mail if you:

- Will not be in your county **March 3** (Election Day) or for the entire span of early voting;
- Are sick or disabled;
- Will be 65 years old or older by Election Day; or
- Are in jail but otherwise eligible (i.e., not due to a felony conviction).

The early voting clerk in your county must receive your application to vote by mail by **February 21**. Eligible voters will either need to make sure they postmark their ballot by Election Day or that an early voting clerk receives it by 5 p.m. **March 4**. Go to <https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2020/voter-guide-primaries/> for all the information you need!

If you would like to assist voters on Election Day if they encounter any problems voting, you can be a poll monitor (a non-partisan volunteer position)! After receiving training, volunteers commit to taking at least one Election Day shift to stand outside of their assigned polling location. For more information, go to <https://protectthevote.net/> or <https://my.lwv.org/texas/article/election-protection-volunteers-needed>.

Consider also offering rides to the polls for those who don't have transportation, or childcare for parents who need support with their kids.

Our vote is our voice, and a tool to answer God's call to be faithful, to provide compassion, and to seek justice for all God's children on this earth.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On January 19 Session welcomed a new family to St. Philip. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

Janet Aileen Todd—Aileen comes to us by letter of Transfer from St. James Presbyterian Church in Jenks, Oklahoma. She is an ordained Elder and has served in the past as Stephen minister, Bible teacher, and Kerygma. Aileen heard about St. Philip from a friend and her wish to join St. Philip was influenced



by the Presbyterian Women, the friendliness of the congregation, the music program, and the ministerial staff. Aileen grew up in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and studied at Wheaton College and the University of Tulsa. She is a singer and teacher by training and lists reading as her favorite hobby. She and husband, Harry, have been married almost 50 years. St. Philip member Allison Newport is their daughter. Aileen is interested in Christian education, Music/Choir/ Bells, Worship, and Peacekeeping and Social Justice/Earth Care.

Harry W. Todd—Harry also joins St. Philip by letter of transfer from St. James Presbyterian Church in Jenks, Oklahoma. He heard about St. Philip from a friend and was impressed by our three ministers, LGBTQ Inclusivity, location, music and worship. Harry grew up in Ardmore, Oklahoma and studied at the University of Oklahoma. He is a certified exploration geologist and says his favorite hobbies are nature, photography, grandkids and staying alive! Harry and Aileen were married December 31, 1970 and have six adult children. Harry has been ordained as both Elder and Deacon. He would like to be involved with Christian Education.

CAMPUS TOUR

If you have ever wondered where something is at the church, now is the time to find out! **March 8**, at 9:30 a.m. will be the date for the next facilities tour of St. Philip conducted by the Welcome and Membership committee. The committee will give a walking tour of the various spaces, artwork and the community garden. In addition, there will be brief talks by two committee chairmen of their committee's functions and programs. All interested visitors and members are encouraged to attend. The tour will start in the Gathering Area and there will be refreshments.

MO-RANCH RETREAT



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, **June 4** and continues through worship on Sunday morning, **June 7**. If you would like to go but would prefer to defray the cost with a roommate please let the committee know so they can match you.

You may pay in full at the time of registration or in three installments (**March 2, April 6, May 4**). 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 2** (first payment, if paying in installments.) No refunds can be made after **March 2**. 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

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):

Adults: \$82 per adult

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

Children 4-11: \$60 per child

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION:

Registration will be online at Saintphilip.net or you can register in the Gathering Area with the volunteers on Sunday. 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 2, April 6 and May 4**.

To learn more about Mo-Ranch, visit the table in the Gathering Area before and after the 11:00 worship service this month.

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP 2019-2020 SEASON

◆ FREE Winter-Spring Programs ◆



Night Music for Leap Day

SATURDAY | **FEBRUARY 29, 2020** | 7:30 p.m.

Join us in the evening on Leap Day 2020 for the incomparable artistry of vocalist **Cecy Duarte** with pianist **Paul English** and an ensemble of amazing acoustic musicians. The program will feature the quieter, more intimate side of night music, with original works composed by **Paul English**, and a few musical surprises along the way. Bring a date — this will be a night to remember!



Child Piano Prodigies

SUNDAY | **MARCH 29, 2020** | 3:00 p.m.

As part of our ongoing commitment to children in the arts, we are excited to present the winners of **Houston Tuesday Musical Club's 2020 Rochelle Liebling Kahan Memorial Fund Competition for Child Piano Prodigies**, open to Houston area children between the ages of six and nine. Come prepared to be dazzled! And join us for free ice cream afterward.



Music of Meditation

SATURDAY | **APRIL 11, 2020** | 5:00 p.m.

Gather with us in the stillness of **Holy Saturday** as **Matthew Dirst**, **Cecilia Duarte**, and **Randall Swanson** present music of meditation on the mysteries of the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Christ, featuring **Robert Fleming's** hauntingly beautiful *The Confession Stone* for voice and piano, **Hendrik Andriessen's Miroir de peine** for voice and organ, plus solo organ works.



Music of Resurrection

SUNDAY | **APRIL 12, 2020** | 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Join us on **Easter Sunday** for traditional worship with music featuring the **St. Philip Choir** and bells, with organist **Matthew Dirst** and conductor **Randall Swanson**. Along with great Easter hymns sung by the congregation, we present anthems by contemporary composers **Cecilia MacDowall** and **James Whitbourn**, plus organ voluntaries by **Louis Vierne** and **Charles-Marie Widor**.



Fritts Organ Tenth Anniversary

SUNDAY | **APRIL 19, 2019** | 5:00 p.m.

Our 2019-2020 music season culminates in this gala concert featuring world-renowned French organ duo **Olivier Vernet** and **Cédric Meckler**. Together they present a program unlike anything ever heard on the St. Philip Fritts organ before, with transcriptions of incidental and ballet music by **Rameau**, **Mendelssohn**, **Stravinsky** and **Ravel** — including *Bolero*! Not to be missed!

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WEEKDAY CLASSES

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

John Wurster is leading a Bible study series focused on ten biblical characters, who come from all corners of Scripture. Some are famous, some are infamous, some are hardly known, and most all are misunderstood. The *10 for 20* study meets Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Dining Room AND Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Room 202. The material in Wednesday class will be repeated on Sunday. You are welcome to come either Wednesday or Sunday, as your schedule allows.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

A monthly interest group for women who like to read books, socialize, and have a night out meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **March 12**, location to be determined. We will be discussing *The President is Missing* by James Patterson and Bill Clinton. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful

fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at: sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. We continue our look at the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in the Conference Room at noon. 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 and would like to join them.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

On Monday, **February 24**, at 5:30 p.m., we will be meeting with this year's Duerr lecturer, the Rev. Dr. Deborah Forger, Ph.D., for an informal Q&A before the evening's lecture. On **March 9**, we continue our discussion of Marcus Borg's book *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, with

chapter 10, "The heart of the matter: Practice," in part 2, "Seeing the Christian life again." We meet for fellowship, a brief devotional, and study each second and fourth Monday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus).

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 returns the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be **February 25** at Beer Market Co., 3304 Milam 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.

LENT VBS

Parents mark your calendars for Lent VBS on Saturday, **March 28**. More details to follow. If you would like to volunteer, contact Omar Rouchon at omar@saintphilip.net.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Welcome Eleanor Anselin Lee, born February 1 in Alabama. She is the daughter of Nathan Lee and Clara Reed-Lee and granddaughter to Lorraine Lyter-Reed and Howard Reed.

Family of Betty Goleman who died on January 27. Memorial service will be February 22 at 2 p.m. at St. Philip.

Jean Stanley and family upon the death of her husband Bob Stanley on February 7. Memorial service will be February 29 at 11 a.m. at St. Philip.

Mary Linda Williams and family upon the death of her husband Paxton Williams on February 8. Memorial service will be March 7 at 11 a.m. at St. Philip.

Alejandra Salinas and family upon the death of her mother Ana Maria G. Salinas on February 2 in Laredo, TX.

St. Philippians and their families—Jim Barrish; Patrick Ball; Ellen MacDonald; Marion Takehara; CJ Miller; Rita Hannah; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; John Bobbitt; Arlette Keene; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack Kindig—brother of Ginny Camfield; Shirley and Weldon Boggus, Sr.—grandparents of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; Ralph Arlinghaus—father of Paul Arlinghaus; and Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell.

Homebound: Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; Jane English; Barbara German; George Helland; Donna Host; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Toto McGehee; Phillip McDaniel; Paul & Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Virginia McFarland; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; Penny Vieau; and Ruth Weber.

Friends of St. Philippians—St. Philippians and their families—Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Leland Daniel—friend of Jane Cooper; Frank Wallace—friend of Jim & Nadene Crain; Willie Jo Schaefer—friend of Pam Rush; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III—friend of Robin & Gary Willis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes begin at 9:45.

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

Grades 1—2 - Room 105 - for the first four weeks - *Kara D'Agostino and Paul D'Agostino*

Grades 3—5 - Room 103 - *Paul Arlinghaus and Linda Bevil*

Grades 6—8 - Room 206 - *Charles Swan*

Grades 9-12 - Room 205 - *Keatan King and John Lemen*

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Room 201 - Leaders Mickey Meyers & C J Miller—**February 23**-Physician-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia after the Holocaust - Based upon patient autonomy and relief of suffering, several American jurisdictions have passed legislation permitting physician-assisted suicide. Unfortunately, medicine in general, and bioethicists in particular, have not studied medicine during the Holocaust to learn its lessons, especially about euthanasia. We will discuss pros and cons of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia after

the Holocaust. Presented by Sheldon Rubinfeld, MD, FACP, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Executive Director, Center for Medicine after the Holocaust. **March 1**-The Institute for Civility in Government - dedicated to reducing the polarization of our political and legislative processes by facilitating dialogue, teaching respect, and building civility in both the public and private spheres. Learn about the Legislative Seminar Trip to Washington, DC, **April 25 - May 1** - an opportunity for St. Philip friends to attend informative seminars and then to speak directly with our elected officials about issues that are most important to us. Presented by Rev. Cassandra Dahnke - Cofounder for the Institute for Civility in Government

BIBLE STUDY

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

SPA

Room 200 - SPa will be merging with the *10 for 20* class that John Wurster

is teaching on Sundays for the next few weeks in Room 202. The Saint Philip Adults class is a fellowship of adults from all walks of life who gather for learning and community. It is an interactive/ conversation/ dialogue-based class. Sharing leadership is easy and fun and asking questions is what it is all about. Contact: Omar@saintphilip.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

February 23—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.

10 FOR 20

Room 202—John Wurster, leader. See description of Midweek Bible Study class.

Next edition: March 3

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Philip-Eye, please send them to:

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