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MISSION DAY 2021!

Are you ready to put on your St. Philip t-shirt and focus on mission? On Saturday, **February 13**, from 10-noon, we invite you to a drive-thru Mission Day event, collecting toiletries for Easter boxes for The Women's Home. For many years, St. Philip has shown our care and support for women who are rebuilding their lives at The Women's Home with these boxes. They are filled with new toiletries and items the women may need as they get their lives back on track. We hope to be able to fill 60 boxes this year. Donations of any of the following items are welcome:



Toothpaste (any size)	Toothbrush (single—not multi-packs)
Dental floss	Bar soap (any size, single bars)
Cotton washcloth	Hand lotion
Lip balm	Nail polish
Facial tissues (small soft-pack)	Pens (black or blue)
Pencils	Small note pad (3x5 to 5x8)
Small pack of greeting or note cards	

For anyone who would rather order something through Amazon, here are a couple of items:

Novelty socks 6-pack ([TeeHee Women's Easter Day Fashion No Show Socks 6 Pair Pack \(Easter Bunny and Eggs\)](#))
Decorative scarf 6-pack ([MANSHU 6PCS Women Soft Cotton Hemp Scarf Shawl, Scarf and Wrap, Big Head Scarf.](#))

Instructions for Drive-through: Please enter on the east-side of the sanctuary, drive around toward the Church Office (stopping to pick up your Equal Exchange order along the way and Lent materials for families) and drive around the back side of the Fellowship Hall to the old education rooms (see map). Mission Committee members will be there to accept your donations. Simply stop at our “donation station”, and committee members take your donations for The Women's Home out of the seat or back of your car. We ask

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everyone participating to please wear your mask and stay in your car. *Note: if you would like to donate items but cannot participate on Mission Day, you may drop off items at the church office Mondays to Thursdays, 9-4.

As an added bonus, during this drive-through event you are also welcome to drop off gently-used clothing and household items for the *John Blow Clearinghouse*; these will be sorted and distributed to fill needs in our community.

During this unusual year, when gathering for group projects is not advisable, one thing we can do is learn more about the needs of our city and what our mission partners and others are doing to help our neighbors. Mission committee has assembled some links to videos, articles, and webpages that help tell the story of the needs of our community and how they are being met by mission partners and other organizations. We hope you will access the [Mission page](#) on the St. Philip website (saintphilip.net) to engage with these stories of mission on Mission Day, or whenever it suits your schedule.



LENT AT HOME FOR ST. PHILIP FAMILIES

More Details to Come at the Mission Day Drive-Thru on **February 13!**

CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENTS

by Isabel Wilkerson, Houston Public Library discussion with the author

The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee invites you to Houston Public Library's presentation of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson in an online event discussing her book *Caste*. Wilkerson says that we can understand the structural problem of systemic racism in America only by considering caste, an artificial social hierarchy that determines assumptions of beauty and competence, and even who gets benefit of the doubt and access to resources. This free program will be presented on Zoom on Tuesday, **February 9**, from 6:30 to 7:30, with limited spots available. Registration is required. See more details and register online at <http://www.saintphilip.net/RacialJustice.html> or [HPL Presents Isabel Wilkerson - Houston Public Library \(libnet.info\)](http://HPL Presents Isabel Wilkerson - Houston Public Library (libnet.info))

ST. PHILIP STITCHERS NEWS

While you cannot sew with us on **February 13** during Mission Day...we can't even sew together ourselves!...you can still see some of the latest quilts for the homeless children at House of Tiny Treasures, and refugee children at Interfaith Ministries. Just take part in the drive-thru and take a look at the window dressing of the Arts & Crafts Studio by the drop off point. Now, drive slowly, and look to your right, so you don't miss it! Even during the pandemic we are hard at work on our joyful mission to create cheerful quilts for those less fortunate than ourselves.

MO-RANCH WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT/CEO



After 10 years at Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly, the honorable Rev. Dick Powell is bidding Mo-Ranch farewell. He passes the torch to Timothy B. Huchton. Over the course of his tenure at Mo-Ranch, Powell made it his personal goal to ensure that Mo-Ranch is a learning

organization that promotes growth and leadership within its staff. He helped to cultivate a close-knit team that knows the importance of guaranteed customer service and values of the Mo-Ranch mission statement. His legacy includes initiating Camp in the Valley, which gives kids in the Rio Grande Valley a chance to experience summer camp. Huchton will officially start on **February 3**. He has a long history with Mo-Ranch — from 2004 to 2011, he was the summer camp director. For the last nine years, he worked with the American Camp Association in several positions, most recently serving as the Camps on Campus manager for ACA.



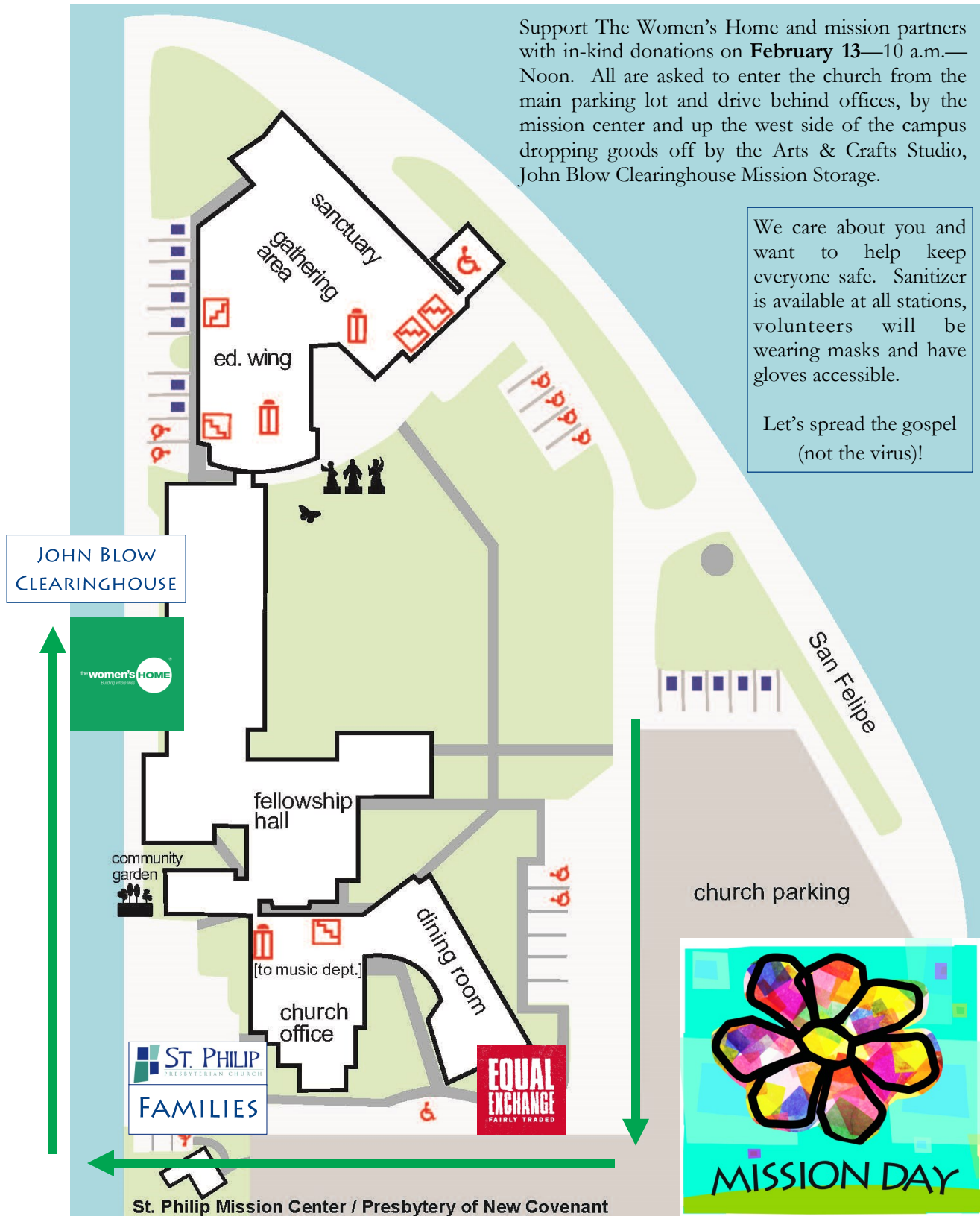
In serving on the Search Committee for the President and CEO position, Rev. Keatan King has this to say about President Huchton, "Mo Ranch has many wonderful years ahead under the leadership of President Tim Huchton. His easy and authentic connection with others, innovative leadership, entrepreneurial and visionary spirit, deep faith, diligent work ethic, commitment to excellence, and passion for the ministry and mission of the Ranch will usher in a promising and fruitful chapter of Mo Ranch's story that will sustain the gift of this 'thin place' for generations to come. President Huchton's first day is **February 3**, and I encourage St. Philipians to send him a note or email of welcome."

MISSION DAY—FEBRUARY 13—10 A.M.—12 :00 P.M.

Support The Women's Home and mission partners with in-kind donations on **February 13**—10 a.m.—Noon. All are asked to enter the church from the main parking lot and drive behind offices, by the mission center and up the west side of the campus dropping goods off by the Arts & Crafts Studio, John Blow Clearinghouse Mission Storage.

We care about you and want to help keep everyone safe. Sanitizer is available at all stations, volunteers will be wearing masks and have gloves accessible.

Let's spread the gospel
(not the virus)!



WHO'S ZOOMING WHOM?

A few of the groups at St. Philip continue to meet during this time via Zoom and other video conference services—the session has had meetings, book club, church committees and Church and Society. We even have Sunday Coffee Hour. If you would like to participate in future meetings, please contact the appropriate group's leader.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR—Gather with fellow St. Philipians to talk about the sermons, hear about their week and what helped them get through the week. The Coffee Hour begins after the closing voluntary. Email Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net to be added to the list.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Our next meeting is **February 11** at 7 p.m. when we will be discussing *Catfishing on CatNet* by Naomi Kritzer. Contact Sarah O'Dell for Zoom link – sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday meets on Wednesday at 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 each Friday via Zoom at noon. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you would like to join or know the current material they are discussing.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—9:30 a.m. via Zoom - February 7 - *The Anti-Defamation League (ADL)*- For a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination or hate. This class will focus on how the ADL is fighting threats to our democracy, including cyberhate, bullying, bias in schools and the criminal justice system, terrorism, hate crimes, coercion of religious minorities, and contempt for anyone who is different. Also, we will learn about resources from ADL to help us discuss troubling current events in the media with our children and teenagers. Presented by Dena Marks Senior Associate Director, ADL Southwest and Susan Shaw - ADL Director of Education. **February 14** - Mission Sunday - *Living Waters for the World* - to empower everyday people to change lives through clean water. Presented by David and Joyce Fox, Janet and Ed Hess, and Kip Frautschi. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes—mmcgm63@gmail.com.

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 P.W. 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.

FAITH OF A CHILD

Join with fellow St. Philipians in a season of discipleship: Kallie Pitcock is facilitating a twice-weekly zoom group Sunday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. You can attend the Sunday or the Wednesday session as your schedule permits. Lessons are stand alone, so you can join at any point. Email Kallie to receive more information and updates: kallie@saintphilip.net. The theme of the series is FAITH OF A CHILD: *approaching God with wonder, curiosity, and imagination*. Each week is built around a question submitted by participants or gathered by Kallie. Let us draw together and closer to God asking: how, why, who, when, so what?!

WORSHIP IN PERSON

DAILY PRAYER SERVICE—We invite a limited number of people to attend in-person our 11:00 a.m. daily prayer service (Monday-Saturday). Currently, we have a limit of five persons per day. Please enter the Sanctuary through the large wooden front doors by 10:50 a.m. You may bring your own face-mask or one will be provided. You may sit anywhere in the sanctuary, appropriately distanced from others. The service will conclude by 11:15.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 14, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The agenda includes the annual report for 2020, presentation of the approved budget for 2021, and a vote on changes to the pastors' terms of call.

Duerr Lecture Series

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 21

11:00 a.m. Worship
(Streamed at saintphilip.net)

The Witness of Reconciliation in the Age of Polarization

Genesis 33:1-11
Colossians 3:12-17

7:00 p.m.
Live Webinar

Effective Speech in the Bible and in Our Age of Polarization

Lecture is free and open to everyone.

Registration for the Lecture
is required.

Information found at:
http://saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html

Presents

Dr. Samuel L. Adams

***Effective Speech in the Bible
and in
Our Age of Polarization***



Speaker for the 24th annual Duerr Lecture Series will be Dr. Samuel L. Adams, the Mary Jane and John F. McNair Chair in Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. from Yale University, a Master of Divinity from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. (History) from Davidson College. He is an ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has served churches in Chicago, New Haven, and Richmond.

His publications include a comprehensive study on wisdom literature past and present (with Matthew Goff), recently published, and a book, *Wisdom in Transition: Act and Consequence in Second Temple Instructions*, examining conceptions of retribution, death, and the afterlife in Jewish instructions. Another research area is wealth and poverty in the biblical world and today. His book, *Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea*, Westminster John Knox, 2014, looks at economic life in the Bible and beyond. Other interests include apocalypticism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Bible and film, and the Bible and Christian theology in the context of American political discourse. Adams' background includes a career in politics prior to graduate school and serving as a teacher at a Church of South India college. He is editor of the seminary's journal, *Interpretation*.

The Duerr Lecture Series was established in memory of W. Chris Duerr, member and elder of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston. As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Reformed Tradition, the lectures focus upon speakers and subjects that will enhance Christian faith in light of that tradition. Challenging speakers are chosen from the fields of theology, Bible and preaching to inspire and equip congregants for deeper faith and service.

Endowment

Gifts and bequests to the Duerr Lecture Endowment may be made in memory or honor of individuals or groups, or in commemoration of special occasions. Contributions may be made by check or online at www.saintphilip.net; choose 'Make a Contribution' on the first screen, then select the fund for the "Duerr Lect. Series."

FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING

Our February communion offering traditionally goes to a hunger-focused organization. This year, St. Philipians may support the Meals on Wheels Program of Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, a long-time mission partner of St. Philip. This program provides home-delivered meals to approximately 4,900 homebound seniors and disabled adults in Houston as well as surrounding counties in our metro area. The nutritional support provided by Meals on Wheels helps people stay independent and in their own homes, something that has been especially important in this pandemic year. You can find more information on the Meals on Wheels Program at IMGH at <https://www.imgh.org/meals-wheels-greater-houston/>. You can give securely to the February Communion Offering through saintphilip.net or send a check to the church office, with "February Communion Offering" in the memo line.

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Van Rathgeber upon Van's death on January 24.

Dorothy Blackwell and family upon the death of her sister Ann Morgan on January 21.

AnnBeth Hernández and Dimas Parada upon the death of her grandfather Jose Hernández on January 24.

Congratulations to Mary Linda Williams as she welcomes her grandson Colin Shroff Williams born to Winfield and Monica Williams on January 23.

Congratulations to Eric Parada (Wilbert's son) and Vanessa Flores who were married January 31.

St. Philippians and their families—Kay Cash; Connie Mayfield and son Robert Mayfield; Pat Lindsay; Mary Margaret Hansen; Doris Cantrell; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Jan Ostendorf; Laney Miller; Vicki McKay; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Mezgebe Gebray; Martha Zertuche - sister-in-law of Roderick James; Brad Davis—nephew of Sam Fisher; Kenneth Allan Henick—father of Anne Marie Benard; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; Betty Grant—sister-in-law of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Bessie Johnson—mother of Pat Lindsay; 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; Nikolaus Malczewskyj—father-in-law of Jane Malczewskyj; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound—Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Mary Sinderson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.

Friends of St. Philippians—Jack Burrell—friend of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff—friend of Jo Helland; Bill McDonald and Jackson Tavel—friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Cecil Trent—friend of Jane Cooper; Craig Slein—friend of Denise Ferrell and Steve Carmichael; Melinda Penny—friend of Denise Ferrell; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; Clayton Amacker—friends 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/>) or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

The Going Forward task force will continue to review on a regular basis the coronavirus data and the recommendations of local health leaders, filtering that information through our particular context at St. Philip.

Next edition: February 16; Deadline February 11—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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