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*Duerr
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Series*

WHEN THE FULLNESS OF HISTORY INSPIRES AND INFURIATES US: SETTLER COLONIALISM, SLAVERY, AND CHRISTIANITY IN THE UNITED STATES

“An awesome teacher,” William Yoo will be the speaker for the 27th annual Duerr Lecture Series as he engages the Christian past in the United States with lectures that capture how Protestant churches and individuals lived out their faith convictions amid the brutal realities of settler colonialism and slavery.



In 1785, Thomas Jefferson confessed, “I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.” Though he did not support Black emancipation, Jefferson acknowledged slavery’s many cruel oppressions and therefore wrestled with the moral contradictions of founding a nation on the noble principles of democracy alongside the unjust practices of slavery. Other politicians as well as pastors and Christians across a variety of professions engaged the ethics and economics of settler colonialism and slavery. Some trembled more than others when confronting the enslavement of millions of Black persons and forced deportation of numerous Indigenous nations. At every point in American history, there were Christians who bravely pursued social justice. But there were also other Christians who participated in perpetuating racial injustices with their sermons, loud words, silences, and quiet compromises. As a scholar and teacher, Yoo is interested in studying the fullness of history, and his lectures invite us to behold how its lessons and legacies may inspire and infuriate us.

William Yoo holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (B.S. Economics), Westminster Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Emory University, Candler School of Theology (Th.M.), and Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion (Ph.D.). He joined the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, in 2014 and is Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History, and Lead Professor of the Master of Divinity Program. Yoo is also a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Prolific writer and sought after speaker, Dr. Yoo has written about the transnational histories of American Protestant world missions in Korea and Korean American immigrant religious communities as well as the histories of Presbyterianism and Protestant theological education in the United States. His latest book, *What kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*, Louis-

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ville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022, covers the history and legacy of slavery and anti-Black racism in American Presbyterianism.

William is married to Sarah, a middle school educator in Atlanta Public Schools. They met as college students at the University of Pennsylvania and reside in Decatur, Georgia, with their two teenage children and two cats. He enjoys walking outdoors, bowling, supporting his children in their activities, playing board games (Monopoly and Scrabble) and reading science fiction novels.

In its 27th year the Duerr Lecture Series continues to offer the lectures both live and by live-streaming. Access to the worship service and lectures is available on the website: www.saintphilip.net. A link will be found to register for either in-person or online live-streaming. Or register by scanning the QR code to the right. All lectures are free and open to all. Worship service is 11:00 a.m. CST, **February 25**, lectures each evening, **February 25, 26, & 27**, are at 7:00 pm. All lectures will be held in the Fellowship Hall at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, and will be archived for later viewing. For specific questions about the series please contact duerrlectureseries@gmail.com.



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. Gifts may be made by check or on the website: www.saintphilip.net.

DUERR LECTURE SERIES BROWN BAG LUNCH

Join Dr. William Yoo for the informal Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, **February 26**, at Noon in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to get to know the speaker and ask questions about any subject. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. The tables will be arranged in a large open square so there can be comfortable conversation. The lunch concludes at 1:00 p.m.

PRIMETIMERS TO VISIT THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY

On Tuesday, **March 12**, the Primetimers will visit the Brookwood Community in Brookshire. From their website: *Founded in 1983, Brookwood is a God-centered non-profit residential and vocational community for adults with disabilities.* St. Philip has a longstanding connection with Brookwood – several from our congregation have served in leadership over the years. Visit brookwoodcommunity.org for more information. Our day will begin with lunch in the Brookwood Café, where residents are hosts and servers. We will then be taken on a tour of the community, and finish the day with a visit to the fantastic gift and garden center, a shop full of handcrafted art made by residents. We will depart from St. Philip at 10 a.m. There is no cost for the tour, but lunch will be on your own. Please RSVP by Monday, **March 4** by calling the Church Office (713-622-4807) or email omar@saintphilip.net with any questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email:

welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints—2nd Mon. of each month
@ 10:00 a.m.

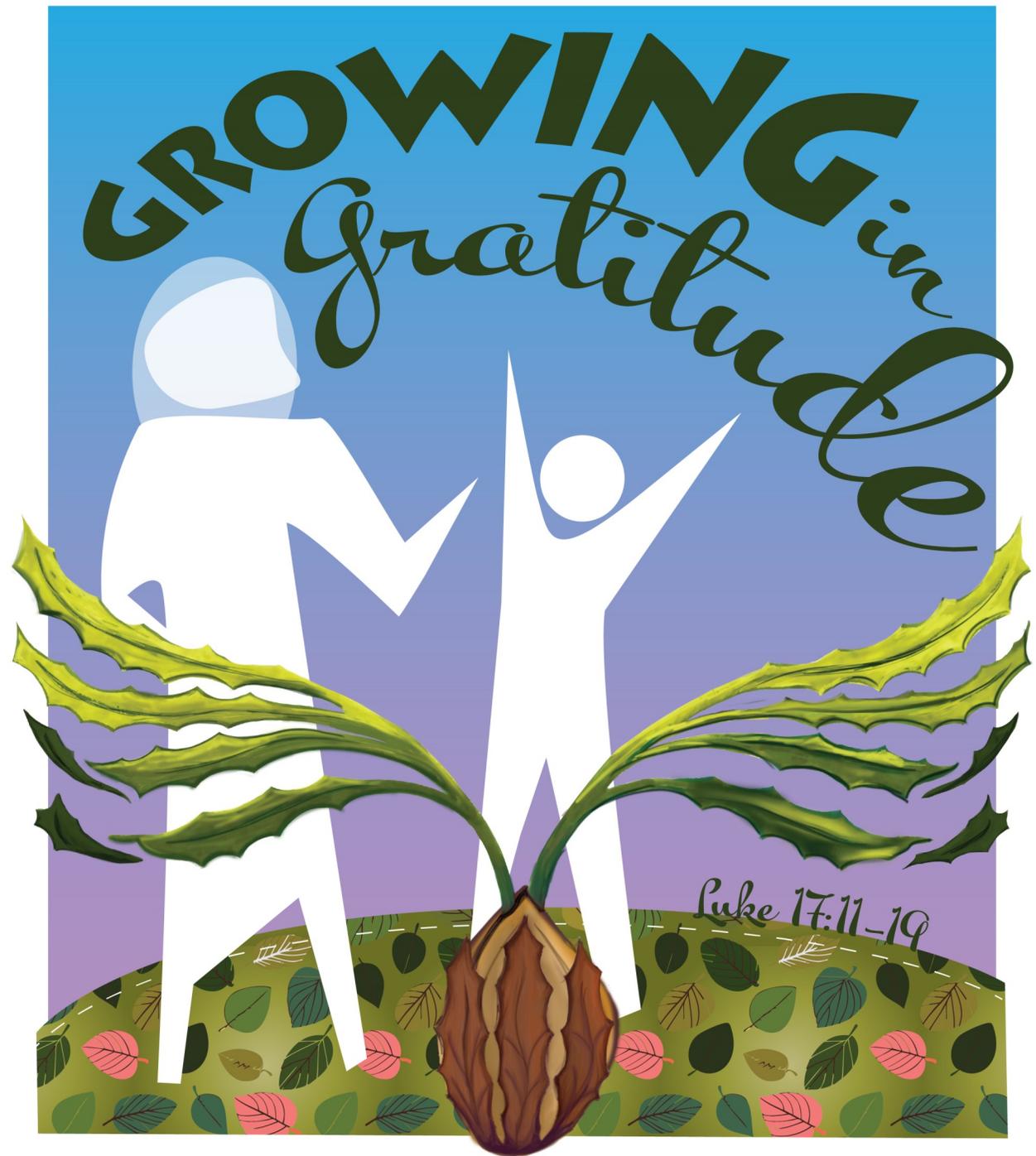
Sunday Circle—3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.
Note the will meet February 25 for this month.

Thursday Evening Circle—1st Thurs. of each month
@ 7:00 p.m.

MY NAME IS...

Everyone has problems sometimes remembering names. It is so nice to see name tags to jog the memory. If you do not have a St. Philip name tag, please email the church at welcome@saintphilip.net or call the office (713-622-4807) to request one. Also, please check the boards in the narthex to see if you have one and didn't know it. They are alphabetical with the last name.

ST. PHILIP VBS ~ LENT 2024



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Join us for worship each Wednesday at noon as we journey through the season of Lent. Guest preachers from across the area will lead us. Lunch will be available in the Gathering Area at 12:30 p.m. Here's the schedule for this year's series:

February 21: Laureen Suba, former St. Philip member and recently retired pastor;

February 28: Mark Plunkett, co-pastor of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church;

March 6: Kevin Keaton, Board of Pensions regional representative;

March 13: Becky Downs, pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church;

March 20: Jim Dement, former St. Philip member and interim pastor in El Campo.

Again this Lent, John Wurster will offer daily e-votions. These brief biblical reflections are sent by e-mail each morning. To join the e-votions list, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Those subscribed for last year continue on the list for 2024.

LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

The ancient desert mystics believed that scripture was like a love letter written to us by God, and the meditative scriptural reflection known as *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading") assumes that God speaks to us intimately, God is already praying in us, and we'll experience a profound encounter with the heart of God, rather than an intellectual study of scripture. Keaton will guide the group through the four cycles of Lectio (read, reflect, respond, rest) every Monday morning at 9:00-9:20 a.m. for the season of Lent. To receive the Zoom link sent early Monday mornings, email Keaton at: keaton@saintphilip.net

KIMBERLY MARSHALL ORGAN RECITAL

You are cordially invited to hear organ virtuoso Kimberly Marshall in recital at St Philip on Sunday, **March 3** at 3 pm. A leading performer, scholar, and educator, Kimberly Marshall is Professor of Organ at Arizona State University and an authority on the organ's history. Her eclectic program on **March 3** at St. Philip features music by Bach, Buxtehude, William Grant Still, Margaret Vardell Sandresky, and Arvo Pärt. This free event is co-sponsored by Music at St. Philip, the Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT MO RANCH?

Is it the rapids, the chapel on the hill, the nature walks, the labyrinth? The huge slide, the catwalks, the ropes course? The fresh breeze, the birds, the hill country, the stars? The barbecue by the river? The keynote talks and devotional times? The hymn sing? The drum circle? The active activities? The leisure "activities"? While pondering all the great things about our annual church retreat at Mo-Ranch, I asked my son, Asher (4), who has notably been wearing his Mo Ranch t-shirt and announcing his plans to go "soon" ever since he saw the sign up poster in the welcoming area two Sundays ago, about his favorite part. He said, simply, "that we get to spend the entire time together." And that's just it, that's the real wonder of Mo Ranch. Our time set apart to just be together as a whole church family.

—Julia Fox

ST PHILIP MO-RANCH RETREAT

It's time to sign up for the 2024 Mo-Ranch retreat. Whether it's your first time or your thirtieth, the St. Philip retreat at Mo-Ranch is a great chance to connect and learn with other St. Philipians. Bring your family and join your St. Philip friends in worship, workshops, and outdoor exploration including enjoying the river and rapids. This year's four days of fun for all ages starts on Thursday, **May 30** and ends with worship on the hill on



June 2. Registration is open online at the St. Philip Web site, scanning the QR code below, or sign up in the Gathering Area on **February 25**, or by calling the church office (713-622-4807). See you in the Hill Country.

GUIDED TOUR OF ST. PHILIP

We probably all know where the Sanctuary is, but do you know where the Choir Room is? Or the Children's Chapel Room? Or the Pastors' Offices? The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites anyone interested—and especially those who may be newer to the St. Philip community—to join us in a short walking tour of the St. Philip campus, beginning at 9:45 a.m. on **February 25**. We'll visit the key spaces where we worship, serve, learn, and share fellowship. You'll also hear a bit about some of the activities of our congregation, like the Men's Fellowship and the Mission Committee. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to St. Philip or not. You'll get to know your church home better.

When: 9:45 a.m., Sunday, **February 25**

Where: Meet in the Gathering Area, the open space with tables near the Sanctuary.

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 104

ELEMENTARY—Grades 1-5—Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 6-12—Room 205

CHURCH & SOCIETY -Room 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **February 25**— “The State of Our Air and Climate” - Dr. Cohan will discuss the significant yet inadequate progress that is being made to reduce the emissions that pollute our air locally and warm the climate globally. We will discuss the challenges posed by air pollution and climate change and the actions we can take to mitigate them. Presented by Dr. Daniel Cohan - Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rice Univ., specializing in the development of atmospheric models and their application to air quality management, energy policy, and health studies. **March 3** - “Washed Ashore - Art to Save the Sea” - The Washed Ashore Traveling Exhibits feature collections of intricate beautifully designed, giant sea life sculptures made entirely of marine debris collected from beaches. The sculptures of marine life graphically illustrate the tragedy of plastic pollution in our oceans and waterways and to encourage conservation. Presented by Brad Parks - Conservation Education Director of the Washed Ashore Project. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

FAITH & LIFE – Room 200—An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We are beginning our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter’s *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God’s faithfulness to God’s people from Dr. Alter’s translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome. Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God’s faithfulness to God’s people from Dr. Alter’s translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL—In the Children’s Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing 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. The Children’s Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Children will be able to participate in this during the worship service.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN’S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **March 14** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Gunfight: My Battle Against the Industry That Radicalized America* by Ryan Busse. So watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

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 person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that He has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—At its next zoom meeting in March this study group will begin its study of Christian Nationalism by first seeking an understanding of how scripture is used in American politics. The author of our study book, Kaitlyn Schiess, asks this question of her readers, the same question that was asked by reporters in June of 2022 of then President Donald Trump: Is that your Bible? She continues with this important question: *How* should scripture inform our political beliefs? She believes we all “will need to know our Bible and our history” so we are better able to faithfully apply and understand Scripture in order to converse with compassion and conviction on topics where we are in disagreement with others.”

The Social Justice Study Group meets the first Monday of each month by zoom from 7-8 p.m. On Monday, **March**

4 we will start our exploration and discussion of *The Ballot and the Bible: how Scripture has been used and abused in American politics and where we go from here*, by Kaitlyn Schiess. The study will go through June. The book is available in all formats. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson to be added to our group zoom contact list.

(sjj10223@gmail.com)



March Birthdays

Name	Date
Tristan Newport	3
Brian Webster	3
Butch Wilson	4
Amy Frautschi	6
Craig Hill	6
Joe Harwood	7
Tom Anderson	8
Justin Langham	9
Chris Newport	10
Leo Stevenson	12
Bennett Pepi	14
Cohen Carlin	15
Marcia James	15
Kate Burkart	16
Nancy Johnson	16
Melissa Aldrich	17
Elaine Flowers	17
Bob Ardell	18
Krystal Davis	18
Daniel Flowers	18
Susan Huffman	20
Isabella Ford	24
Sadie Fair	25
James Lewis	25
Emily Estill	26
Paxton Lambright	26
Sue Mitchell	28
Jacqueline Taylor	28
Sherri Dees	29
Linda Ewing	29
Jane Lee	30
Robin Angly	31



Are you interested in donating flowers to decorate the chancel on a Sunday morning? The 2024 flower calendar is available online at saintphilip.net, go to the calendar and look for the icon you see here or click [here](#). We have several open dates throughout the year.

2024 PW RETREAT—FEBRUARY 16-18

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MISSION COMMITTEE

CCSC FOOD FAIR FEBRUARY CHURCHWIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The St. Philip congregation is invited to volunteer at the CCSC Food Fair on Saturday, **February 24** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the CCSC Southwest Food Pantry at the Gethsemane Campus of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The address is 6856 Bellaire Blvd. We need at least 10 to

15 volunteers. Volunteers are needed to greet and guide clients, organize and pass out the nutritious fruits and vegetables, and more. Please note that nearly all volunteer jobs will occur outdoors and require light to moderate lifting. Wear comfortable clothing/shoes, hats and sunscreen. Water will be supplied. Please leave your valuable items/purses at home.

Sign up in **MyStPhilip**—under Serving tab, or email St. Philip Mission Committee Chairwoman Angelina Fonseca-Grewal at mission@saintphilip.net to RSVP your attendance. Angelina can drive 4 additional church members if you need a ride.

Since 2009, Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) has hosted Food Fair events to serve our neighbors in need. A Food Fair looks much like a farmers' market. CCSC receives several pallets of fresh produce/food products from the Houston Food Bank to distribute to hundreds of community members. This activity supplements CCSC's ongoing food pantry efforts to eliminate hunger in the Alief/Sharpstown/Gulfton area. St. Philip grants fund the Emergency Services and Back to School Programs, and makes in-kind donations to the food pantry with fresh vegetables from the St. Philip Community Garden.

MISSION OF YAHWEH

Mission of Yahweh is recruiting volunteers for the Re-Sale Shop. (The sorting of clothes takes place every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Mission of Yahweh in Spring Branch, 10247 Algiers Rd., Houston, TX 77041. Saturdays are the largest donation day, and volunteers will accept donations and sort merchandise. Mr. Gill, the Re-Sale Shop Manager will supervise the volunteers and Board Member Glenda Haynes will be there on Saturdays periodically. Three to six volunteers are needed each Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering at Mission of Yahweh with a group from St. Philip or individually, sign up in the Gathering Area on Sundays, in **MyStPhilip**—under Serving tab, or email mission@saintphilip.net. The first St. Philip group will volunteer on Saturday, **March 2** together, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.. Angelina can drive 4 additional church members if you need a ride.

Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter that empowers, enriches and restores the lives of homeless women and children and provides outreach services to low-income communities. Mission of Yahweh (MOY) serves the Hou-

ston area as the only emergency /transitional shelter for homeless women/children offering a unique continuum of services for up to two years. The Emergency/Crisis Program typically houses 75% of residents for 30-90 days while the Transitional Living Program houses approximately 25% for up to two years. In 2023, MOY's goal was to serve 400 homeless women/children (an increase of 118 over 2022) with a minimum of 50% of exiting residents achieving independence in permanent housing. St. Philip provides grants to fund MOY's Senior Plus Program.

EASTER 2024 DONATION DRIVE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join the St. Philip March 2024 Easter mission project by donating items to fill Easter boxes benefiting The Women's Home residents. St. Philip members can also make a monetary donation and the mission committee will purchase the items still needed at the end of the collection period to fill the boxes. Drop off your donated items in the Gathering Area or Church Office collection boxes through **March 17**.



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| Shampoo | Costume Jewelry |
| Conditioner | Scarves |
| Body Wash | Small make-up samples or "free gift" type items |
| Toothbrush | Playing Cards |
| Tooth Paste | Journals |
| Dental Floss | Day Planners/Calendars |
| Deodorant | Note Cards |
| Mouthwash | Umbrellas |
| Nail Files | Mini Writing Tablets |
| Nail Polish | Pens/Pencils |
| Hair Ties/Elastics | Individual Miniature packages of Easter candies |
| Razors | Packets of Herbal Tea (Caffeine Free) |
| Lotion | |
| Lip Balm | |
| Tissue Packs | |
| Socks | |
| Reading Glasses | |

All members are also invited to assemble the 60 boxes on Saturday, **March 23** at 10 a.m. in the church mission room. This is a fun service project for all ages and an opportunity for the St. Philip community to come together in service during the Easter holiday! Sign up for the Easter box assembly in the Gathering area on Sundays or email mission@saintphilip.net to RSVP your attendance. You can drop off any amount you wish to give of any item on the supplies list. Please no used items, only new unopened donations. Please no jumbo size bottles, preferably travel sizes 2 oz. to 4 oz. and regular size toiletries 11 oz. to 14 oz.

The Women's Home builds communities that strengthen women and supports families as they reclaim their stability. The Women's Home operates two affordable housing communities and a collaborative community service center that help families thrive. The service center offers primary and behavioral health care, youth development services, adult education, workforce development training, basic needs assistance, and other wrap-around support services.

The Women's Home employs a unique WholeLife® Model of care approach, and they help women create and achieve goals to improve their well-being in six areas - emotional, financial, physical, social, spiritual, and vocational. The Women's Home goal is for clients to acquire and maintain the four pillars of personal independence - mental stability, sobriety, a sustaining source of income and a safe, permanent home. Of the clients that completed the intensive phase, 96% established mental stability, 100% maintained sobriety, and 6% chose to continue their recovery journey in the supportive treatment phase. Among the clients who participated in the supportive phase for at least six months or longer, 100% maintained mental stability, 74% maintained sobriety, 100% left with income and 53% obtained permanent housing.

St. Philip helps with the cost of recovery supplies for women participating in the Residential Treatment Program. In 2023, The Women's Home helped 104 women reclaim their lives who were homeless due to mental health and substance use disorders. The Residential Treatment Program offers two levels of treatment for women at different stages of recovery, an 89-day Intensive Program and longer-term Supportive Program (6-18 months). This year, the Women's Home provided residential behavioral health treatment and wrap-around services to 38 clients in the Intensive Treatment Phase and 80 clients in the Supportive Treatment Phase.

OPERATION IMPACT DELIVERY MISSION PARTNER CHURCH WIDE SERVICE DAY

SAVE THE DATE! Join the St. Philip mission partner Interfaith Ministries for their Operation IMPact event to deliver hurricane supply boxes and bottled water cases to the Meals on Wheels seniors at their homes. Save the dates of Saturday, **June 1** and Saturday, **June 8**. St. Philip mission committee and church members will meet at the church to divide the hurricane supply boxes and water, then drive in teams of 2 or 3 in each car to the addresses Interfaith Ministries provides. If you are not traveling to Mo-Ranch for the retreat the weekend of **June 1**, this is a great service opportunity you can participate in benefiting the homebound seniors in our community. **June 1** distribution will be in Harris County and **June 8** distribution will be in Galveston County mainland, not on the island. Sign up will

begin in April. Angelina Fonseca-Grewal can drive 4 volunteers, but other drivers will be needed.

SEARCH SPEAKER SERIES

St. Philip's mission partner SEARCH is holding their next Speaker Series Webinar titled Housing and Homelessness on Thursday, **March 21** at 12 PM CST. St. Philip members can register here at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) or email Hannah Mannion at hmannon@searchhomeless.org, or call 832-232-8715.



In order to continue our longstanding support of the Brookwood Community, we have kept in place our customary order for Easter lilies. They will be delivered to St. Philip to adorn our Sanctuary for our Easter service.

We invite you to contribute to our flower fund and dedicate a lily to someone this Easter. Donations may be made for any amount either through our website—saintphilip.net, choosing the Flowers/Holiday fund option from the menu; or by sending a check to the Church Office. If donating online where the memo line is limited in the number of characters, please e-mail Lorrie Castle (lorrie@saintphilip.net) with your name and the person(s) being honored and/or remembered. Similar information should be included with mailed checks. Mailed dedications should arrive by **March 25**. Thanks for your help in continuing this holiday tradition!

The list of donors and memorials/honors will appear in the bulletin and the Philip-Eye following Easter.



WELCOMING & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please welcome a few of our newest members and clergy spouses to St. Philip.

Amy Demmler was born and raised here in Houston. She attended the University of Houston (Go Coogs!) for both her undergraduate degree and for law school. She's currently a partner at her law firm. Her life revolves around her 3 month-old golden retriever puppy named Leonard. Amy appreciates that St. Philip is located close to her home, that we are LGBTQIA inclusive and a friendly congregation, and values both our Ministers/Staff and Worship. We are so happy to have Amy join us.

Brice Wilborn is a native Houstonian, and married for almost 42 years to Denise Livings [Wilborn]. Brice's sister's family lives in Houston. Both his parents' families are Presbyterian and he has served as Deacon at First Presbyterian Church Houston (FPCH) and Elder at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church (SBPC). Brice has sung in choirs and participated in choir leadership at FPCH and SBPC, currently he is a tenor in the St. Philip choir. Through the years he has participated in mission trips for both choir (England/Scotland, Hungary) and non-choir service (school-facility construction in Mexico). Additionally he has served as Sunday School teacher/co-teacher for elementary classes. He is a mechanical engineer (commercial/building design & consulting).



Denise Livings Wilborn a native Houstonian and graduate of Spring Branch High School is married to Brice Wilborn. Their son Joseph lives in Austin with his partner, Kristin and she has siblings who still live in Houston area. Denise has earned multiple degrees: BA Philosophy, Trinity University, MEd Reading Education and EdD Ethical leadership from University of St. Thomas. She is certified in reading education, gifted and talented, and English as a second language. As an educator she has experience with children ranging from four-years old to master level research writing; most recently fourth and fifth grade reading and writing classroom teacher, and reading interventionist. Denise is a founding faculty of The Presbyterian School. Within church Denise was former Director of Christian Education at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. She currently participates at St. Philip in the Social Justice Study group, the Church and Society class, Dinners for Eight (but there are nine their group), and VBS (Advent and Lent).

Cindy Judson is a retired educator. She started her career as a 1st grade teacher, served many years as an administrator and ended it as adjunct faculty at Oakland University (Michigan), shepherding student teachers through their student teaching internships. She met John Judson on the first day of classes at Trinity University and they have had

42 wonderful years together. We love traveling and expect to do a lot more in our retirement.

Rev. John Judson is a retired PC(USA) minister and has been married for 42 years to the love of his life, Cindy (the other Dr. Judson). They have two children, a son, Andy, and his wife, Charlotte, and their son, Kieran; and a daughter, Katie, and her husband, Brendan. John grew up in Houston, attending St. Paul Presbyterian, and parts of his family have been in Texas since the 1840s. "It is good to be home again in Houston and to have found a church home at St. Philip."



Peter Schneider was born and educated in Cape Town, South Africa, where he taught and practiced architecture before moving to the United States in 1977. He has taught architecture and directed graduate and undergraduate architecture programs in Alabama, Louisiana, and Colorado. He is currently Professor of Architecture and Chancellor's Scholar Emeritus at the University of Colorado, having retired in 2012. His scholarly interests have been focused on the history of the architect. His writings on the history of the architect, architectural pedagogy and the architect's methods and practices have been widely published. He married the **Holly Heuer** in Ruston, Louisiana in 1984. He has spent almost forty years enjoying his role as a 'pastor's spouse', learning the ins and outs of Presbyterian life and of the Presbyterian Church. He spent many a Sunday skiing or hiking on a Sunday afternoon with their two sons while Holly met with the session and other committees or people while she served as pastor of her mountain church in Nederland, Colorado. The kids really enjoyed being PK's during those mountain years.



Rev. Dr. Holly Heuer was born and grew up in Monroe, Louisiana, where she was an active member of First Presbyterian Church. She attended SMU in Dallas, TX and taught Jr. High mathematics in the Dallas schools. She moved to Austin to attend Austin Seminary, receiving her Master of Divinity in 1980. Her first call was to the University Presbyterian Church in Ruston, Louisiana, in 1980. She married Peter Schneider in Ruston and inherited two splendid children: Robert and Anne Schneider. Their own children Tom and David (also splendid) were born during those Ruston years. The family moved to Denver, CO in 1989 where they lived until May of last year. Holly served two congregations in the area as pastor (one mountain church and the other a city church) and received her Doctor of Ministry from Iliff School of Theology, where she taught preaching. The move to Houston brought them closer to their younger son, David Schneider and his family. She was honorably retired in 2013 and continues her ministry as a spiritual director in private practice.

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