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## DUERR LECTURE SERIES

### "The Great Ends of the Church: for the Fullness of Life"

Speaker for the 22nd annual Duerr Lecture Series, February 24, 25, and 26, Clifton Kirkpatrick, Professor of World Christianity and Ecumenical Studies and William A. Benfield Jr. Professor of Evangelism and Global Mission, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Stated Clerk, Emeritus for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will present lectures which focus on one of the "classics of the faith" for Presbyterians, The Great Ends of the Church. Kirkpatrick says that from their obscure discovery a century ago, the Great Ends have been a powerful and inspirational statement of purpose for the Christian life and the mission of the church. He will explore the contemporary relevance of this historic call to faithful Christian living as we explore together how God might be calling us to be faithful evangelists; to create caring communities both within and beyond the church; to be open to fresh winds of the Spirit in our worship; to uphold the truth of the gospel; to be on the front lines of the struggle for peace and justice, and to be a living demonstration of what God intends for all humanity.



Kirkpatrick grew up Presbyterian in Memphis, TN, and received degrees from Davidson College (B.A.), Yale University (M.Div.), and McCormick Theological Seminary (D.Min.). Additionally he held the Merrill Fellowship for post-graduate study at Harvard University and holds honorary doctorates from Westminster College (PA), Hannam University (Korea), Silliman University (Philippines), and Davidson College. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

On the faculty at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary since 2009, Kirkpatrick teaches courses on the ecumenical movement, world mission and evangelism, and Presbyterian and Reformed theology and polity. He serves as advisor to Presbyterian students and is co-chair of "Doors to Dialogue" a seminary-wide effort to ensure that all graduates are equipped to minister in a world of religious difference. A former student says "He is a wonderful professor, and I'm so grateful for all I learned from him." He has served the church throughout the world, having been the Director of Worldwide Ministries Division of the PCUSA, 1981-1996; Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, PCUSA, 1996-2008; and President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 2004-2010.

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## DUERR LECTURES SERIES SPEAKERS

1998

Dr. John B. Rogers, Jr.

1999

Dr. Lamar Williamson

2000

Rev. William P. Brown, Ph.D.

2001

Dr. T. Hartley Hall, IV

2002

Rev. Dr. John Wells Kuykendall

2003

Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble

2004

Rev. Dr. William Stacy  
Johnson

2005

Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton

2006

Dr. S. Dean McBride

2007

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Dunham

2008

Dr. Charles M. Swezey

2009

Rev. S. Vernon Broyles, III

2010

Rev. Dr. George W. Stroup

2011

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

2012

Dr. Samuel L. Adams

2013

Rev. Thomas L. Are

2014

Dr. Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos

2015

Dr. Douglas F. Ottati

2016

Dr. Joshua Ralston

2017

Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer

2018

Rev. D. Cameron Murchison, Ph.D.

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From 1972-1981 Kirkpatrick was Executive Director of Houston Metropolitan Ministries (now Interfaith Ministries), and during those years he worshipped at St. Philip Presbyterian and is proud to say that he taught the four year old Sunday School Class. He has many articles, columns, and book reviews in periodicals such as *Presbyterian Outlook*, *Horizons*, *Presbyterians Today*, and *Interpretation* and has published chapters and forewords in several books. His latest book, *Race and Reconciliation: The Confessions of 1967 and Belhar*, was published in 2016.



A world traveler, and in demand as a speaker, teacher, and lecturer, in his leisure time Kirkpatrick enjoys adoring his grandchildren, Katherine, Amara, and Caroline, and vacationing in the Rocky Mountains and various National Parks with his wife, Diane, and adult children, Elizabeth and David. We are honored to welcome Clifton Kirkpatrick to the Duerr Lecture Series in 2019. Dr. Kirkpatrick will be preaching at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday morning. All lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. 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 rehearsal room. The sermon and all lectures will be recorded and available in sets of four CDs or by downloadable file. 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](http://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.

## DUERR LECTURE SERIES BROWN BAG LUNCH

Men and women are invited to meet with Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick on Monday, **February 25**, 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.

See complete schedule on page 3.

# MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP 2018-2019 SEASON

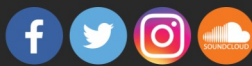
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## TEXAS GUITAR QUARTET



**Saturday | February 9, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.**

ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • HOUSTON



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**Music at St Philip**

Join us **Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m.**, when the Music at St. Philip Concert Series presents the **Texas Guitar Quartet** in an evening of classical music featuring works of Beethoven, Rossini, Boccherini, Albéniz, Ravel, Mathew Dunne and Benoît Albert. Formed in 2008, the quartet has performed throughout the United States, Central America, Spain and China where audiences have embraced them for their dazzling virtuosity, clarity, balance and refined character. Some of the highlights include the Victoria Bach Festival (Canada), and a series of concerts in historic cathedrals

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### **“The Great Ends of the Church” For the Fullness of Life**

#### **Schedule of Events**

Sunday, February 24  
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship

#### **SERMON:**

### **“THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL FOR THE SALVATION OF HUMANKIND”**

*MICAH 6:6-8;  
MATTHEW 28:16-20*

7:00 p.m.  
*Lecture in  
Fellowship Hall*

### **"THE PRESERVATION OF THE TRUTH AND THE MAINTENANCE OF DIVINE WORSHIP"**

Monday, February 25  
7:00 p.m.

### **"THE SHELTER, NURTURE, AND SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD AND THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS"**

*Lecture held in  
Room 209—  
choir rehearsal room*

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

### **“THE EXHIBITION OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN”**

*Lecture held in  
Room 209—  
choir rehearsal room*

Lectures are free  
& open to everyone

The purpose of the Welcoming and Membership Committee is to invite persons to become members of St. Philip and encourage them to respond to the Gospel by becoming active members in the life and work of the church.

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along the Camino de Santiago, Spain as well as conservatories in Mexico, Nicaragua and Canada. In collaboration with the Grammy-winning chamber choir *Conspirare*, the Grammy-winning Los Angeles Guitar Quartet and the Dublin Guitar Quartet, they premiered a landmark new work by lauded composer Nico Muhly. Their first album *Red* was praised by *Guitar International* as a "tremendous accomplishment for classical guitar" and their latest album *Icon* features the complex *Symphony No. 40* by Mozart. They have also performed concertos with symphony orchestras throughout the United States and Nicaragua. This summer they return to China for a three-week tour. TxGQ members are **Isaac Bustos, Jay Kacherski, Alejandro Montiel** and **Joseph Palmer**.

## WELCOME & MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed new members **Dick and Judy Nunn**, who joined St. Philip on January 20.

Both are long-time Houstonians and are joining St. Philip by letter of transfer from Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. **Judy** is a graduate of Bellaire High School, UT Austin, and UH Clear Lake. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a Licensed Professional Counselor, with 35 years' experience in private practice. Outside of work, she enjoys travel, photography, dining with friends, and playing with her grandsons; she also loves music and theater. She is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and has served on committees at both the Presbytery and Synod levels. **Dick** is a graduate of Bellaire High School and Rice University. He is now semi-retired, but keeps busy with a variety of activities, including service on the Board of Directors of Brazos Presbyterian Homes. An elder and deacon in the Presbyterian Church, Dick has been active on Presbytery committees, as well. In his free time, he likes to travel and spend time with his grandsons. Judy and Dick will mark their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June; they are in a dinner group of four couples that has been meeting for nearly 50 years, and all four couples have just or will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries this year! Judy and Dick have two adult daughters, and they have two grandsons they are glad live nearby. Introduced to St. Philip Presbyterian by friends, they were drawn in by the worship, the pastoral leadership, and the friendly congregation. Welcome, Dick and Judy!



Monday, February 4, Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson's Coffee with the Clerk was live from the Conference Room at St. Philip. The discussion included leaders from the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. Pictured here are Ken McFayden, J. Herbert Nelson, Carl Horton, Stephanie Fritz and our own, Anne Wilson. If you would like to see a recording of the conversation go on Facebook to *Spirit of GA*.

## PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

In a recently released survey about Valentine's Day spending, the National Retail Federation reported that 47 % of adults buy candy for Valentine's Day, and 34% buy flowers. It is the biggest day of the year for some florists and chocolate makers. Few shoppers know about the controversial background of these two products: the exploitation of adults and children.

The majority of flowers purchased in the U.S. come from Colombia and Ecuador, where flower workers routinely face labor violations. In a push to meet the demands of Valentine's Day, workers have been reported to log up to 20 hours a day.

In West Africa, abuses are occurring on cocoa plantations, where 70% of cocoa, the main ingredient in Valentine's Day chocolate, is grown. Thousands of children who work in cocoa fields every day.

Children as young as 5 and 6

years old are required to perform dangerous tasks on cocoa fields, such as chopping down cocoa pods with machetes, breaking the pods open with knives, carrying heavy loads of cocoa beans, and spraying dangerous chemicals.

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

When purchasing flowers, look to shops which offer Fair Trade certified bouquets such as the VeriFlora program.

And when purchasing chocolate, come along to the Gathering Area on **February 10** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our *Very Dark Chocolate Bars* are an organic fairly-traded delicious treat that support small-scale farmers and their families. We will also have mini-bags of ten chocolates, coffee, tea, olive oil and almonds on offer.

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The purpose of the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee is to highlight and support the denomination's Peacemaking Program; and to maintain congregational awareness of issues of social, racial, and economic injustice; human rights; arms control, and environmental degradation; and all forms of exclusion and prejudice [as described more fully in St. Philip's Commitment to Peacemaking (2003)].

## FELLOWSHIP

### MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

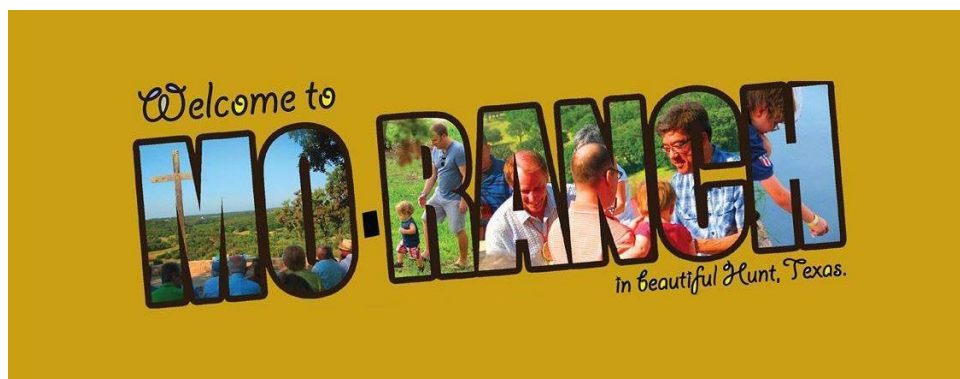


Fellowship activities are for all ages!

Join the Fellowship Committee for our annual Mardi Gras Celebration on Sunday, **February 10!** Come to the Fellowship Hall directly after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting for some excellent food, conversation, music and fun!! There will be chicken tenders and fries for kiddos (rather than spicy Cajun food). Gluten Free options as well - please contact Amye Webster for any other dietary needs

that should be considered! [amy\\_e\\_webster@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_e_webster@yahoo.com) or 360-770-7865. Donations appreciated to offset costs. See you there!

The purpose of the Fellowship Committee is to plan and arrange social activities and celebrations for the congregation throughout the year, for the congregation's enjoyment, and to welcome new members and visitors. The Fellowship Committee welcomes all as part of God's family. In recognition of our common faith, the Fellowship Committee brings together the church's immediate and extended family in joy and thanksgiving to build bonds in Christ.



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

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

#### **PRICING:**

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

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

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

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

Adult (single accommodation): \$469  
 Adult (room shared by 2 adults): \$286 each  
 Adult (room shared by 3 adults): \$225 each  
 Adult (room shared by 4 adults): \$195 each  
 Youth 12-18 in same room: \$82 per child  
 Children 4-11: \$60 per child

#### **PHEASANT RUN** (most rooms have two beds)

Adult (single accommodation): \$439  
 Adult (room shared by 2 adults): \$271 each  
 Adult (room shared by 3 adults): \$215 each  
 Adult (room shared by 4 adults): \$187 each  
 Youth 12-18 in same room: \$82 per child  
 Children 4-11: \$60 per child

**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)

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Youth/Adult: \$82

Child 4-11: \$60

### **ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION:**

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

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

### **PAYMENT:**

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

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

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

### **VOLUNTEER**

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

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## **RESCHEDULED**

### **PRIMETIMERS HOUSTON MURAL TOUR**

Have you ever wondered about the growing presence of large scale outdoor murals appearing around the city of Houston? Join us on Monday, **February 25**, for a guided bus tour of various neighborhoods in central Houston, visiting many of the city's newest and most popular murals. We will learn about the artists, their works, and their connection to the neighborhood. At the conclusion of our tour, we will return to St. Philip in time for the brown bag lunch with the 2019 Duerr Lecture Series speaker, The Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Cost of the tour is \$10. RSVP by Monday, **February 11** – even if you have signed up for our previously-scheduled mural trips. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes and bring a hat. The bus will depart from St. Philip promptly at 9 a.m.



*Meet, stay, play and  
pray at Mo-Ranch.*

Mission of Christian Education Committee: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, to guide us as we engage and inspire as to build faith and discipleship within the children of God.



### NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants and children through 4 years old are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

All classes begin at 9:30.

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

Children's Music  
Room 105  
*Cecy Duarte*

Grades 1—5  
Room 105  
*Paul Arlinghaus, Linda Bevell,  
Kara D'Agostino,  
and Paul D'Agostino*

Grades 6—8  
Room 206  
*Judith Hiott and Jack Lippincott*

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

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### CHURCH & SOCIETY

Room 201 – *Mickey Meyers* and *C.J. Miller*, leaders. **February 10** - The second in the two-part series *Skeleton in Science's Closet: The Scandal of Eugenics* - "DNA" "Human genome." "Genetic engineering." These words are frequently on the lips of geneticists today. But there is one word they will rarely utter - "eugenics." That is because the eugenics movement in the first part of the 20th. century - heralded as a scientific solution to the world's ills - turned out to be so embarrassing that today most science books don't mention it. - Presented by Bruce Yaeger, author of *Wrestling Brothers: Rethinking Religion-Science Relationships*. **February 17** - Mission Sunday - Houston International Seafarer's Center - a St. Philip Mission Partner presented by Rev. David Wells - Chaplain at the Seafarer's Center.

#### BIBLE STUDY

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

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Room 200 - We are studying *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* by Martin Thielen. A contemporary look at essential - and non-essential Christian belief, this introductory book takes a look at common assumptions and important questions of faith. The St. Philip Adults class is a fellowship of adults from all walks of life who gather for learning and community. It is a conversation/dialogue-based/interactive class. Sharing leadership is easy and fun and asking questions is what it is all about. Contact:

[Omar@saintphilip.net](mailto:Omar@saintphilip.net).

#### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children in pre-K through first grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel with Rev. Omar Rouchon and a parent helper following the conversation with children during the 11 o'clock service on the second and fourth Sundays. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

### WEEKDAY CLASSES

#### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

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

#### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in the Conference Room at noon. We are starting a new book, *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion* by Martin Thielen. Men who wish to participate should bring a bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. The group wraps up promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Gary Gardner at [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com) if you have any questions.

#### MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Join the discussion in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus) **February 11** with St. Philip's Monday evening study group! Besides conversation, our meetings include fellowship, refreshments, and a brief devotional, as we continue our study of *Holding Faith* by Cynthia Rigby. We will be discussing chapter 7 (Where is our home? The doctrine of the

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Church) in part 4 (God blesses us). We meet each second and fourth Monday, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Come even if you haven't done the reading; the discussion is always timely and thought-provoking.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join a community of people in their 20s and 30s for compassionate conversation regarding all matters of the life of faith. We meet monthly at different restaurants in Houston and pose questions for group reflection and discussion. Bring a friend or your partner, your questions and ideas, and your thirst for knowledge! Next meeting is **February 12** at 6:30 p.m. at Paulie's Restaurant, 1834 Westheimer Rd., 77098.

### WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

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

### 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 meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our next gathering is Thursday, **February 26**, Hay Merchant, 1100 Westheimer Rd., 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](mailto:TimRB1987@gmail.com).

### DIALOGUE ON THE



### PLANTATIONS

The Center for Healing of Racism presents their fourth annual tour of plantations through the south. This year they will include Whitney Plantation (Wallace, LA) and St. Joseph Plantation (Vacherie, LA). The tour is March 30-31. Registration include roundtrip bus fare, tour admissions, lodging, snacks on the bus and dinner. Registration closes February 15. If you would like more details visit [www.centerhealingracism.org](http://www.centerhealingracism.org). Cherry Steinwender, executive

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."*

director of the Center for Healing of Racism has spoke in the Church & Society class here at St. Philip and invites you to join the tour.



Presbyterian Women (PW) offers a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community beginning with Bible study at St. Philip. Please join any one of the circles for their monthly meetings

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### 2019 PW RETREAT

The Presbyterian Women's retreat will be **March 22-24** in Conroe with accommodations at Homewood Suites Hilton Hotel. We are pleased to announce Rev. Kristin Huffman will serve as our 2019 Retreat Leader. Rev. Huffman grew up mostly in Oklahoma and Texas, and has served as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1983 in churches in California, Louisiana, San Antonio and, most recently, at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston. She currently has two ½ time jobs, one as an Associate Director for Frontier Fellowship, a mission agency that seeks to bring the gospel to unreached people on the frontier. She also teaches for Fuller Seminary as an Affiliate Professor in Practical Theology, classes online and face-to-face at Fuller Seminary. Further information will be published in the Sunday bulletin, on the St. Philip Facebook page, and on the St. Philip website: [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net). Registration forms will be available in the Gathering Area after the 11:00 worship service through **March 3**. Registration Deadline is **March 5**.

### Circles

*Sunday Circle*  
3rd Sunday of the month after 11  
a.m. service

*in the Dining Room*

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*Monday Morning Saints*  
2nd Monday of the month  
at 10 a.m.

*in the Dining Room*

✱

*Wednesday Morning Circle*  
4th Wednesday of the month at  
10 a.m.

*at Brazos Towers*  
*at Bayou Manor*

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*Wednesday Evening Circle*  
1st Wednesday of the month at 6  
p.m. in the Dining Room

### PW PRESBYTERY SPRING GATHERING

#### *"Healing Justice"*

*March 30, 2019*

*9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.*

*Brenham Presbyterian Church*

*900 S. Jackson Street*

*Brenham, TX 77833*

*979-836-7632*

#### **Speakers:**

Rev. Emilee Whitehurst,  
Houston Area Women's Center  
Phoebe Lake, New Leaf  
Nursery, "Plants in the Bible"

**Worship:** Rev. Dr. Rose Niles,  
Austin Presbyterian  
Theological Seminary,  
Development Officer

#### **Mission Opportunities:**

**Faith Mission and Help Center** is a multi-campus, faith-based community working to help people become self-sufficient through emergency assistance and paths to long-term improvement in Washington County. [faithmission.us](http://faithmission.us) Please consider bringing full sized toiletries for distribution to their clients: shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, or canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and fruit for the pantry.

Go to [www.pbynewcovenant.org](http://www.pbynewcovenant.org)  
(under Ministries tab)

for complete information and  
registration form.

## MISSION

### MISSION DAY

Mission Day is just around the corner, and you may be asking yourself why you should participate with so many other demands on your time and your energy. You may feel overwhelmed by both the negativity in the news and the magnitude of issues that face us both globally and locally: poverty, homelessness, environmental and social injustices, human isolation and loneliness, and the list goes on. How can our light be enough to overcome the darkness?

The good news is that God invites us to participate in what God is already doing at work in the world. We don't

a Commissioning and Prayer service at the 8:30 am worship time, sessions during the Sunday School time slot, 11 am worship, Lunch, and a few more choices in the afternoon. Participate together as a family, or divide up and participate in separate activities that interest each person. Invite your friends or coworkers.

The registration is available online at: [www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net). The Mission Committee encourages you to make a connection with a Mission Partner that is new to you and to connect with a person at St. Philip that you haven't before.

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**Purpose.** The purpose of the Mission Committee is to develop and nurture the congregation as it reaches out to support Christ's mission locally and around the world as well as through the PCUSA. The Committee works to make mission an integral part of the life of the congregation.

*"Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to God."*

Matthew 5:16

have to rely on our own efforts and strength. God's light has already overcome the darkness for us. We are simply invited to respond to God's gracious love towards us by extending that love to our neighbors, those who are hungry, thirsty, or need some mentoring and support.

As a church we are called not just to fellowship with one another, but to be Christ's hands and feet. St. Philip's faithfulness to our mission partners, both financially and through active engagement, is one of the main reasons I joined this church. I am so excited for another opportunity to both worship and serve with you on Sunday, **February 17**. We have planned Mission Day around the regular Sunday schedule to make it easier for you to participate. There are activities for morning people,

### ST PHILIP STITCHERS

The St. Philip Stitchers have been busy since you last saw us at the *Blessing of the Quilts*, October 28, 2018. We delivered 150 youth quilts last year to House of Tiny Treasures, Interfaith Ministries Refugee program and Houston Welcomes Refugees.

By Mission Sunday, **February 17**, we should have more than 20 completed quilts in the Arts & Crafts Studio for any who would like to stop by to see what we do and how we do it. You can sign up on the St. Philip website to reserve a spot to sew as well. We will be in the studio from 9:30-10:30. You will be able to sew blocks, design blocks, hand sew binding to quilts... **but please sign up so we know to expect you.**

The St. Philip Stitchers are now  
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actively connected to Interfaith Ministries's refugee program and has sought ways to fill needs when we can. Car seats for transporting young children in the IM van was met through coordination with St. Philip's Mission Committee and Keatan King. The St. Philip Stitchers are making receiving blankets for IM refugee new borns, and we are collecting gently used baby and toddler items as well.

If you would like to donate any GENTLY used items for toddlers and children: clothing, books, toys, ride toys, art supplies, detergent (House of Tiny Treasures REALLY needs detergent to wash the quilts we give them), please contact Hope Wilmarth. We will collect and take to both IM and HTT.

Thank you for all you do to help us with our mission to serve children less privileged than our own. The St. Philip Stitchers appreciate your donations of fabric, sewing machines, rulers, mats, scissors, money to our account, and more. We hope you will consider other donations as listed above.



### THE BEACON

Fifteen SPPC members and friends gathered to serve at SPPC Mission Partner, the Beacon Homeless Day Center, on Saturday, January 26. The group helped to serve lunch to approximately 250 men, women and children, plus prepping food for upcoming meals. 100 bags of laundry were processed as well that morning. "Personally, I thought It was great to serve as a community of faith and get to know each other better in the process," reflected Betsy Boston. "The outreach also reminded us of the

need in our midst and how varied the faces of the homeless can be."

Sharon & Curt Webb commented "If you want to make a tangible difference in the lives of Houston's homeless citizens, we can think of no better way than to spend a few hours at The Beacon. This is a well-run, very organized volunteer opportunity and we promise that you will come away from the experience knowing that your efforts made a huge difference in the lives of these very needy people."

If you would like to participate in this vital outreach, SPPC will be returning to serve at the Beacon for the early shift on Mission Sunday, **February 17**. Carpools will leave SPPC at 6:30 a.m. or you can meet on site at 7:15 a.m. The shift will be over by 10:30 a.m. to enable participants to attend the 11:00 service. Register for Mission Sunday through the SPPC website or by contacting Betsy Boston at 610-304-3896 or at:

[ehbluzerne@aol.com](mailto:ehbluzerne@aol.com).

# CLERK OF SESSION

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### December 2018

#### Stated Session Meeting – December 18, 2018

- Session approved a letter of membership transfer for Mark Clemmons to First Presbyterian Church, 4647 Preston Avenue, Pasadena, TX 77505.
- Session approved the Communion Offering recipients for the first two months of 2019 be as follows:
  - ♦ January: The Beacon
  - ♦ February: an agency designated by the youth for the Souper Bowl of Caring
- Session approved sponsoring the Pink Iftar at St. Philip in May 2019.
- Session approved the Communion schedule for 2019.
- Session sustained their examination of deacon-elect Governor Frazier and approved that he be ordained and installed into this office on January 13, 2019.

#### Committee and Council Actions:

- Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee has requested that the office staff to refrain from purchasing Styrofoam beverage cups for use by St. Philip, and has communicated this to Lorrie Castle. The Committee continues further study to recommend earth-friendly food- and beverage-service items.
- Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee has recommended that Free the Captives candles (featured in the December 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Connect) be available at the 2019 Alternative Market. Candles are hand-poured by human trafficking survivors served by Free the Captives.
- Property Committee has approved the Reserve for Replacement (RfR) report, totaling \$61,505.85 for the third quarter. The RfR balance at the end of October was \$631,730.24, down from \$871,769.61 at the beginning of the year.

John A. Lemen, Clerk of Session

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation is set for **February 10** in the Sanctuary immediately following an abbreviated 11:00 worship service. The meeting includes action on the pastors' terms of call, election of representative to the congregational nominating committee, review of financial data for 2018, and presentation of the 2019 budget. Julia Fox and Nina Lambright will be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations are possible with prior consent of those being nominated.

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### Session

John Wurster  
*Moderator*

John Lemen  
*Clerk*

*Pastors*  
Keatan King  
Omar Rouchon

### Class of 2019

Kate Dickinson-Varner  
Janet Hess  
William Rowe  
Chuck Seidel  
Sandy Truxillo  
Anne Wilson  
Nancy Beck Young

### Class of 2020

Selena Brinegar  
Tim Burgess  
Scott Easterly  
Jack Lippincott  
Bonnie Moore  
Peg Palisin  
Amye Webster

### Class of 2021

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Cathy Patterson and family upon the death of her father-in-law, Dub Wood on January 29.**

**Laura Burgess and family upon the death of her uncle, Bud Marks on January 24.**

**Cindy Dees upon death of cousin, John VanMeter on January 23.**

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

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

**Friends of St. Philippians**—Bennett Williams—friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Grady Reed—friend of Stephen Paine.

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Salvation	Scandal	Styrofoam	Tuna

