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PHILIP-EYE

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PHILIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgist Camp

Calling all worship leaders! Join Keatan King for a summer class on cultivating skill in serving as a liturgist. Whether you love any opportunity to lead liturgy or you're a first timer seeking coaching, this is your chance to learn what makes for good liturgical leadership, to practice in the Sanctuary, and to sign up for Sundays to lead. Come to a single-session class at 9:30 a.m. on either **June 16, July 14, or August 25** in Room 201. All ages and skill levels welcome!



The installation of Omar Anthony Rouchon as associate pastor on June 2. Commission included: Rev. Helen DeLeon, Elder Dave Coles, Rev. Keatan King, Elder Karen Morris, Elder Wesley Vestal and Rev. John Wurster.



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Pastor, Head of Staff

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Associate Pastor

Rev. Omar Rouchon
Associate Pastor

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Facilities Supervisor

Dimas Parada
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WORSHIP LIVE

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our Communications & Technology Committee has made it possible for you to see St. Philip Sunday services from your home -- or wherever you have a computer, phone, or tablet. You can watch the service live at 11:00 on Sundays or view it - and other archived services - when convenient. Look for the [Worship](#) button on our website, saintphilip.net.

Here are picture from the Pink Iftar hosted May 9 by the Peacemaking & Social Justice committee.

Clockwise from top left: Welcoming slide from guest speaker Wafa

Abdin; ladies listening to presentation in Sanctuary; the meal provided by Fadi's; Pink Iftar logo; Kate Burkart speaking to the guests.

SUMMER NOTES

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning **June 7** and continuing through **August 9**, the church office will be closed on Fridays. This schedule, similar to what we did last summer, helps us conserve energy and better cover staff vacations. We will return to regular Friday office hours (8:30-4:00) on **August 16**.

PHILIP-EYE PUBLICATIONS

Due to staff vacations, this is the only edition of the Philip-Eye for June. Look for the next edition on July 11. Please check Sunday announcements, saintphilip.net and our social media for updates.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Session has authorized a change to our Sunday worship schedule for this summer. For Sundays in the month of June, we will have a single service of worship at 11:00 a.m. For Sundays in July and August, worship services will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. We look forward to worshipping all together for these weeks.

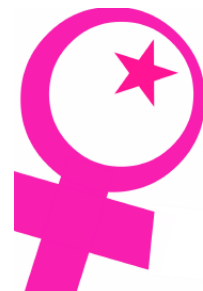
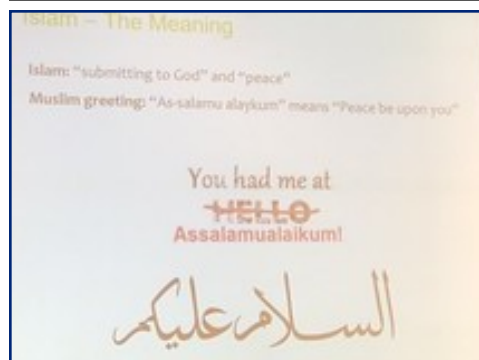
PENTECOST OFFERING

An additional mission offering is received at St. Philip when communion is celebrated. This month we join Presbyterians across the country in the Pentecost Offering, which supports ministry to children and youth. The local portion of the offering will support Mo-Ranch Camp in the Rio Grande Valley. Gifts may be brought forward during the final hymn. At installation and ordination services conducted in the Presbytery of New Covenant, an offering is received to support candidates for ministry. Checks may be made out to the presbytery and placed in the offering plate. Loose cash placed in the offering plate today will also be directed to this cause.

TREASURER

Operating Budget Report

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$484,052	\$535,984
Expenses:	\$532,159	\$535,984
Pledges Received	\$310,738	\$364,437



MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP 2019-2020 SEASON

Announcing our new concert season! Join us for these exciting programs!

◆ 2019 SUMMER KEYBOARD CONCERTS ◆

Matthew Dirst

HARPSICHORD

Sunday | JULY 21 | 2:00 p.m.

Todd Van Kekerix

PIANO

Sunday | AUGUST 18 | 2:00 p.m.

Aaron Tan

ORGAN

Sunday | SEPTEMBER 15 | 2:00 p.m.

◆ 2019-2020 CONCERT SERIES ◆

Concert for Peace

MUSIC & POETRY

Saturday | OCTOBER 5 | 7:30 p.m.
with guitarist Marc Garvin and poet Martha Serpas

Night Jazz for Leap Day

PIANO • INSTRUMENTS • VOCALS

Saturday | FEBRUARY 29 | 7:30 p.m.
with Paul English piano and Cecy Duarte vocals

Semper Fantasticus

BAROQUE CHAMBER MUSIC

Sunday | NOVEMBER 10 | 5:00 p.m.
*with Elizabeth Blumenstock violin
Mary Springfels viola da gamba
and Matthew Dirst harpsichord*

Child Piano Prodigies

PIANO

Sunday | MARCH 29 | 3:00 p.m.
*with 2020 and past winners of the
Rochelle Liebling Kahan Competition
for Child Piano Prodigies Age 6-9*

Greenbriar Consortium

CLASSICAL AND MODERN CHAMBER MUSIC

Sunday | DECEMBER 1 | 6:00 p.m.
and

Sunday | JANUARY 19 | 6:00 p.m.
*with Houston Symphony Chamber Musicians
in two different programs*

Vernet-Meckler Organ Duet

ORGAN

Sunday | APRIL 19 | 2:00 p.m.
*Olivier Vernet and Cédric Meckler
transcriptions of incidental and ballet music by
Rameau • Mendelssohn • Stravinsky • Ravel
celebrating the 10th anniversary of the St. Philip Fritts Organ*

All concerts are free. Contributions welcome. We hope to see you here!

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Music at St Philip

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

10:30 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Weekday Classes

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Everyone is welcome to the meetings of the Monday evening study group when we reconvene after Memorial Day! Join the discussion in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus) **June 10**. Besides conversation, our meetings include fellowship, refreshments, and a brief devotional, as we continue our study of *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg. We will be discussing chapter 2, "What manner of man? The pre-Easter Jesus." 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 **June 11** at 6:30 p.m. the location to be determined.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

A monthly interest group for women who like to read books, socialize, and have a night out meets monthly at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is on **June 13** at the home of Nina Lambright. We will discuss *The Weight of a Piano* by Chris Cander. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at 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 Tuesday, **June 25**, The Brass Tap, 922 Holman St. 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.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes **have concluded** for summer vacation! Look what you have to look forward on September 8

BIBLE STUDY

We will study The Psalms, primarily from the NRSV and Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary* in the fall.

SPa

Room 200 - 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.

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. Returns **September 8**.

CHURCH & SOCIETY

C & S Class will begin the fall semester with a class reunion and fall preview on Rally Day, **September 8**.

September 15 - Texas Department of Family Protective Services - Foster care for children in need - Ashley Smalls.

September 22 & 29 - The Jail and Torches that Never Were: Debunking the Scopes-trial Myth - Bruce Yaeger.

October 6 - The Protestant Reformation in France - the origins of Calvinism - Prof. John H. Zamitto - Rice University History Dept. **October 13** - The Second Vatican Council and Ecumenical Efforts Toward Dialogue - Garland Pohl - Catholic Ecumenist. **October 20** - A Viewing of the film - "Luther and the Reformation" by Rick Steves. **October 27** - Reformation Sunday - The Scots Confession - Rev. Greg Han. **November 3** - Jewish/Presbyterian Dialogue Group - Hand in Hand - Julie Maclemore.

MISSION

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CCSC BACK TO SCHOOL!

It's early summer, but that's when Christian Community Service Center begins to plan to distribute August school supplies to 6,500 children underserved children in the Houston area. This year, for the first time, we will be able to provide backpacks, vouchers for uniforms/shoes, and school supplies to children from Kindergarten all the way to 12th grade. There are many ways you can help out:

1. Sign up via www.ccsc.org/volunteer to volunteer at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4600 Bellaire Blvd.
Sort and Set-up. Saturday, **July 27**, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Distribution: Friday, **August 2**, and Saturday, **August 3**, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 (noon)
2. Donate gently used (K-12 grad) children's clothing and shoes as bonus items to give away
3. Donate \$45 which provides one child with a NEW backpack, NEW uniform, and grade appropriate supplies. Donations may be made online at www.ccschouston.org or by check to CCSC, PO Box 27924, Houston, TX, 77227 (Payable to CCSC, with notation "Back to School").

INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS

In 1963, a Belgian sea captain immigrant to the U.S. had a dream to change the Port of Houston from the "worst port in the world" for seafarers, to a "home away from home" for them. In 1968, three ministers, one of whom was Presbyterian pastor Taft Lyon, brought this dream to life. Recognizing that all human persons are a gift of God, the mission of the chaplains and Committee on Ministry of the Port of Houston is to carry out a ministry of presence, outreach, witness, worship, service, and advocacy to, with and for Seafarers and their families from around the world.

You are invited to make donations of the personal items listed below to fill the 2019 Seafarers' Christmas Boxes. Each year, congregations from the Houston area pack personal items that sailors use every day in empty shoe boxes and wrap them with Christmas paper. The boxes are delivered to the Seafarers' Center and then personally taken to the ships by the Port chaplains. Annually, over 10,000 wrapped boxes are delivered to over 500 ships. Members of these crews have traveled from 65 different countries.

The seafarers greatly cherish these gifts. On board the ships for many months at a time, away from their families, a personal touch of a gift is so important to these sailors. Your donations of the items listed below will help to ease the loneliness and let them know that they are cared for. The items will be packed later this year (date TBA), by the loving hands of St. Philip members. Collection boxes will be in the Gathering Area and in the Church Office for donations.

Empty Shoe Boxes	Address Book	Baseball Caps	Body Powder
Combs	Cotton Swabs	Dental Floss	Deodorant
Deodorant Soap	Disposable Razor	Foot Powder	Gum
Hard Candy	Hot Chocolate Packets	Hotel Samples	Key Chains
Lip Balm	Nail Clippers	Mechanical Pencils	Paper Clips
Pens	Playing Cards	Pocket Notebooks	Popcorn (Microwave Packets)
Rubber Bands	Sewing Kits	Shampoo	Shaving Cream
Small Tissue Packs	Socks	Sudoku	Texas Souvenirs
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	USB Flash Drives	Wash Cloths
Word Searches	Antiseptic Cream		

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.



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

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Sarah O'Dell and family upon the death of her mother, Norma Reagan.

St. Philippians and their families—Virginia Lemen; Vicki McKay; Nita Davis; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Walter Baker; Jim Bratton; Arlette Keene; Susan Leonard; Betty Golemon; Joyce Fox; Russell Bahruth; Bill Taylor; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; John Palisin—brother of Peg Palisin; Carolyn Jones—sister of Cynthia Shoup; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; Ralph Arlinghaus—father of Paul Arlinghaus; Ian Pearce; Rusty Howard; Phillip McDaniel; Carol Paine Kendrick; John Paser—brother of Mary Ann Thomas; and Hollie Bailey—niece of Peg Palisin.

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

Friends of St. Philippians—Willie Jo Schaefer—friend of Pam Rush; Wes Mayo—friend of Vicki McKay; Grady Reed—friend of Stephen Paine.

In the Summertime

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Vacations