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EQUAL EXCHANGE SUMMER SALE

Here at SPPC, we're getting back into our schedule, including coffee hour fellowship, coming soon, using fairly traded coffee from Equal Exchange.

Fellowship is important for building community; it brings us the opportunity to spend time together in the afterglow of worship. It also affords us the opportunity to build community with our neighbors across the world, by enjoying a cup of fairly traded coffee, tea or cocoa grown by small farmer communities and brought to us by Equal Exchange. This has been sorely missed during the pandemic!

And it is also time for our **Summer Coffee Sale**, which will be hybrid, with on-line ordering through **July 30** and in-person sales and order pick up on **Sunday, August 15** after the early service thru late service coffee hour. A limited number of chocolate bars will be available only on **August 15**. Chocolate minis are on summer vacation and will be back in late fall.

We are looking forward to our traditional "Iced Tea and Biscotti" fellowship with you soon.

Why do we purchase our coffee from Equal Exchange?

Equal Exchange purchases coffee, tea, cocoa beans and other crops from forty communities in twenty countries. They pay a stable, above-market price; they purchase in advance of harvest (when farmers need the money) and collaborate, over the long term, in the sustainable development and empowerment of their partner communities. They sell their products through grocery stores and cafes, and through partnerships with a dozen religious denominations.

In buying fairly traded coffee you are collaborating with the people of Central America to build safe, stable, prosperous societies on our borders, to trade with us on a more equal footing, and to have the means to stay home with their families, which most of them want to do in the first place.

What does this have to do with church?

A lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asks him what is written in the law. Replies the lawyer: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus tells the lawyer he got it right. "And who is my neighbor?" says the lawyer. Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan: A man is robbed, beaten and left for dead on the road to Jericho. A priest and a prominent citizen of his own community both see him and cross the road to avoid getting involved. But a Samaritan, a foreigner, a member of a despised community, stops and cares for the victim. So who was the real neighbor? asks Jesus. "The one who showed him mercy" replies the lawyer. "Go and do likewise." says Jesus. (Luke 10:25-37)

Using fairly traded coffee, tea and other products is one of the many ways we can "Go and do likewise."

Please order and pay for your products [online](#); if you prefer to pay by check you may do that by placing your order [online](#) and bringing your check when you pick up your order. Visit saintphilip.net for more information. If you have questions, contact Lorraine Lyter-Reed at rainielou@hotmail.com.

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Equal Exchange Summer Sale products!

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SHOPPING LIST

Product	Description	Size	Price
French Roast	This dark gem is full of chocolaty richness, with a subtle smoky flavor.	10 oz Drip	\$7
Organic Decaf	This decaf has all the rich blend that is sweet and balanced with a creamy mouthfeel and hints of chocolate brownie, roasted nut and caramel; a full-bodied coffee with a sweet nutty and vanilla flavor.	10 oz Drip	\$8
Mind Body and Soul Ground	Find your moment of zen with this smooth, creamy and balanced blend that has hints of almond, malt and dark chocolate.	12oz Drip	\$7
Whole Bean Coffees	Selection: French Roast-\$7; Mind Body Soul -\$7, or Decaf-\$8		
Love Buzz Drip	This dark and smoky favorite has sweet velvety layers of chocolate brownie, caramel corn, malt and toffee.	10 Oz Drip	\$7
French Roast	Fellowship Blend—this dark gem is full of chocolaty richness, with a subtle smoky flavor.	2.5 oz	\$1
Peruvian Decaf	Fellowship Blend—spicy and sweet with raisin, chocolate and brown spice with a nutty finish.	2.5 oz	\$1
French Roast	Fellowship Blend—this dark gem is full of chocolaty richness, with a subtle smoky flavor.	8 oz	\$4
Peruvian Decaf	Fellowship Blend—spicy and sweet with raisin, chocolate and brown spice with a nutty finish.	7 oz	\$4
Organic Baking			
Virgin Olive Oil	Organic olive oil made from Nabali olives, an indigenous Palestinian variety that produces one of highest quality olive oils in the world. This virgin olive oil is cold-pressed and full of antioxidants. It can be used for cooking, baking, and dipping. It's grown and pressed by Palestinian farmer cooperatives in the West Bank.	500 ml	\$13
Semisweet Chocolate Chips	Use these delicious Organic Chocolate Chips to add something special to cookies, brownies and even pancakes! LIMITED QUANTITY	10 oz.	\$4
Baking Cocoa	Our delicious organic fairly traded cocoa baking powder is perfect for brownies, cakes, cookies and countless desserts.	8 oz.	\$6

Organic Tea & Hot Chocolate

Jasmine Green	A sultry, soothing blend of green tea leaves and the fragrant essence of jasmine.	20 tea bags	\$3
Chai	With an inviting flavor of ginger, cardamom, and cloves.	20 tea bags	\$3
Mint Green	Revive yourself with the cooling combination of green tea and peppermint.	20 tea bags	\$3
Vanilla Rooibos	Sweet, inviting vanilla accents this red bush tea from South Africa. It's almost like dessert in a cup. Caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Chamomile	Calming Egyptian chamomile soothes the mind and quiets the spirit. Caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Ginger	This 100% pure ginger tea is naturally caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Lemongrass Ginger	This refreshing blend combines the refreshing zing of lemongrass with the peppery finish of ginger. An enjoyable herbal tonic to revitalize and recharge.	20 tea bags	\$3
Hibiscus Tea	Rich in color and flavor, this pure hibiscus tea offers a wonderful zingy flavor that is the perfect mix of tart and sweet. Naturally caffeine-free and delicious hot or iced.	20 tea bags	\$3
Tea	General Flavor Selection: Black; Peppermint; Earl Gray	20 tea bags	\$3
Hot Chocolate	A rich chocolatey flavor	12 oz	\$6
Spicy Hot Chocolate	Cocoa with cinnamon and cayenne pepper for a chocolate drink with a kick!	12 oz	\$6

Organic Nuts & Fruits

Tamari Almonds	Carefully selected California variety almonds, dry roasted for extra crunch. Their distinctive taste is given depth by a sprinkling of savory Gluten-free tamari soy sauce.	8 oz	\$7
R/S Cashews	Roasted, salted cashews grown using sustainable farming practices such as biodiversity and multi-cropping.	8 oz	\$6
Dried Mango	100% free from added sugar and preservatives, these mangos from Burkina Faso were chosen for their rich, full flavor.	5 oz	\$5
Palestinian Medjool Dates	They are exceptionally large and soft, with strong caramel notes. They can also be chopped and used for baking, stuffing or cooking. And they're a great simple healthy snack just to eat by themselves.	17.6 oz	\$12



*Just a few
products you
can choose
from.*



MAIL-IN ORDER FORM—Must Be Received at Church Office by **July 30**

	Cost per Unit	Quantity	Total
French Roast	\$7		
Organic Decaf	\$8		
Whole Bean Coffee— French Roast	\$7		
Mind Body and Soul	\$7		
Whole Bean Coffee— Mind Body Soul	\$7		
Whole Bean Coffee—Decaf	\$8		
Love Buzz Ground	\$7		
Black Tea	\$3		
Jasmine Green Tea	\$3		
Chai Tee	\$3		
Mint Green Tea	\$3		
Vanilla Rooibos Tea	\$3		
Peppermint Tea	\$3		
Chamomile Tea	\$3		
Ginger Tea	\$3		
Earl Grey Tea	\$3		
Lemon Grass Ginger Tea	\$3		
Hibiscus Tea	\$3		
Hot Chocolate	\$6		
Spicy Hot Chocolate	\$6		
Tamari Almonds	\$7		
R/S Cashews	\$6		
Dried Mango	\$6		
Palestinian Medjool Dales	\$12		
Virgin Olive Oil	\$13		
Semisweet Chocolate Chips	\$4		
Baking Cocoa	\$6		
	Total		

Name—please print _____

Cell or Home Phone _____

Email _____

Check No. _____

Cash Total _____

If not ordering online, mail order form with check to: St. Philip, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056 by July 30.

WORSHIP IN PERSON

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website.

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

We will continue to have both services in the Sanctuary. Masks are still required. The 11:00 a.m. service will be live-streamed as usual. About 30 minutes in length, the 9:00 a.m. service will include the reading and proclamation of Scripture, sermon, along with the prayers of the people and organ voluntaries. The 11:00 a.m. service will include a fuller liturgy, as well as anthems from the staff singers in the choir loft and organ voluntaries.

The Session's Going Forward task force continues to monitor conditions and to seek a safe course for our life together at St. Philip.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Our next meeting on August 12 will be in the St. Philip Dining Room when we will discuss *Bluebird Bluebird* by Attica Locke. We are happy to gather again in person. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Nina Lambright or Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday meets on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you to all families who help adorn the Sanctuary with flowers each Sunday as you remember or honor a special person or occasion. Sandra Truxillo, our wonderful flower coordinator, has been reaching out to those who had chosen to sponsor flowers in 2020 but did not get that privilege when COVID-19 closed the Sanctuary. We do have some dates available in July and forthcoming months. Contact Sandra at struxillo1@yahoo.com or 713-965-0864 if you are interested.

Blossoms Floral Designs, who provides our flowers, has made it through Covid, unlike so many small businesses, but are now facing increased costs in flowers and associated costs of doing business. Therefore, for a standard arrangement you will pay \$100 instead of the usual and customary cost of \$76, effective June 2021.



1	Liz Miguez
1	Jenny Towns
2	Beth Atkinson
2	Kevin Shumbera
4	Meg Scott-Johnson
4	Steve Adger
5	Walter King
6	Keith Weber
6	Phil Stevenson
8	Jim Crain
8	Steve Nettles
9	Mark Takayama
10	Ned Benson
10	David Fox
11	Lee Larkin
11	Pam Rush
11	Bill Maguire
12	Jeanie Flowers
12	Ted Moore
14	Kelly Gartner
15	Janet Davis
16	Chuck Seidel
16	Zack White
16	Ann Rabbe Waldrop
16	Mary Waldrop
17	Kip Frautschi
20	David Wood
22	Mike Alexander
22	Stuart Red
22	Eric Alexander
24	Jenilee Simmons
24	Maggie Dement
24	Nancy Lomax
24	Max Wennenweser, Jr.
26	Aileen Todd
26	Paul D'Agostino
26	Alejandra Salinas
27	Denise Ferrell
27	Jan Fox
27	Ralph Cherrillo
29	Rowan Murphy
29	Harry Fulcher
30	Betsy Flowers
31	Joyce Randolph

AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING

Our communion offering in August will benefit the students of Liberty High School, an HISD school for recent immigrant and refugee teens and young adults. Liberty is the only school of its kind in Texas, helping newly-arrived immigrant students, who balance work and family responsibilities, to earn a high school diploma. St. Philip has partnered with Liberty High for about four years, providing support and encouragement to the students, who are all English language learners. The August offering will go toward an "Angel Fund" at St. Philip, through which we can meet immediate or unanticipated needs. For instance, last fall, with classes all online due to the pandemic, mission committee was able to quickly provide several sets of noise-canceling headphones to the school; these were distributed to students so that they could learn online with less distraction. In late January, when we learned that many students had no jackets, we purchased "hoodie" sweatshirts and jackets for those in need. Your contributions to the Angel Fund will help meet these sorts of immediate needs in the future. You can find out more about Liberty High School at <https://www.houstonisd.org/liberty>. (And if you check out their website, you will see some St. Philipians on the homepage!)

Secure contributions can be made through [MyStPhilip](#) or by sending a check to the church office, with "August Communion Offering" in the memo line.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH CCSC BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Would you like to help children in our community? Christian Community Service Center's annual Back-to-School event provides school supplies and uniforms for neighboring families in need. As we gradually emerge from the pandemic, CCSC is returning to a safe, modified event, a drive-through spaced over four days, **August 4-7**. They are seeking volunteers to assist with various drive-through duties at the event, which will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire.

Volunteers are asked to sign up in advance for a particular time slot at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa8ab2da3f5c25-ccsc3>

This is a great opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of underserved children in our community. If you would like to learn more about this CCSC program (and others), visit <https://ccschouston.org/support-ccsc/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) welcomes individuals, churches and church groups to purchase school supplies for children in need. Donations are needed by **Sunday, August 1**. [Click here](#) for an updated list. To schedule a donation pick-up with PCHAS, contact [Laura Joy](#) or call 713-893-3735.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

On Sunday, July 18, the session welcomed to our congregation Eric Alexander, who is transferring from Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL. In a search for churches he found us through More Light Presbyterians. As he decided to join St. Philip, he considered our worship services, friendly congregation, ministers and staff, and our LGBTQ inclusivity. Many activities and services interest Eric including Christian education, music/choir/bells (already talking with Randall Swanson about how he can get involved), worship, missions, welcoming & membership, and communications. He is single and has been ordained has a deacon. Though he is transferring from a Chicago church, he grew up in Houston and attended Robert E. Lee HS, moving back here in January 2020. His hobbies include volleyball, running, walking, going to movies, and meeting new people. If you have any leads on volleyball courts/games, give him a call. He is in a running club, but on Monday when he was driving to work he passed John Wurster who was out for his morning walk. When it comes to the movies, he enjoys dramas, romance, and action.

When asked what he would like to share with his fellow members at SPPC, he said his family is a chosen group of people who accept him for who he is, and want nothing but the best for him and them in return. His chosen mother is Mary Grimes and chosen sister is Marylou Grimes of Herrin, IL.

Please welcome Eric to St. Philip if you see him around the church.

FAREWELL, KALLIE!



Our pastoral resident, Kallie Pitcock, completes her service with us at the end of the month. Kallie is going on from St. Philip to serve as pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nacogdoches. We will have a farewell reception for Kallie and her family following the 11:00 a.m. service this Sunday, **July 25**. Join us as we give thanks for her presence among us in this extraordinary year and send her off to her new call with our best wishes.

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Dan Cleveland; Charlotte Kibler; Don Padgett; Dorothy Blackwell; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Marion Takehara; Mezgebe Gebray; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart—Niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; 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; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound—Sue Baier; Walter Baker; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; Mary Sinderson; George and Lorraine Scott; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians—The Underfrink Family—friends of Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Emily de'Argao—friend of Jacquie Colton; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton—friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff—friend of Jo Helland; Rob Bond, Lavon Thomas, Bill McDonald and Jackson Tavel—friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker—friend 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/>), text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

Next edition: August 3; Deadline [July 29—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.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



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