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BACK TO SCHOOL

School is starting for children throughout Houston and that also means Sunday School will be starting again. We invite you to be a part of amazing learning. We offer programs for everyone from age 3 to 100+. Godly Play, Elementary and Junior and Senior High School classes, Bible Study, Church & Society, Spa—St. Philip Adults and Children's Chapel to name a few. Sometimes John offers Presbyterian 101, to explore the many dimensions of Presbyterian belief and practice. If you would like to know more about any of our programs please contact a minister or email welcome@saintphilip.net and your email will be directed to the appropriate person. Also if you would like to help lead a Sunday School class, the Christian Education Committee would welcome your help. If there is something you would like to see offered at St. Philip on Sundays, then let us know.

On Sunday, **August 27** the pastors will hold the annual *Blessing of the Backpacks*. Please bring your backpack, briefcase, or tote forward and asked to be blessed as we look forward to a new school year and more formal work schedules.

CHURCH & SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS FOR FALL 2023

September 3 - Labor Day Sunday—no class.

September 10 - Rally Day - Church & Society class reunion and preview of the fall term.

September 17 - "Race and Ethnicity" - Dr. Justin Reed - Assistant Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible - Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary .

September 24 - "Filmmaking With the Harris County Juvenile Justice Residency Program" - Dan Gordon - Creator/Executive Producer for Take the Stage Educational Media.

October 1 - "Update on Juvenile Justice in Texas from The Texas Center for Justice & Equity" - Jay Jenkins, J.D. Harris County Project Attorney.

October 8, 15, 22, and 29 focus on themes of the history of the denomination in relation to Reformation Sunday, **October 29** - including a look at the ways in which the Presbyterian Church exemplifies the motto "Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda" or how the church always is evolving.

October 8 - "Children at the Lord's Table - Local Church Educators' response to the 1983 reunion policy regarding children taking Communion" - Mickey Meyers - Co-author of Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!—A Resource for Including Children in Worship.

October 15 - "Priesthood of Believers" - The priesthood of all believers is a cornerstone of Reformed Theology, which should change how we live our lives each and

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Pastor, Head of Staff

Rev. Keatan King
Associate Pastor

Rev. Omar Rouchon
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Dr. Randall Swanson
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Bookkeeper

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every day, including how we pursue our daily vocations. - Rev. Omar Rouchon - Associate Pastor - St. Philip.

October 22 - “Mothers, Martyrs, Mystics, Maryology, Early Desert Mothers” - the collection of wisdom of Christian Women across centuries and how we are nourished and how our theological thinking is influenced by discovering their writings - Rev. Keatan King - Associate Pastor St. Philip.

October 29 - Reformation Sunday - “What’s Happening With the Presbyterians?” - Presbyterian Church (USA) trends and what Dr. Ott learned about our national church in two years as the editor of the Presbyterian Outlook. Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott - Editor & publisher of Presbyterian Outlook and author of “Necessary Risks: Challenges Privileged People Need to Face and the blog “Encouraging Courage.”

November 5, 12, 19, and 24 focus on Interfaith Communities.

November 5 - “The Virgin Mary on Compassion: A Muslim Perspective” - Mary, the humble mother of Jesus, is a model of faith, humility, and virtue - both in the Bible, and in the Quran, the holy book of Muslims.- Dr. Zahra Jamal - Founder and CEO of The Inclusion Expert, a diversity consultancy on leadership strategy, workplace diversity and Muslim cultures.

November 12 - “The Asia Society ExploreAsia: Culture Camp for Kids: Documentary Filmmaking” - A two-week filmmaking camp - Dan Gordon is the Kids TV producer who led campers in scripting, filming, and acting in an original movie that explores the themes of memory and world religions.

November 19 - “My Great Grandfather’s Story - Emir Abdelkader al-Jazairi” - Algerian resistance leader and religious reformer - Suna Umari - Retired archivist/historian for the Rothko Chapel.

November 26 - “A Rabbi Looks at the New Testament” - Rabbi Steven Morgen - Associate Rabbi at Beth Yeshurun. December Advent Season focus on fine arts and media.

December 3 - “St. Philip Quilts for God’s Precious Children” - Hope Wilmarth - Fiber Artist & St. Philip Stitchers

December 10 - “Guillermo del Toro’s film ‘Pinocchio’ - Kate Burkart - St. Philip media guru

December 17 - “Our Summer Spiritual Pilgrimage to Montreat and Historical Sites of the Civil Rights Movement” - Rev. Keatan King, Rev. Omar Rouchon and St. Philip Senior Highs

December 24 - Christmas Eve—no class.

December 31 - Sunday Morning New Years Eve Church & Society Celebration and Preview of the Spring 2024 Term



YOUTH PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW: Last month marked the third time Keatan King and Omar Rouchon have taken St. Philip youth and friends on a Spiritual Pilgrimage for Racial Justice as part of their road trip to the Presbyterian Youth Conference at Montreat. The Pilgrimage includes stops at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the Whitney Plantation, the National Monument for Peace and Justice, and the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King was assassinated.

Keatan was pleased to report that recent bold and admirable actions by two former participants in the Spiritual Pilgrimage demonstrate how “your investment in the youth of this community encourages them to grow into the stature of Christ and to live out the values of the gospel.” This year, 23-year-old Darlene Moreno, a member of St. Thomas Presbyterian Church, appeared before the Spring Branch School Board to object to the banning of a book entitled: “The Black Friend: On Being a Better White Person.” Darlene quoted the author of the book, Frederick Joseph, saying, “I’ve come to realize that a fear of accountability is why white people say things like ‘I don’t see color’ and ‘Why does everything have to be about race?’” Darlene went on to say, “Just because you ban a book that keeps kids from being educated does not mean these issues are not still relevant. We stand here advocating for you to keep this book when we could be standing here talking about our children’s futures, and the future of Spring Branch ISD and changes that need to be made.”

As important, Caroline Vestal, a member of St. Philip, just won her Girl Scout Gold Award “by teaching a class of dozens of Presbyterian Women about the startling barriers to education, employment and dignity faced by women around the world who have limited access to menstrual hygiene products (known as Period Poverty). Caroline taught the PW’s how to sew reusable pads and led the group in making 50 of them to send to a women’s shelter in Uganda helping survivors of sex-trafficking.”

Keatan’s message to us: “In providing opportunities like the Pilgrimage and trips to Montreat and Mo Ranch; in showing up for youth as Confirmation partners and Sunday School teachers; and in praying for youth and befriending them in our congregational life, you impart to them the value of living with a neighbor ethic. Your support and encouragement can be seen in their commitments to serving others, speaking up for the voiceless, and joining in our commitment to choose welcome.”

Based on remarks made by Keatan King.

Thanks be to God for St. Philip’s Youth Program.



Hi Friends of St. Philip,

I wanted to thank each of you so much for supporting me for my Gold Award project! I appreciate all of the time you spent listening, cutting, assembling, and sewing! As a part of my project, we were able to donate over 50 handmade, washable, reusable, pads that will be used by women through an organization called Lighting the Path, which empowers African women and girls through education and training. I could not have accomplished this without the help of each of you!

Thank you so much!

Caroline Vestal

Members of the Congregation,

Our Back-to-School drive was a resounding success! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide multiple carloads of school supplies to each of our four Mission Partners, House of Tiny Treasures, CCSC, PCHAS and The Women's Home.



Your generous hearts have ensured that many children in our community will start the school year with the supplies that they need.

Together we do great things!

The Mission Committee

HAWAI'I FIRES

Multiple fires continue to burn in Hawai'i on the islands of Maui and Hawai'i (The Big Island). While there are no PC (USA) congregations on those islands, PDA has been in touch with a pastor on O'ahu and the Presbytery of the Pacific to discuss ways PDA can support those impacted by the devastating fires. More information will be posted as it becomes available at pda.pcusa.org. At this time, donations to relief efforts can be made at the pda.pcusa.org website, designated to DR000165.

NEED HELP?

Denise Ferrell has recommended Maria Saravia who is experienced in caring for the elderly. She also assists with cleaning and helping run errands. Contact Maria at 832-596-0999.

2023 CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE

Saturday, **September 9**, 2023 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Free skill-building informative workshops for family members caring for a loved one. Free limited space, Adult Respite Care provided during the workshops.

For more details visit:

<https://christ4u.net/caregivers-conference-2023>

Christ the King Lutheran Church
3803 W. Lake Houston Pkwy
Kingwood, TX 77339

Session One | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

- 1. Planning with Trusts**—Many people benefit from using a trust as a part of their estate plan. Presenter will discuss the mechanics of a trust, how to properly fund a trust, and the common mistakes and misconceptions of trust planning.
- 2. Understanding Medicare**—Medicare benefit basics, information, and resources.
- 3. Senior Living & Care Guidance**—We will walk you through the maze of senior living & care options. We will discuss levels of care along with appropriate environments, related costs, support services, and local resources.
- 4. Veterans & Survivor Benefits**—Pensions, healthcare, and benefits for veterans, spouses, and survivors.
- 5. Senior Home Safety**—This workshop will discuss how to help seniors stay safe in their homes-focusing on safety and fall prevention.

Session Two | 11:00 - 12:00 PM

- 6. Caregiver Stress/Building your Toolbox**—This session will share tips on how you can take care of yourself and THRIVE as a family caregiver.
- 7. Estate Planning & Probate In Texas**—This presentation is geared to empower you and your family with information and options about probate matters in Texas and how you could benefit from estate planning.
- 8. Family Dynamics in Caregiving**—Caregiving may increase and complicate existing family tensions. We will discuss some techniques to reduce or resolve these conflicts.
- 9. Hospice & Palliative Care**—Learn about the benefits & differences between Hospice & Palliative Care; hear how eligibility, payment, services, and structure are determined.
- 10. Activities Workshop**—This workshop will explore ways to ward off depression, loneliness, and isolation thru activities that seniors will find meaningful and that will create a sense of purpose in the seniors' daily lives.

Recommended by St. Philip Member Mary McGuire.



First	Name	September
Bill	Stubbs	1
Sandra	Truxillo	1
Cathy	Hunt	2
Annie	Burgess	3
Everett	Burgess	3
Linda	Weinmann	3
Dick	Howard	4
Arnold	Ramlogan	4
Kevin	Varner	4
Steve	Hunt	5
Wilbert	Parada	5
Wesley	Vestal	5
Ruena	Wood	5
Matthew	Dirst	6
John	Hudson	6
Greg	Lewis	6
Gabriela	Rodarte	6
Jeanette	Wennenwaser	6
Madeleine	Irick	8
Meg	Semler	8
Bill	Connolly	9
Lily	Frautschi	9
John	Lemen	9
Celie	Matteson	9
Jessica	Fair	10

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.

First	Last	September
Mary	Benson	11
Callie	Bream	11
Jim	DeMent	11
Mary	Itz	11
Guy	Aldrich	12
Carolyn	Davis	13
Charlotte	Murphy	13
Diana	Weiss	13
Sid	Wells	13
Ginny	Camfield	14
Sam	Fisher	14
Carolyn	Geis	14
Babs	Willis	14
Evie	Semler	15
Asher	Brewer	18
Tamara	Arlinghaus	21
Mary Grace	Carter	21
Nancy	Higgs	21
Linda	Bevill	23
Antonio	Nenna	24
Dimas	Parada	24
Al	Pepi	24
Bill	Brunger	25
Janet	Sanchez	25
Judith	Hiott	26
Cynthia	Shoup	26
Robin	Willis	27
Melissa	Polka	29
David	Castro	30
Carolyn	Keeble	30

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster is on break and will return in September.

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in bible 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 **September 14** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Any Other Family* by Eleanor Brown. Watch your email for details of the next meet-

ing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Class is on a break until **September 15**. If you would like to join them, please contact Gary Gardner at:

ggardne148@aol.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

—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. Circles are on recess until Sunday, **September 17** for the Joint Circle Luncheon.



NEXT WEEKEND!



2023 SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL

PROGRAM NO. 2

**MARIE RUBIS
BAUER**

SUNDAY 8.20@5

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IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Ellen MacDonald upon her death on June 13. A memorial service will be August 26 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Philippians and their families—Stewart Coffman; Bill Taylor; Ben Dees; Susan Estill; Nancy Johnson; Bill Camfield; Shirley Coffman; Kathryn Harwood; Robin & Gary Willis; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson & John Bonica; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Paige Everhart, sister of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Leonardo Knowles Richard “Leo” - grandson of Beth & Fort Flowers; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound—Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians—Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach— friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email deacons@saintphilip.net.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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: Tuesday, September 5; Deadline August 31—3:00 p.m.

Stay connected with regular emails from the pastors until then.

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

philipeye@saintphilip.net or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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