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OUT OF ORDER

The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee invites you to a screening of *Out of Order* at the Hines Center.

Out of Order is a groundbreaking feature documentary revealing the complex and painful struggles faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) faith leaders as they confront entrenched bigotry and work to build loving support within their churches. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion by two people featured in the film. This event is co-sponsored by Community of the Servant Savior and St. Philip Presbyterian Church, and hosted by More Light Presbyterians.



Saturday, September 15

2:00—4:00 P.M.

Hines Center at Christ Church Cathedral
500 Fannin Street, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77002

Refreshments to be served. More information and registration available at:

<http://hinescenter.org/special-events/>

ST. PHILIP BBQ PICNIC

By Lorrie Castle

Have you ever attended the St. Philip BBQ Picnic? Because we have many new members I want to share with you what to expect. It is just around the corner this Saturday, **September 15**. The day begins at 5:00 A.M. when Max Wennenwesser pulls into the parking lot with a very large pit grill. His brother-in-law Jim is always right there and throughout the day St. Philipians Paul Arlinghaus and Jeremy Murphy stop in and help. The team will cook brisket, chicken and sausage. All are welcomed to stop by throughout the day and keep the cooking team company. Travis Calhoun and Frank Keever can be counted on to lead that group. Meanwhile at their home David and Joyce Fox are cooking ribs (get in line early because these go fast).

The Fellowship Committee opens the Fellowship Hall doors at 5:30 with refreshments. If you are joining them you should bring a pot-luck dish based on your last name:

★A-F—bring Salads or Veggies ★G-P—Side Dishes ★Q-Z—Desserts

Don't forget the ice cream competition! We have seen a lot of flavors vanilla: triple chocolate, strawberry, and some unusual flavors too. I think we have had green tea mocha, coffee, Guinness, and even some with peppers. Shirley Ann Frautschi is the reigning champion, but second and third always differ. Some are made with electric ice cream makers, and others still use the old fashion crank machines. Just catch one of the committee members when you arrive so they can put yours in the freezer until we all get to try them.

There are outside games available to play. Dress is casual. All ages are welcome. Have I convinced you to come?

If you would like to volunteer to help with grilling or set-up/clean-up, please email Amye Webster at Amye_Webster@yahoo.com.

Dear Friends,

One of the most gratifying aspects for me in serving at St. Philip has been the interest in and support for establishing a sabbatical program for the church's pastors. On its own initiative, the Personnel Committee began pursuing this topic a year and a half ago, learning about previous sabbatical conversations at St. Philip, reading materials related to clergy and congregational renewal, and interviewing area pastors about their sabbatical experiences. In time, the Personnel Committee recommended establishing a sabbatical program at St. Philip. The Session enthusiastically endorsed the proposal, and it was shared with the congregation at the annual meeting in February. Shortly after Easter, a letter was sent by the Session to church members inviting contributions to a sabbatical fund designed to provide support for the pastors in their sabbatical projects. The response to this letter has been overwhelming: over 120 individuals and families have made donations.

Recently, we were notified by the Lilly Endowment that St. Philip has been awarded a grant in support of our clergy renewal program. Lilly has long had an interest in congregational vitality and years ago identified clergy sabbaticals as something that could contribute significantly to healthy pastoral relationships. Since 2000, Lilly has awarded grants to 2450 congregations for this purpose. As described in the application brochure, these grants:

seek to strengthen Christian congregations by providing opportunities for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for discovering what will make the pastor's heart sing. (<http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal/about>).

I applied for this Lilly grant in April, outlining a sabbatical leave for August-October, 2019. In the application I also had an opportunity to describe the congregation's growing interest in establishing an ongoing program of renewal for its pastors. In part, the awarding of this grant represents an endorsement of the efforts that have been made in this regard at St. Philip. The grant will be added to money already collected in our sabbatical fund, ensuring support for my 2019 sabbatical and for Keatan and Omar as they become eligible for this kind of leave in coming years. Our sabbatical policy allows for a three-month leave after six years of service; thereafter, pastors are eligible for a similar leave after each additional five years of service.

There is much ahead in the next year as we prepare for this sabbatical, and there are lots of details to work out. I'm excited about the opportunity ahead (though with a measure of uncertainty, too). Finally, I'm grateful for the care for Deb and me so abundantly demonstrated in establishing this program at St. Philip. Thank you.

Peace be with you,



MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP 2018-2019 SEASON



Join us this fall for these programs —

Steinway Piano Dedication

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 | 2:00 p.m.



St. Philip's latest musical acquisition is a gorgeous, exceptionally fine Steinway D concert grand piano. Join us as we dedicate this instrument in a one-hour concert featuring duo pianists **Ana María Otamendi** and **Elena Lacheva** performing their four-hand arrangement of *Petroushka* by **Stravinsky**, along with equally-dazzling works by **Ravel**, **Mozart**, and others.

Concert for Peace

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 6, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.



In times of turmoil and crisis, musicians and poets illumine pathways toward unity and peace through the shared arts of music and the spoken word. Our eleventh annual **Concert for Peace** features soprano **Julia Fox**, mezzo-soprano **Cecilia Duarte**, pianist **Keith Weber**, and poets **Rosemary Catacalos** and **Sandi Stromberg** in a moving "cross-cultural" program.

Gabriel Fauré: Requiem

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 4, 2018 | 11:00 a.m.



In celebration of **All Saints Sunday** and the commemoration of all the faithful departed, we present the sublime *Requiem* by **Gabriel Fauré**, featuring the **St. Philip Choir**, soloists, organ and instruments. Fauré composed his *Requiem* between 1887 and 1890, and he said the work "is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."

All programs are **FREE** and open to the public. Donations are welcome at any time by cash, check, or credit card.

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Music at St Philip



EDUCATION

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

Sunday School Classes return next Sunday

Rally Day on September 9!

We are excited to see everyone next Sunday, when the halls of the Education Building will be buzzing again with discovery and growth.

Below are the classes you can look forward to and their leaders.

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

Grades 1—5 - Room 105 - *Paul Arlunghaus, Linda Bevill, 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*

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201 - *Mickey Meyers and CJ Miller*—**Sept. 9**—Rally Day - C & S class invites everyone to drop in 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for a class reunion and preview of the fall semester presentations, and refreshments with Aunt Jane Larkin's coffeecake, kolaches, coffee and juice. **Sept. 16** - The first presentation in the series The Class of 2036 - children born in 2018 who will be 18 yrs. old when Houston celebrates its 200th birthday in 2036. *Civility in Government* - Nurturing a Generation of Informed Responsible Citizens Who Are Devoted to Maintaining Civility in Public Discourse. Presented by Rev. Cassandra Dahnke - sponsor of Student Legislative Seminars to Washington D.C. and Dr. Bertie Simmons, who turned Furr High School and its student body from hopelessness, violence and fear to belief, opportunities, and academic achievement.

BIBLE STUDY—Room 204 - *Al Waldrop*—We will resume in September with our study of The Psalms, primarily from the NRSV and Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary*. Al Waldrop will lead the discussion, and all are welcome.

SPa—Room 200 - *Omar Rouchon*—The Saint 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.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Join the discussion in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus) **Sept. 10** with St. Philip's Monday evening study group. Besides conversation, our meetings include fellowship, refreshments, and a brief prayer, as we begin our study of *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine* by Cynthia Rigby. We will be planning to discuss the introduction, "Transforming Theology," and (in part one, "Speaking of God") chapter 1, "How can we speak of God? (The doctrine of revelation)." 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 **Sept. 11** at 6:30 p.m. Baba Yega, 2607 Grant St. 77006.

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. Our next meeting on **Sept. 13**, will be at the home of Betsy Boston, and we will discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Returning **Sept. 14** 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. The book we are using is *Preaching The Women of the Old Testament; Who They Were and Why They Matter* written by Lynn Japinga. The 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 if you have any questions.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Returning **Sept. 19** John Wurster leads this study Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Dining Room.

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. Our next gathering is Tuesday, **Sept. 25** at 7 p.m., at Griff's Irish Pub, 3416 Roseland St, Houston, TX 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.

MISSION COMMITTEE



Thank you for supporting the communion offering in August. Due to your generous gifts St. Philip gave \$859 to Project C.U.R.E. A humanitarian relief organization, Project C.U.R.E. collects donated medical supplies and equipment from manufacturers, distributors, hospitals, clinics, and individuals. The donated supplies are collected, sorted, and then delivered to underdeveloped countries.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOR THE SEAFARERS ~ 2018



PLEASE PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX IN THE **GATHERING AREA** OR IN THE **CHURCH OFFICE MAIL ROOM.**



SEAFARERS' CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are still collecting items for Seafarers' Christmas Boxes. Please bring: shoe boxes, [deodorant](#), shampoo, [deodorant soap](#), hotel samples, [adhesive bandages](#), medicated powder/cream, [toothbrush](#), toothpaste, [dental floss](#), cotton swabs, [nail clippers](#), lip balm, [shaving cream](#), disposable razors, [wash cloth](#), comb, and [small tissue pack](#). We add a mix of a [Texas souvenir](#), key chain, [sewing kit](#), mechanical pencil, [address book](#), paper clips, [rubber bands](#), USB flash drive, [pocket-sized notebooks](#), pens, [Sudoku](#) and [word search puzzles](#), crosswords, [playing cards](#), gum, [hard candy](#), microwave popcorn, [hot chocolate](#), baseball cap, or [socks](#).

WORSHIP & MUSIC

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

The next service of healing and wholeness will be **September 30**. In this service, we claim God's promise of well-being and seek God's healing touch in body, mind, and spirit. The service includes individual prayers with the laying-on of hands and anointing with oil, along with scripture readings and hymns. Those seeking healing in their own lives or in the lives of others are encouraged to attend, as well as those who feel called to pray with those who suffer. In gathering for this service, we acknowledge that all healing is from God and we affirm that in the midst of illness, pain, and suffering, our relationship with God in Christ sustains us.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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.

TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All St. Philip Circle members will gather together on **September 23** in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for Bible study, fellowship and lunch. Keatan has graciously accepted the call to lead the first Bible Study. Further details to follow regarding lunch.

The Horizon Bible Study Guides are being sold Sundays in the Gathering Area during August before and after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The small print books are \$12 and the large print books are \$17.

PROPERTY

The Sanctuary is almost back to normal after the damage during Hurricane Harvey. The Property Committee is in need of your assistance. The brass memorial plates that go on the footboard of the stained-glass windows need to be polished. Due to high demand in the industry, we will be polishing them ourselves before they are remounted. If you like to roll-up your sleeves and help out, please join us Sunday, **September 16** at 1:00 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Studio. It is recommended you bring a change of clothes. Please RSVP to Scott Easterly at scotteasterly02@yahoo.com.



THROWBACK ST. PHILIP

See page 5 for information about these pictures. If you have any pictures from activities, including Central Presbyterian Church, please contact Lorrie Castle at: lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.



WELCOMING & MEMBERSHIP

NEW WELCOME CENTER

The Welcome Committee is excited to invite you to the new Welcome Center opening Rally Sunday. We want to make it as easy as possible for our visitors to find out about St. Philip! We felt it was a bit hard to find our current Welcome Center in the Gathering Area, mixed in as it was with all the other tables and not always in the same spot. As we have been having an uptick in visitors, we wanted them to more easily find information about St. Philip and basic information about the campus, calendar and programs.

The new center is located in the entryway by the Gathering Area between the elevator and the door. It is boldly marked now with a permanent overhead banner and table skirt designed by our own Micah Meyers. It matches the Welcome cards in the pews, the gift bags and information sheets. The new graphics package will clearly mark everything a visitor will need. There are even matching signs with arrows in the Gathering Area and by the doors directing visitors.

If a visitor asks you a question or as you introduce yourself during worship, direct them to the beautiful new Welcome Center. We can't wait to see it all put together ourselves and hope you will think it is helpful in our efforts to greet visitors.



LET US PRAY FOR...

St. Philippians and their families—Joyce Ann Fugit's husband, Billy & Kelsay Knox—son and daughter-in-law of Jennifer Wilson and Rhonda Sands, Don Meyer—Jan Meyer's father, Mary Sinderson, Sandra Truxillo, Wayne Truxillo, Rev. Howard Reed, Toto McGehee, Damon Lange—Susan Lange's son, Alan Coufal, Carolyn Vestal, Ann Morgan—Dorothy Blackwell's sister, Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers, Dan Truxillo—brother-in-law of Sandra Truxillo, Cathy Truxillo—sister-in-law of Sandra Truxillo, Ralph Arlinghaus - father of Paul Arlinghaus, Arlette Keene, T.E. "Joe" Keever, Ian Pearce, Rusty Howard, Phillip McDaniel, Ruth Weber, Carol Paine Kendrick, Erica Stokes, Joe Ann Berwick, George Helland, Alice Pennington, Joyce Randolph, Van Rathgeber, Penny Vieau, and Darnall Burks — father of Deb Burks.

Friends of St. Philippians—refugee family from Iraq—Hassan, Enas, Dima and Ahmed; Trudy Smith Alexander-of Robin & Gary Willis; and Grady Reed-of Stephen Paine.

HOLLY HALL BOOK REVIEW

Launched in 1949, the ever-popular and inspiring Holly Hall Book Review Season will begin Tuesday, **September 25**. Typically, selected books are best sellers or biographies. All reviews begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer. Season tickets are \$35 and individual tickets are \$12. The schedule of featured books and Ticket Order forms are posted on the bulletin board in the Office or by going to www.HollyHall.org. Proceeds from the Book Review Series are used to supplement the cost of care for residents of Holly Hall who can no longer afford the full amount of their care.



CO-ED PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Join us for friendly competition and exercise through pick-up basketball in the gym at Bellaire United Methodist Church (4417 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401). We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. For more info or questions contact Henry Owen-r.henry.owen@gmail.com or 704-975-4005.

BRIDGE

The bridge group at St. Philip is looking for new regular or substitute players. If you like to play bridge, we would welcome having you play with us on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information or to sign up, call or email Mary Waggoner (713-461-1311 jim.mary.wagg@oplink.net).



Throwback St. Philip—Pics on page 4 are from the archives. The left picture is the from a caroling trip to the port for the Seafarers. The right picture: Filippo and Vanessa Nenna at Mo-Ranch, this would have been Grace's first time to Mo-Ranch (2013).

FELLOWSHIP FUN



All you have to do is plan an entrée (yours or your favorite carry-out spot) for eight people, and the rest of your group brings appetizers, salad, or dessert. Meet just four times in different homes usually beginning in November 2018 and continuing through May 2019. What better way to get to know your fellow St. Philipians than to share a meal together especially if you are new to the church? This year, if you prefer, you can choose a group that meets for brunch, lunch, dinner or in a restaurant instead of your home. You may sign up online at www.saintphilip.net or pick up a form in the Gathering Area beginning Sunday, **August 26** through **September 30** and leave it in the Church Office mailbox labeled *Dinners for Eight*. You may also mail your completed form to the church.

Be sure to stop by our table !!!

If you have questions contact: Amye Webster—360-770-7865 - Amye_Webster@yahoo.com or Joyce Fox—832-265-0760 - jatfox@comcast.net.

HEALTH YOUR WAY

St. Philip welcomes the return of a program sponsored in part by AARP which meets **Wednesdays** in Room 16 from 2:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. This class includes topics like Balance and Stability, Everyday Movement, Stretch and Release, Memory Fun and Games, Heart Health Discussions, Strong Muscles, Healthy Bones for seniors. St. Philip members and friends are welcome to attend. A complete schedule is available at: www.healthyourway.com.

CALLING ALL GRILL-TEAM MEMBERS!
If you would like to volunteer to help with grilling, please sign up in the gathering area before/after worship.

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SATURDAY SEPT. 15
{ starts at 5:30pm }
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

JOIN US! ALL AGES

AND ICE CREAM COMPETITION
BRING YOUR HOME-MADE ICE-CREAM FOR THE ANNUAL CONTEST.

WE'LL PROVIDE DRINKS & MEAT.
Please bring a pot-luck dish to share:
A-F SALADS/VEGGIES G-P SIDE DISHES Q-Z DESSERTS