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**INTRODUCING
THE NEW APP
My ST. PHILIP**

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION

This Sunday, **October 22**, join youth from St. Philip and St. Thomas in the Fellowship Hall to hear our presentation on the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the South we took this summer on our way to Montreat. Hear the remarkable reflections of our youth's journey to confront racism, to learn about the Civil Rights Movement, and to serve as leaders of the racial reconciliation God still calls forth. Please RSVP to help with our planning by calling the church office or by email at keatan@saintphilip.net. Lunch will be available, and we suggest a \$5 donation with a family maximum donation of \$10.



Traveling through Baton Rouge, Birmingham, Atlanta and Selma, the St. Philip youth that participated include Eleanor Kimbro, Anne Johnson, Phoebe Murphy, Margaret Fair, George White, and Zack White with Rev. Keatan King and Rev. Omar Rouchon. There were five youth from St. Thomas with Rev. Jonathon Britt.

Texas was second in accepting the greatest number of refugees in 2016. Do you know where they came from, how many came, the screening process they had to navigate, how they were assimilated, or how you could have helped them succeed in this traumatic transition? The goal of this all-day workshop is to provide you with answers to these and many other questions. At the completion of the workshop you will have firsthand information on the refugee journey; you will know how Refugee Services of Texas assists refugees; and you will be provided with hands-on tools to enable you to ease the refugees' transition to life in Texas. Please click on the link below to read a description of the workshop events and to register. Registration ends **October 29**, so don't delay.



Refugee Equipping Workshop [Registration](#)

The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee received the Lynn Johnson Social Justice Grant to aid in presenting this workshop. Churches throughout Presbytery of New Covenant have been invited to come.

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP
CONCERT SERIES



2017
2018
SEASON

• TENTH ANNUAL •

CONCERT *for* PEACE

featuring music of

Handel and Vivaldi

with

Mercury Orchestra

Antoine Plante, conductor

and poetry read by

Henk Rossouw

Fareena Arefeen

FREE CONCERT

OFFERING RECEIVED TO SUPPORT
REFUGEE SERVICES OF TEXAS

Saturday
October 21
7:30 pm

St. Philip Presbyterian Church
4807 San Felipe St | Houston



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Music at St. Philip Houston



Stewardship

Join us
October 29
for lunch
in Fellowship Hall
as we discuss
our ministry plans
for 2018.

We ask for a donation
of \$8 for lunch.

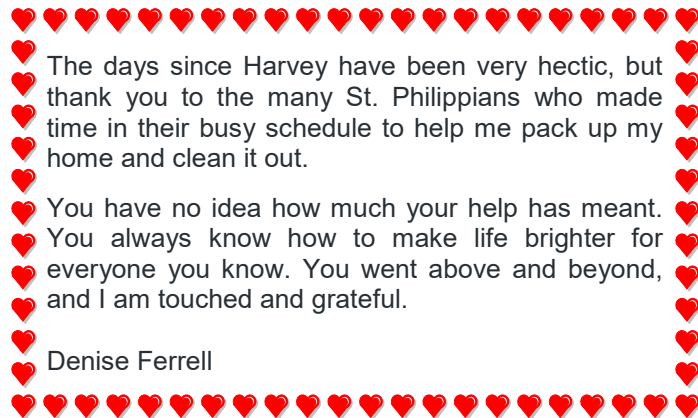


LOST AND FOUND

Contact Lorrie Castle in the office if you:

- Are looking for Grandpa Henschy's knife
- Silver bracelet with cross clasp and engraving inside

713-622-4807 or lorrie@saintphilip.net



Mission

PLARN Project! We have had some folks busily crocheting at home on our mat for the homeless. Let's get together and see how much we have finished. We will also crochet for a while and help those who are having trouble getting the crochet stitch down. I know mine has really improved since we were at Mo. We will not be working on making plarn this time as we still have plenty that needs to be crocheted.

All supplies will be furnished.

Come Saturday October 28 at 9:00 to the Arts and Crafts room. We should finish up about 12. Call Susan Leonard at 281-704-5764 for more info.



**THANKS ON BEHALF OF
THE WOMEN'S HOME.**

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, \$897 was raised in support of the Women's Home through the September Communion offering. The Women's Home is a multi-ethnic, non-denominational,

non-profit United Way agency that serves women who have experienced homelessness because of mental illness, abuse or addiction. They have been helping women for 60 years. Their program addresses six areas of wellness – emotional/mental, physical, fiscal, social, vocational and spiritual. Nearly 90% of women who participate in the program for six months or longer leave with income and housing, for a success rate that is almost double the national standard. The Women's Home is also a training site for psychiatric residents from Baylor, U of H, UT, TSU, and Our Lady of the Lake. Janet Davis spear heads our Mother's Day gift boxes project for the ladies in which we assemble boxes of personal items.

Let us Pray for...

Wanda McHone—coping with shingles

Carla Burns—moved to Brookdale—Tanglewood

Rusty Howard—hospitalized at M.D. Anderson

Ruth Weber—at Belmont Village, Hunter's Creek

Barbara Rathgeber—receiving dialysis

Forbes Baker—Presbytery staff, recovering from cancer

Pat Lindsay's father has moved to rehab

Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers, health concerns

Diane Boddington Nahajzer—Laura Burgess' aunt receiving cancer treatments

Steve Smith—Shelley Smith's brother receiving cancer treatment

Cathy Waxler— friend of Pat Lindsay battling ovarian Cancer

Grady Reed—friend of Stephen Paine receiving cancer treatment

Barry McCarthy—friend of Wayne and Sandra Truxillo recovering from a stroke

Jack Wetmore—friend of Wayne and Sandra Truxillo is receiving treatment

Kimmie Hatfield—friend of Stephen Paine diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer

Recuperating at Home

Patrick Ball, Joe Ann Berwick, Bebe Burns, Trudy Cleveland, George Helland, T.E. "Joe" Keever, Philip McDaniel, Carey Murphey, Alice Pennington, Van Rathgeber, Greg Scalapino, Marion Takehara, Penny Vieau

UPDATES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL

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 A.M.

Godly Play (Age 3 to K)—Room 104
 Grades 1 & 2—Room 105 Grades 9-12—Room 205
 Grades 3,4 & 5—Room 103 Grades 6-8—Room 206

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) - 4:30—6:30 Youth Room

BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—The class is engaged in a study of the book of 2 Samuel which tells of the rise and survival of David as their leader, revealing throughout the very human traits of the people involved in the narrative. The Bible study class utilizes the insights of a variety of scholars to expand our understanding of God's message of faithfulness to His people. Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop lead the discussions. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—**October 22**—*Katharina von Bora and Martin Luther: Reforming Marriage or Marring Reform?* When Martin Luther proposed to marry Katharina von Bora, he was not declaring love, but was, rather, making a statement in support of clerical marriage. For years, Luther had been preaching that celibacy was unnatural, leading to hypocrisy and immorality; yet, he himself had remained single. In 1525, he took it upon himself to do as he had said. Luther seems to have been genuinely pleased with the results, but others, including some of his closest colleagues among the reformers, thought it a grave mistake. In this session we will examine the woman who became Luther's life partner and the consequences, personal and theological, of their decision to marry. Presented by Dr. Deborah Burks, retired Associate Professor of English with teaching and research specialties in sixteenth and seventeenth-century drama, poetry, Reformation texts, and women's writing. Her book, *Horrid Spectacle*, is a study of theater and religious propaganda in the period. **October 29** - *My Year in Scotland* presented by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Carlin.

SPa—Room 200—The SPa (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, as you probably can tell, we're not a group that is shy about asking questions! Contact Omar Rouchon at omar@saintphilip.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—Room 203—**October 22** - On the second and fourth Sunday of each month, children in Pre-K through first grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel with Omar Rouchon and a parent-helper following the conversation with children during the 11 o'clock service. 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. Please contact Omar Rouchon if you have any questions.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Join the discussion in the dining room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus) **October 23** 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 *Truth Speaks to Power* by Walter Brueggemann. We will be discussing chapter 3, "Truth has its day: Elisha." 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.

PUB CLUB

Pub Club is a new 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, **October 24** at 7 p.m. at Cedar Creek, 1034 W. 20th St., 77008. 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.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

This fall we mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with a study of the key biblical texts behind this historical movement. We will also look at the various streams of the Reformation, including Lutheran, Reformed (Presbyterian), Anabaptist, and Anglican traditions. A study guide is available for all participants. Join John Wurster as he leads this discussion. The class meets at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Dining Room.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in the self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in the Conference Room at noon. The book they are studying is *Amazing Grace*, by Kathleen Norris. 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 Robert Estill at reestill@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

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 is **November 9** we will review *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini. We will meet at Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor's home. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell6@gmail.com or go to: <http://saintphilip.BookGroup.html>

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 **November 14** at 6:30 p.m. at Cottonwood, 3422 N. Shepherd Dr., 77018.

SAVE THESE DATES

ALTERNATIVE MARKET

Sunday, **November 19**
9:30–1:00 excluding worship hour

ADVENT VBS

Saturday, **December 9**
9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

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.

PW CIRCLES

- Sunday Circle—3rd Sunday of the month after 11 a.m. service in the Dining Room
- 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. in the Parlor
- Wednesday Evening Circle—4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Dining Room

MARTIN LUTHER ON TRIAL

October 19 through 29, A.D. Players is presenting *Martin Luther on Trial*. It features a trial in the afterlife—and the prosecutor is...the Devil. Luther's beloved wife, Katie, defends him as witnesses—including Adolf Hitler, Sigmund Freud, Rabbi Josel, St. Paul, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Pope Francis take the stand. You be the judge in this witty, provocative exploration of one of history's most explosive personalities, and the religious and political controversies he unleashed. For tickets call A. D. Players at 713.526.2721, or visit www.adplayers.org.

Fellowship Fun

ADULT 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 will meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting **October 5**. All skill levels are welcome. No broken ankles allowed. For more info or questions contact Henry Owen r.henry.owen@gmail.com.



Worship & Music

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

The next service of healing and wholeness will be **October 22 at 5:00 p.m.** 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.

GIVE A GIFT OF SONG

We have on order additional copies of the 2013 Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. Hymnals may be purchased in honor of or in memory of someone. An inscribed bookplate will recognize your gift. Hymnals are also available for individual use. Each hymnal is \$20. Return this form to the church office along with your payment. Additional forms will be available in the Gathering Area. If you wish to pay online, choose a designated gift and type Hymnal in memo line.



Your name: _____

Number of hymnals purchased: _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Thank you.