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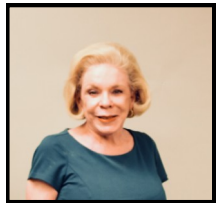
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On April 15, the Session welcomed new member Joyce Ann Fugit to the congregation. Please take the time to say hello and welcome her to our congregation.

Joyce Ann joins us by letter of transfer from the Presbytery of the New Covenant after moving from First Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas. She grew up in Dallas where she attended Bryan Adams High School. She also attended both the University of Houston and Texas Woman's University. Joyce Ann is an administrative assistant and lists her favorite hobbies as quilting and reading. She and husband, Lonnie, have been married since 1981.

Joyce Ann discovered St Philip through a friend and was drawn by our worship, friendly congregation, and variety of programs. At St. Philip she has already become involved with the Stitchers, and looks forward to checking out the Women's Monthly Book Club and Presbyterian Women.





PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

"O GOD, FROM MY YOUTH YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME,
AND I STILL PROCLAIM YOUR WONDROUS DEEDS."
~ PSALM 71:17

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MAY COMMUNION OFFERING AT ST. PHILIP

THE PENTECOST OFFERING BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

This year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Pentecost Offering. This Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our gifts will support the Young Adult Volunteer Program (YAV's), ministries with youth (including the Youth Triennium), and programs for children at risk. Two opportunities to contribute take place this year: **May 6** is our regular first Sunday of the month communion offering; **May 20** is the day of Pentecost when we will celebrate with communion and welcome the confirmation class into membership to St. Philip. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come; children, youth, and young adults. You are invited to join with the worldwide church in building for our future and in building individual lives of faith. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

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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.



FELLOWSHIP FUN



We are near the top of Section 6, with 2 handicap (wheelchair) slots available for our use. Lots of fun activities for the kiddos! Visit the table in the Gathering Area to select your seats and pay for your tickets!

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 will meet weekly on **Wednesdays** at 7 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. For more info or questions contact Henry Owen—r.henry.owen@gmail.com or 704-975-4005.

SPRING BRANCH BUS TOUR

Robert Westheimer, founder and Chairman of Newspring, has secured a bus for a tour of Spring Branch which can accommodate 12 more St. Philip members. Newspring is a faith-based non-profit that provides students in the Spring Branch school district the opportunity to explore and develop their skills in visual arts. The tour will be on Saturday, **May 12** and will leave from Newspring's Art Studio at 8940 Long Point Rd. (Located in the Forney Construction Building) at 9:00 a.m. The tour will last a couple of hours and will conclude with lunch at a Spring Branch restaurant. The only cost to St. Philip members is the cost of lunch. Please sign up in the Gathering Area on Sunday, **May 6** or email John Van Osdall at jvanosdall@gmail.com.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

The next service of healing and wholeness will be **May 27**. 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.

First Quarter Financial Update

As of March 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Total Revenue	\$333,550	\$284,743
Total Expenses	\$508,715	\$369,520
Deficit	\$175,165	\$84,777

*2018 expenses include the costs of restoring the Sanctuary after the damage from Harvey.

2018 pledge payments received: \$203,069.

Budget is \$274,206.

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 3,4 & 5—Room 103
Grades 6-8—Room 206 Grades 9-12—Room 205

BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—After completing the story of David in 1 Samuel—1 Kings: 1-2, we are now studying The Psalms, primarily from the NRSV and Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary*. We also consider the insights of other translations and scholars to deepen our understanding of God's continuing message of faithfulness to His people. Al Waldrop is leading the discussion while Nancy Cook is on sabbatical this spring. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—Room 201—**May 6** - *To Grandmother's House We Go* - My Summer Journey to Retrace My Grandmother's Steps in 1940 as They Fled Through Russia, Lithuania, and Japan. - "In 1940 my grandmother and her family fled Kaunas Lithuania for San Francisco. They traveled across Russia, Lithuania, and Japan. I am retracing their journey. Through Kaunas, Moscow, Vladivostok and Kobe, I will search for both my grandmother's story and my own." Presented by Sonia Hamer a senior at Rice University where she is a Rapoport Award winner and is graduating with degrees in English literature and Jewish studies. **May 13** - *Americans United for Separation of Church and State* - a presentation on the Johnson Amendment presented by Al Kahn, a Chapter Board Member of AU, and George Tallichet, Chapter Activist for AU.

SPa—Room 200—We are engaging in a Lenten Bible study using the book *Interrupting Silence—God's Command to Speak Out* by Walter Breuggemann. If you are not able to obtain a copy, please join us still! You may contact Omar Rouchon if you have any questions - omar@saintphilip.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—Room 203—**May 13** - 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. Here 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.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

John Wurster leads this study Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Dining Room. Everyone is welcome.

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 we are studying 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.

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 **May 8** at 6:30 p.m. Axelrad Beer Garden, 1517 Alabama St., 77004.

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. We will discuss *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson at our next meeting on **May 10**. We will meet at the home of Jessie Fair. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at: sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Join the discussion in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus) **May 14** 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 *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt. We will be discussing chapter 9, "Why are we so groupish?" 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.

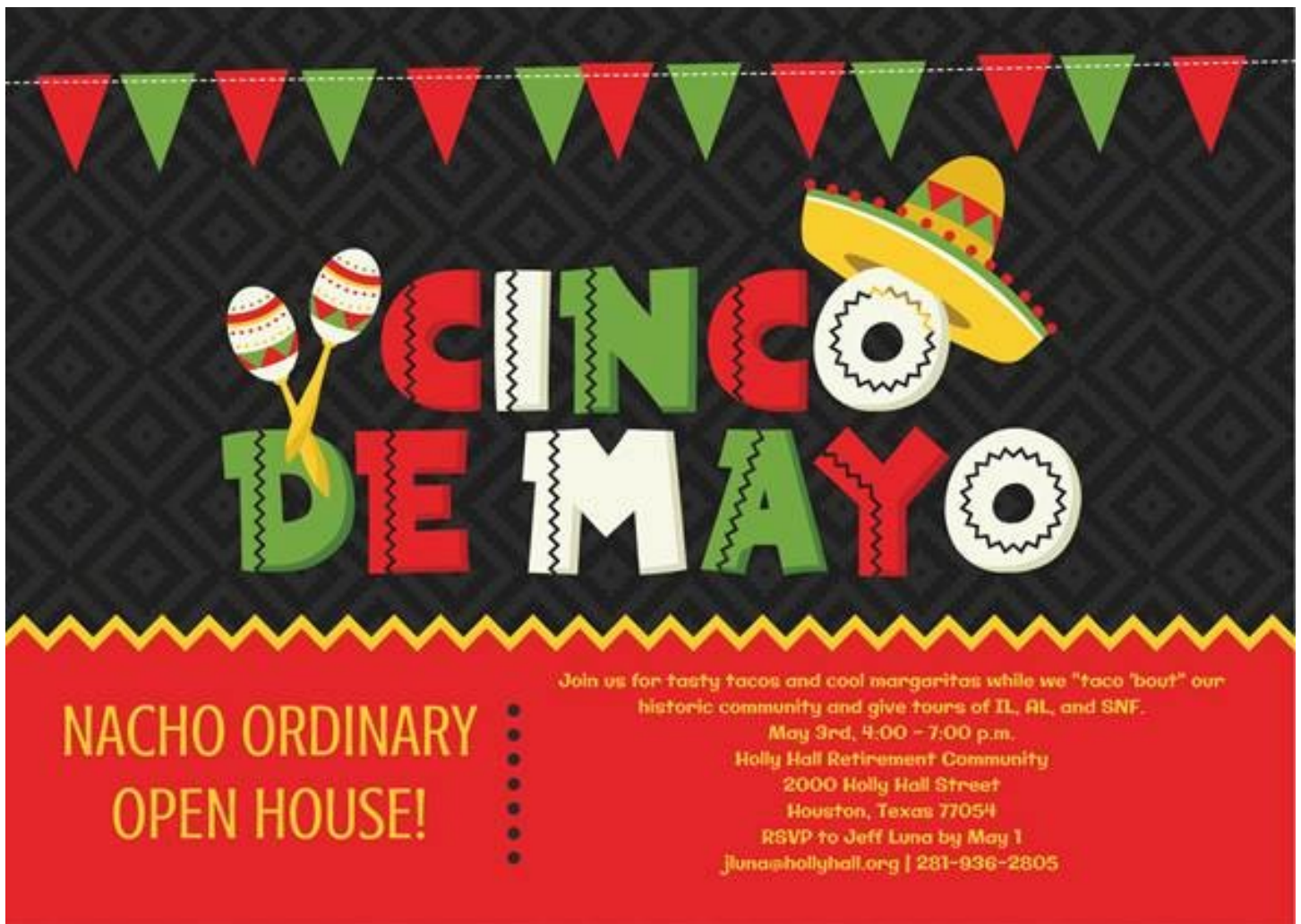
PUB CLUB

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, **May 22** at 7 p.m., Richmond Arms, 5920 Richmond Ave., 77057. 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Sunday Circle—May 20 after 11 a.m. service in the Dining Room
Monday Morning Saints—May 14 at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room

Wednesday Morning Circle—May 23 at 10 a.m. in the Parlor
Wednesday Evening Circle—May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Dining Room



MISSION COMMITTEE

LORD OF THE STREETS

The next date for us to serve breakfast to the homeless is Sunday, **May 6**. We gather at St. Philip parking lot at 6:30 a.m. to carpool to Trinity Episcopal Church and are back at the church by 9:00 a.m. in time for Sunday school. We need fifteen volunteers. If this date is good for you, please call Janet Davis at 713-464-2385 to take part in this gratifying project.

BEYOND MISSION DAY!!!

Mission Day was a great success; and the Mission Committee would like to extend continuing opportunities to serve throughout the year. One of our largest Mission partners is CCSC, which provides food and services to at-risk families throughout the year. One way of helping these families ensure a successful education experience for their children is to make sure that they have the school supplies that they need for the year.

We hope you have a few hours to spare, as we are signing up fun volunteers for the Back-to-School Client Registration event!

When: Monday – Thursday, **May 7 – 10**, 2018

Time: 8:30 am – 1:30 pm (shifts available if needed)

Where: Bellaire United Methodist Church, 4417 Bellaire Blvd.

Who: YOU (and 25 others each day)

If you would like to help, please contact Janet Hess at 281-755-4919, or at jhess49@hotmail.com. Be on the lookout for the actual Backpack distribution event in August and the Jingle Bell Express in December.

SPPC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In preparation of hurricane season, Interfaith Ministries (IM) Meals-On-Wheels program needs volunteer groups to deliver shelf-stable meals and bottled water to all of their 4,000 homebound seniors in our community. These seniors are unable to prepare for disasters due to mobility issues. IM wants to make sure their homebound seniors are prepared with a week's worth of food and clean water in cases drivers cannot reach them due to a weather event.

Please be part of "Team St. Philip!" We need about 60 volunteers for our St. Philip team to meet our goal of delivering to 120 seniors. On the morning of **June 2**, a team of volunteers will retrieve the supplies and bring them to St. Philip. At that time, teams of volunteers will then deliver to our assigned seniors. You will deliver a five-pack of shelf stable meals (a small box) as well as a case of water.

Please signup at the church's website www.saintphilip.net. You may also call the Rev. Greg Han at 713-533-4904 or email at ghan@imgh.org to sign up or to get more information. This is a one-time volunteer opportunity that the Mission Committee hopes you will respond to.



HANDY MAN

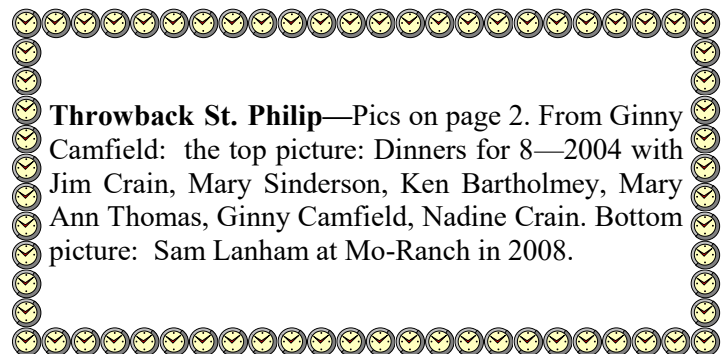
Member Governor Frazier is at your service if you need someone to weed, plant, mulch your flower beds, hang pictures, haul trash away (he has access to a truck), or can help you identify contractors on many home projects.

Please contact Governor to discuss rates and jobs at: 832-512-3648 or

governorfrazier1955@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND

As the weather teeters between warm and cold, wet and dry, we find jackets, sweaters, and umbrellas in a pew or two. If you left something behind after church? Or maybe you found a pair of gloves that were left behind. We have designated a drawer in the office mailroom for such articles. This includes: sunglasses, reading glasses, scarves, umbrellas, and various other items. You can access this drawer during business hours and on Sunday.



Throwback St. Philip—Pics on page 2. From Ginny Camfield: the top picture: Dinners for 8—2004 with Jim Crain, Mary Sinderson, Ken Bartholmey, Mary Ann Thomas, Ginny Camfield, Nadine Crain. Bottom picture: Sam Lanham at Mo-Ranch in 2008.

LET US PRAY FOR...

St. Philippians and their families—Trudy Cleveland, David Castle, Toto McGehee, Ralph Arlinghaus - father of Paul Arlinghaus, Arlette Keene, Susan Harwood Kaczmarczik—Joe Harwood's daughter, T.E. "Joe" Keever, Ian Pearce, Rusty Howard, Phillip McDaniel, Ruth Weber, Carol Paine Kendrick, Erica Stokes, Elizabeth Carlton Lithio, Diane Boddington Nahajzer, Joe Ann Berwick, George Helland, Alice Pennington, Joyce Randolph, Van Rathgeber, and Penny Vieau

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