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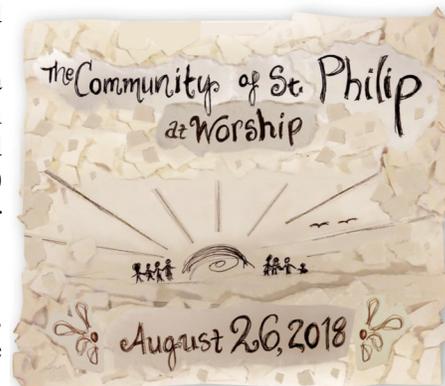
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## ONE YEAR AFTER HARVEY

Join us as we commemorate this year of faith and fortitude in our city and in the community of St. Philip on Sunday, **August 26**. We will have a potluck breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:30. Then we will gather for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving at 11:00. There will be no 8:30 service that day. Suggestions for what to bring for breakfast by last name:

- A-F: pastries, donuts, bagels & cream cheese
- G-M: breakfast entrée, i.e. casserole, tacos, potatoes with sausage, bacon, or your favorite entrée idea
- N-Z: fresh-cut fruit, pick-up fruit, or equivalent

Orange juice, apple juice, and cranberry juice will be provided. There will be many hot chafing dishes to receive your hot foods.



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**August 26** we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks during worship service. Please bring your backpack, briefcase, etc. forward when asked to be blessed as we look forward to a new school year and more formal work schedules.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FAREWELL & GODSPEED!



Please join the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee as we bid farewell and Godspeed to our refugee family, Hassan, Enas, Dima and Ahmed, as they move to Midland, TX, to begin new work opportunities. We will celebrate the children's August birthdays and the family's new adventure with cake and refreshments in the Dining Room Friday evening, **August 24**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Please stop by and convey your best wishes to the family.

Our Christian faith calls us to care for all those seeking refuge, and as a means of living out St. Philip's commitment to "choose welcome," the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee worked with Refugee Services of Texas to prepare for welcoming a refugee family. In early March, Committee members and St. Philip friends greeted the family at the airport, brought them to their new apartment home, and began forming fast friendships with the parents and their two young children. The months since have seen trips to obtain drivers licenses, gifts of bicycles (and helmets!) for the whole family, shared meals and shopping trips, an outing to the Houston Zoo, summer English-language tutoring, and even a visit to tour the St. Philip campus and meet pastoral and office staff members.

Now we rejoice with the family as they move on to new employment in Midland and the blessings of independence and financial security as they continue their new life in the U.S. Please join us in celebration!

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## Dear Friends,

As a new school year begins, summer slips away. While St. Philip, like many places, moves at a slower pace in the summer, many good things have been happening among us:

- At the beginning of June, we were the presenting sponsor for Operation Impact, a program of Interfaith Ministries that delivered 20,000 shelf-stable meals to 4000 senior adults. In addition to sponsoring this program with money from our Harvey relief fund, we had scores of volunteers from St. Philip participate in the deliveries, making it one of our largest hands-on mission projects.
- Also in June our annual Mo-Ranch retreat gathered us in the Hill Country. John Williams, chaplain at Austin College, led us with grace, wisdom, and good humor.
- At the very end of June our Summer VBS presented a day of learning activities based on the story of creation in Genesis.
- We had a mini-season of baptism in July as both Alexa Rebecca Stevenson and Cohen May Carlin were initiated into the church through the waters of faith.
- Also in July many St. Philip members gathered with concern about immigrations policies, including the detention of children. In addition to various activities of education and advocacy, a substantial number of items were donated to support children and families in these difficult circumstances.
- I taught a five-week course in July and August called "Summer Basics." In the class, we reminded ourselves of the scope and sweep of the Bible and took a closer look at our worship practices, including the nature of the lectionary and the shape of the church year. For one of the sessions, I did a fashion show presentation of my liturgical stoles.
- August 1 marked the fifth anniversary of Keatan King's ministry among us. We celebrated with a cake reception on August 5.

- Also in August we completed the purchase of the concert grand Steinway piano that is in the Sanctuary. A variety of circumstances brought that instrument to us in a temporary way in April. Several generous donors from our community made it possible for us to acquire it permanently. I'm grateful for the way this piano enhances our musical life.
- Speaking of music, our summer organ concert series has brought some remarkable players to us. The final concert in the series is August 26.
- Our community garden has yielded another bumper crop of vegetables, which have been shared with area food pantries. Our mission outreach has also been extended through Kids Against Hunger packing sessions and folks helping with back to school projects sponsored by Christian Community Service Center.
- Our Summer Lecture Series last weekend brought to us Shannon Craigo-Snell, professor of theology at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Her presentations on structural racism were provocative and challenging, and her Sunday sermon invited us to let go of things that don't really matter, even as we hold fast to the promise of the gospel.

It's been a full summer! We look to cap it off August 26 with our Harvey Commemoration Sunday, which includes a pot-luck breakfast and a single worship service at 11:00. Sunday's service will also include the annual "Blessing of the Backpacks." In all of these things, things past and things yet to come, I give thanks for God's presence within the community of St. Philip.

Peace be with you,



## 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

**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.

### FAITH DURING AND AFTER HARVEY

The Religion and Public Life Program (RPLP) at Rice University, with support from the Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance, is organizing a panel event at the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's landfall in Houston. Panelists will address how faith communities have assisted with continued Harvey recovery efforts as well as how they are preparing for future disasters. The conversation will be moderated by RPLP director Elaine Howard Ecklund. Join us Thursday, **August 30** at 7:00 p.m. on Rice University campus, located at 6100 Main St. (room and building details forthcoming). For more information and to register, visit <https://faithduringandafterharvey1yearlater.eventbrite.com>.

# MISSION COMMITTEE

## SEARCH SCATTERED HOUSING

June 22— Newly housed people lose their “street family”, so in order to support the newly housed, SEARCH hosts a group in remote housing once a month for a check-in with their counselors. As part of this, congregations are invited to act as hosts. On June 22, St. Philip volunteers, Mary McGuire, Ada Fuller and Mary Ann Thomas, served what ended up being over 30 people. We supplied red beans, fruit, rolls and drinks for what was expected to be 25 people; there were no leftovers. As Ada remarked, it was a “loaves and fishes” moment. We used the St. Philip bingo game (a professional game according to SEARCH social workers) usually used at Mo Ranch, but this group was far less restrained than ours. There were calls for “come on, Lord, B-4” and “praise Jesus, I-29” and other variety of praises. There were lively thanks for the gift bags for the winners. And candy was shared with everyone as the ages of the clients ranged from six month old to people much older.

Homelessness affects all ages and most newly re-housed experience difficulty staying stable in housing. Hosting of these meetings is a simple act and very welcomed. This volunteer outreach takes very little time, but St. Philip has been asked to come back again with our “professional bingo game”. If you are interested in further outreach activities at SEARCH call Mary McGuire at 713-858-0552 or email at [mstxmac@yahoo.com](mailto:mstxmac@yahoo.com)

## DEACONS

Have you ever experienced not being able to drive yourself? The loss of that independence, being cut-off from the community you enjoy can be devastating. All it would take is a few extra minutes on a Sunday to help another member remain in the SPPC community with us all. You don’t necessarily need to promise to take someone to/from: just one way helps a lot. The Deacons can help to coordinate members who can assist.

Just answer the questions below. We appreciate your volunteering.

- ☞ What service do you attend?    ☐ 8:30    ☐ 11:00
- ☞ Do you attend Sunday School?
- ☞ Would you be willing to volunteer at least once a month, on Sunday, to pick up someone and come to St. Philip?
- ☞ Would you be willing to volunteer once a month, on Sunday, to take someone home after worship?

Please send an email to [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) with the answers to these questions and the Deacons will be in touch, or call the office and Lorrie can connect you with the Deacons.



**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](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807.



## 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**.

**DONATIONS REQUESTED**

**FOR THE SEAFARERS ~ 2018**

**SHOE BOXES & SEAFARER'S CHRISTMAS ITEMS**

TOILETRIES

**PLAYING CARDS**

**KNITTED HATS FOR OUR SEAFARERS**

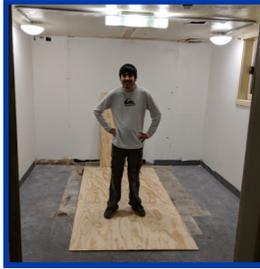
PLEASE PLACE THE ITEMS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX IN THE **GATHERING AREA** OR IN THE **CHURCH OFFICE MAIL ROOM.**

**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](http://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.

## EAGLE SCOUT

(...to help others at all times...)

The Fellowship Committee has recently relocated their entertainment supplies that are used for picnics, BBQ, annual meeting and any other special event they might do on campus to a renovated area in Fellowship Hall instead of another area of the church. They have Nicholas Arlinghaus to thank for this. Nick, who is entering his senior year in high school, has been involved with Boy Scouts of America for twelve years. He will be able to say he has achieved the rank of Eagle, a goal he has pursued for two-thirds of his life at this point!



Do you know any Eagle Scouts? Are you aware of the involvement to achieve this honor? Nick was required to choose an Eagle project that contributed to a person or group outside of scouting. Signatures of approval had to be obtained from the project beneficiary, the Scoutmaster (the adult leader of the troop), the troop committee, and a district official before the project could truly begin.

“The fact that I’ve been a part of this church for so long is what made me consider doing my project for St. Philip,” commented Nick. “I first asked Pastor Keatan if anything needed to be renovated or improved in or around the church. She showed me the old shower room in the Fellowship Hall and said the Fellowship Committee wanted to use it as a storeroom, at which point I decided that clearing the room would be my project.”



The project involved the removal of the room's sinks, cabinets, mirror, shower stalls, and dividing walls, as well as painting the remaining walls with primer. Since this was obviously a gigantic job that he couldn't do alone, Nick recruited other scouts, as well as the following St.

Philippians who assisted at various stages: Chuck Johnson, Steve Carmichael, Wilbert Parada, Ed Hess, Greg Han, Caleb Han, Gabriel Han, Keatan King, Tamara Arlinghaus, Sasha Arlinghaus, Ava Arlinghaus, Paul Arlinghaus, Joseph Webster, John Webster, and Amy Webster. The planning and preparation took half a year, but the project itself was done in a day.

From his service log: a total of 165 total hours across thirty-three people.

“This project involved many facets,” remarked Chuck Johnson. “There were professional plumbers who needed to prep the area by capping off water sources. In addition, it had to be determined if

the interior wall was load-bearing. Was there asbestos that would be disturbed? Contingencies had to be made for these and other unknowns. Nick had a list of all of these and the suggested solutions. Nick scheduled info-gathering meetings

prior to the work day in order to answer as many of the questions as possible. These meetings included Wilbert, Steve, Ed Hess, Paul Arlinghaus and myself.



“On the day of the project, Nick had to function as the foreman on the job. This meant that he could not spend a lot of time "doing" when most of his time was spent "herding". He handled it with calm and grace. A special fun moment occurred when Nick observed one of the scouts working on the area behind the sinks. The scout was not wearing a hard hat. Nick pointed that out to the scout and asked him “to put on the hard hat”. The scout did not respond right away. Nick waited a few seconds and repeated, “I mean put the hat on now.” The scout responded. And so went the rest of the day. Nick stayed on top of things.”



When asked what it meant to him to achieve Eagle Scout and how it would help him in the future, Nick replied, “Being an Eagle Scout actually makes it easier to get into colleges, considering the amount of work put into reaching the rank. A college application with "Eagle Scout" on it will generally have a good chance of being accepted. I plan to enroll in A&M Galveston and earn a degree in marine biology, and becoming an Eagle Scout will help me get to the enrolling part. This project has taught me a lot about planning, coordination, and leadership. It certainly is quite different from simply participating in another scout's Eagle project.”

Nick, with his father Paul in tow on a few of them, has taken some very exciting scouting trips. Asked if any of those topped being an Eagle Scout, he responded, “The only campout that can rival the long climb up the ranks to Eagle would be Philmont. A 100-mile trek through mountainous New Mexican terrain is quite the experience.”

“Nick has worked hard on this achievement and over a number of years. It has been special watching him develop from a boy to a young man during this time, and Boy Scouts has been a large part of that. I helped along the way, but it was up to him - he made it happen,” his father Paul remarked. “Tamara and I are incredibly proud of Nicholas. When Nick earned his first rank, Tiger Cub, at age seven he looked up at me and asked, ‘Dad, how long until I make Eagle?’ I told him, ‘Well, Nicholas, it will take some time, but I’ll be there to support you the whole way’.” Nick is the first Eagle Scout in Paul or Tamara’s families.

The Fellowship Committee is grateful to have been the recipient of the hard work put into Nick's Eagle project. He did a great job with all aspects of the project and deserves a hearty congratulations and thank you for a job well done! Thank you, Nicholas, for choosing to contribute to St. Philip for your Eagle Scout project.



MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP  SUMMER SEASON

## 2018 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

2:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of the month — with ice cream afterwards!

**FREE!** (contributions welcome)

Join us **August 26<sup>th</sup>** for the Houston return of

**Christopher Holman** • Basel 



**SUNDAY | AUGUST 26, 2018 | 2:00 p.m.**  
*Music of the Swiss Renaissance & American Revolution*

**Chris Holman** is well-known to St Philip and Houston audiences as a former St. Philip organ intern and assistant with the Houston Bach Society. Now studying at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis in Switzerland, Chris returns to Houston to share some of the music he has been researching and performing on historic organs throughout Europe. Join us for this rousing **one-hour program** featuring a variety of rarely-heard music from Switzerland and America played on the glorious Paul Fritts organ, Op. 29 (2010) here at St. Philip. All are welcome. **FREE ICE CREAM** afterwards!



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Music at St Philip

## LET US PRAY FOR...

*Matthew Dirst and family upon the death of his father, Charles Dirst on August 10 in Illinois.*

*Pam Rush and family upon the death of her cousin, Elizabeth Lanier on August 12.*

**St. Philippians and their families**—Sandra Truxillo, Wayne Truxillo, Steve Carmichael, Rev. Howard Reed, Toto McGeHee, Greg Moore—Bonnie Moore's husband, Sally Slick, 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.

**Throwback St. Philip**—Pics on page 3 are from the archives. The top picture is the Central PC Bell Choir—Robbie Beaty, Sue Kincaid, Steve Carmichael, Jenilee Simmons, Pam Rush, Heather MacAllister, Frances Edwards, Jane Malzewskjy, Myrna Walker, Sandra Scott, Betsy Benjamin, Kathleen Yaeger, Sharon Bishynis, Jan Meyer, Terri Clemmons and Mark Clemmons. The bottom picture: St. Philip youth group departing/returning from a trip.

## 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](http://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](mailto:Amye_Webster@yahoo.com) or Joyce Fox—832-265-0760 - [jatfox@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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.

**ST. PHILIP BBQ PICNIC**

**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**

## EDUCATION

### 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

**Sunday School Classes return  
on Rally Day, September 9!**

**Below are the classes you can look forward to.**

**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—The Adult Bible Study Class 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.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY**— Room 201 – **Fall Semester 2018 Highlights - Sept. 9** - Rally Day - Church & Society class reunion and preview of the 2018 fall semester. The focus of our speakers for the fall will be *The Class of 2036 - children born in 2018 who will be 18 yrs. old when Houston celebrates its 200th birthday in 2036. Sept. 16* - *The Class of 2036* - Rev. Cassandra Dahnke, cofounder of The Institute for Civility in Government and Dr. Bertie Simmons, Furr Senior High School. **Sept. 23** - *The Class of 2036* - Joel Goza, visiting scholar of race, religion and politics at the University of St. Thomas. **Sept. 30** - *The Class of 2036* - Laurence Payne, Educational Excellence Resource Group - Interfaith Ministries and author of *The Heart of Houston: Lessons in Servant Leadership*. **Oct. 7** - *The Class of 2036 at St. Philip* - Rev. Omar Rouchon, Associate Pastor for education and spiritual formation at St. Philip. **Oct. 14** - *The Class of 2036 - Immigrant and Refugee Health*—Dr. Padma Swamy and Mehdi Vasigh - Children at Risk - Doctors for Change.

**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! During the summer break, we invite your input as we consider topics to discuss in the fall. Contact: [Omar@saintphilip.net](mailto:Omar@saintphilip.net).

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**—Room 203— The children's chapel meets the second and fourth Sunday. Children in pre-K through first grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel. 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. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

### WEEKDAY CLASSES

#### 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, **August 28** at 7 p.m., location Saint Arnold Brewing Co. Beer Garden, 2000 Lyons Ave., 77020. 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](mailto:TimRB1987@gmail.com).

#### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

**RETURNING IN THE FALL** John Wurster leads this study Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Dining Room.

#### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

**RETURNING IN THE FALL** 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. Please contact Gary Gardner at [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com) if you have any questions.

#### MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Join the discussion in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus) **September 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 **September 11** at 6:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

#### 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 **September 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.odell6@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.odell6@gmail.com).