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**WHY  
FAIR TRADE  
CHOCOLATE  
MATTERS**

**HALLOWEEN  
EQUAL EXCHANGE SALE**

[ GATHERING AREA ]

**SEPTEMBER 30TH**

[ BEFORE & AFTER THE 11 AM WORSHIP ]

Chocolate is big business. But sadly, it is often an unjust business. Most mainstream chocolate comes from cacao plantations in West Africa, where forced child labor has been documented. When you choose Equal Exchange chocolates, sourced fairly and directly from small-scale farmer co-ops, you can make a positive difference while celebrating Halloween - and all year long.

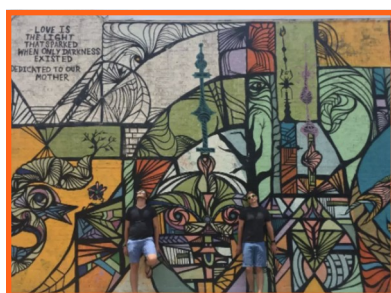
The Coffee Team will be in the Gathering Area, before and after the 11 a.m. worship service on **September 30** to take your order for boxes of 150 bite-sized milk/dark chocolate minis, to be delivered **October 21 and 28**. There will also be prepackaged bags of 25 dark chocolate minis for sale along with fair trade coffee, tea, bar chocolate, baking cocoa and hot chocolate, Palestinian olive oil and tamari almonds.

*"Suppose a sister or brother is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?"*

—James 2:15,16

## RESCHEDULED PRIMETIMERS HOUSTON MURAL TOUR

Our next Primetimers outing is upon us! Have you ever wondered about the growing presence of large scale outdoor murals appearing around the city of Houston? Join us on **Monday, October 15**, for a guided bus tour of various neighborhoods in central Houston, visiting many of the city's newest and most popular murals. We will learn about the artists, their works, and their connection to the neighborhood, finishing our tour with lunch at the Original Ninfa's on Navigation. Cost will be \$10, not including lunch. **RSVP by Monday, October 1**. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes and bring a hat. The bus will depart from St. Philip at 9 a.m.





### 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.



Attention All St. Philip Women

You are invited to the

### JOINT PW CIRCLE LUNCHEON AND BIBLE STUDY

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

In Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m.

*Horizon Bible Study Guide God's Promise: I Am With You*  
By Amy Poling Sutherlun

Lesson One

God with Us Wherever We Are

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Keatan King

All St. Philip Women (whether or not you belong to one of our four Circles) are invited to join us as we kick-off the 2018-2019 Bible Study year. Lunch will be available for \$8, and will be served beginning at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not purchased a Bible Study Guide, it will be available for purchase at the luncheon. Small print guides are \$12 and large print guides are \$17.

Please RSVP by September 20, either by calling the church office (713-622-4807) or by email to [welcomes@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcomes@saintphilip.net). Please indicate whether you would prefer a gluten-free meal when responding.

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team of St. Philip is looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon, and is excited about the beginning of an outstanding Bible Study.

For those who may wish to attend the piano dedication at 2:00, the luncheon will conclude by 1:45 pm.

## 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

#### Below are the classes that are offered on Sunday.

Godly Play (Age 3 to K) - Room 104

Children's Music—Room 105

Grades 1—5 - Room 105

Grades 6—8 - Room 206

Grades 9-12 - Room 205

**CHURCH & SOCIETY**—Room 201 – Our fall series is “The Class of 2036 - children born in 2018 who will be 18 yrs. old when Houston celebrates its 200th birthday in 2036”. We will continue this until **October 14. September 23** - *America's Unholy Ghosts: Uprooting Racism from America's Faith and Politics* In order to empower a new generation in the struggle for justice, *America's Unholy Ghosts* reveals how American Democracy and American Christianity were intentionally designed to harmonize with the institution of slavery. *Ghosts* also examines how Martin Luther King Jr. worked to uproot racism from the American experiment and looks for ways that we can continue King's revolution across racial and religious lines. **September 30** - *Servant Leadership: In an age of different realities and non-shared common vision* presented by Laurence Payne author of *The Heart of HoUSton: Lessons in Servant Leadership*. **October 7** - *The Class of 2036 at St. Philip Presbyterian Church* presented by Rev. Omar Rouchon Associate Pastor at St. Philip for ministry with children and families - education and spiritual formation.

**BIBLE STUDY**—Room 204 – We are studying The Psalms, primarily from the NRSV and Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary*. All are welcome.

**SPa**—Room 200 - We are studying *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Doctrine* by Cynthia L. Rigby. You may visit the church website for a full list of weekly offerings. 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](mailto: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

#### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

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](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 24** with St. Philip's Monday Evening Study Group! Besides conversation, our meetings include fellowship, refreshments, and a brief devotional, 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.

#### 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, **September 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](mailto:TimRB1987@gmail.com).

#### 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 **October 9** at 6:30 p.m. location to be announced

#### 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 **October 11**, will be at the home of Laura Burgess, and we will discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. 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).

#### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Watch the bulletin and website for the start date of Midweek Bible Study. John Wurster leads this study Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Dining Room.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

The St. Philip Stitchers have been working joyfully all year and will have 100 youth quilts for the "Blessing of the Quilts" during the 11:00 service on **October 28**. The recipients this year will be House of Tiny Treasures, Refugee services at Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston and Houston Welcomes Refugees. The St. Philip Stitchers welcome your used sewing machines, fabric, thread, sewing supplies to help them further their mission. Contact Hope Wilmarth for more information—[hlwilmarth@hotmail.com](mailto:hlwilmarth@hotmail.com).



## SEAFARERS ~ 2018



### SEAFARERS' CHRISTMAS BOXES

Save the date! Sunday, **November 11**, following 11:00 am worship. Join the Mission Committee in the Arts & Crafts Studio for fellowship and a soup & salad lunch. Following lunch, join in the fun of packing the Christmas boxes for the Seafarers. Your family will want to take advantage of this opportunity for hands-on mission work, extending warm, Houston, Texas hospitality to Seafarers who are far from home.

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**.

## WELCOMING & MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday, September 16 the Session received three new members. Please take the time to introduce yourself and get to know them.



Diana Weiss transferred from Presbytery of New Covenant and has been participating in Theology on Tap and various activities at St. Philip since 2017. You might recognize her as the young woman who wears a hat to worship 95% of the time. Diana utilizes her skills mastered at Pratt Institute in NYC as the Communication

Coordinator at Westbury Baptist Church. Her hobbies include swing and blues dancing, art and hand bells. She decided to join St. Philip because of the people her age, and because of the ministers/staff, worship, and our music programs. Right after joining she helped the Property Committee polish the brass plates from the Sanctuary

Dan and Elizabeth (Betsy) Boston are transferring their membership from Wayne PC in Wayne, Pennsylvania. They have already been involved in many St. Philip activities since they started visiting in October 2017, including our mission activities.



Dan and Betsy moved to Houston from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania two days before Harvey, a memorable introduction to Houston and thankfully no damage. Dan is a retired Associate Dean from Temple University's School of Dentistry and now enjoys woodworking, letter-press printing, and studying Benjamin Franklin. He is proud to say he is a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church starting in Westfield, New Jersey. Betsy, also retired, was a simulation coordinator for the Pennsylvania Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. Her hobbies include swimming, knitting, arts & crafts, walking in the woods, and reading. Dan and Betsy met at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. They have three daughters and you may know one, Laura Perez-Boston who is a member of St. Philip. When asked what helped in their decision to join our congregation, they checked all of the boxes on our form and noted that our commitment to "We Choose Welcome" was very important too.

Pictures were borrowed from Facebook. Their new member photos will be posted in Gathering Area soon.

# CLERK OF SESSION

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 2018

### Stated Session Meeting – August 21, 2018

- ✦ Session approved the transfer of membership letter of Katie Senor Hannan to Atascocita Presbyterian Church, Atascocita, TX.
- ✦ Session endorsed the mission statement of More Light Presbyterians, thus beginning the process of St. Philip becoming a More Light church.
- ✦ Session approved the addition of a statement of responsibility to the Personnel section of the Manual of Operations concerning recognition of employment milestones.

### Committee Actions:

- ✦ Personnel Committee hosted a celebration of Keatan King's fifth anniversary of service at St. Philip on Sunday, August 5, 2018.
- ✦ Property Committee charged \$263,000 of expenses to Reserve for Replacement for the first half of 2018, leaving a July 31 balance in the Reserve for Replacement fund of \$681,000; down from \$871,000 at the beginning of the year.
- ✦ Finance Committee recommended to the Trustees that they consider consolidating the Funds that currently reside with Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) and the Presbyterian Foundation (NCMF) into TPF, alone.
- ✦ Mission Committee has decided that for December, Joy Gift envelopes will be made available in the pews. The December Communion Offerings will go to CCSC Capital Campaign.
- ✦ Mission Committee has approved for the 2019 Budget, that the amount of benevolence dollars pledged (excluding Presbytery of New Covenant) be a tithe of 10% of the Operating budget.
- ✦ Mission Committee has approved for the 2019 Budget, that the amount pledged to Presbytery of New Covenant be \$55,000.

John A. Lemen, Clerk of Session

## LET US PRAY FOR...

*Kathleen Yaeger and family upon the death of her mother last week.*

*The family of Mary Jane Siracusa, former employee of St. Philip. She died September 14 in Louisiana.*

**St. Philippians and their families**—John Wurster, Tyler Keever, Joyce Ann Fugit's husband, Don Meyer—Jan Meyer's father, Sandra Truxillo, Toto McGeHee, Alan Coufal, Carolyn Vestal, Ann Morgan—Dorothy Blackwell's sister, Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers, Ralph Arlinghaus—father of Paul Arlinghaus, Arlette Keene, T.E. "Joe" Keever, Ian Pearce, Rusty Howard, Phillip McDaniel, Ruth Weber, Carol Paine Kendrick, Joe Ann Berwick, George Helland, Alice Pennington, Joyce Randolph, Van Rathgeber, Penny Vieau, and Darnall Burks—father of Deb Burks.

**Friends of St. Philippians**—Bennett Williams—friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; David Mendoza—Amazing Place Staff; Derek Nusbaum & family – friends of Cameron & Heather Highsmith; refugee family from Iraq—Hassan, Enas, Dima and Ahmed; Trudy Smith Alexander-of Robin & Gary Willis; and Grady Reed-of Stephen Paine.

Belated congratulations to Tom Weeda and Ann Clawson on their marriage on August 18 in New Mexico.

*To My St. Philip Family—Thank you for all of the many cards and phone calls wishing me good health and prayers for a speedy recovery in my recent knee replacement surgery. Both my doctor and therapist agree I am doing well and I'm looking forward to seeing you at church soon. Grace and blessings, Sandra (Truxillo).*

### 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.

### 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.

**Throwback St. Philip**—Pics on page 2 are from the archives. The top picture is from the Central PC archives March 1985, Suzanne Kelley and our new member Diana Weiss. The bottom picture is August 2018 Pub Club—Ed Hess, Henry Owen, Bill O'Dell, Walker Fair, Tim Burgess, and David Castle.

## 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 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).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jim.mary.wagg@oplink.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).

## 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.

### CHANCEL GUILD

You are invited to participate in preparing our worship space for services. Our primary duties include checking the flowers before worship and emptying the water in the baptismal basin after the service. Currently we are seeking volunteers for October 2018 through March 2019. Please join us! Look for the signup sheet in the Gathering Area. Contact Jane Larkin at 713-621-1222 or [l.larkin6561@att.net](mailto:l.larkin6561@att.net) for more information.

