

and see how a process works. What I knew I would find in property is a massive amount of data that is mind-boggling. For me the numbers are not important. It's the work. It's the stewardship of what we are doing. That's why I am involved with the property committee, for now.

So, involvement is a good word, but it is not the word I am looking for. Music?! There's a good word for me. I have sung in choirs all my life even from my youngest years as a child. I love the choir. It is a place where I can be a good steward of God's gift of song. We are blessed at St. Philip to have teaching elders, ruling elders, and staff who understand that music in worship is about leadership and not performance. (When you turn around to look at the choir, notice there are a few empty chairs. One of them has your name on it. It could be your next opportunity for stewardship.)

My second example is about music. Years ago when you asked me to teach your 1st and 2nd grade children to play chimes, I thought you had lost your mind. I was instantly terrified. In my head there were only NO's! I had never even touched a bell. I had only seen pictures of a chime. And most kids that age can barely read. The only thing I had going for me (I thought) was I love working with kids. I opened my mouth to deliver the "no", and what came out was a "yes". I was terrified. You know what happened. If I had listened to my head, I would have missed the most fun 10 years in my musical life at St. Philip.

In this example, the stewardship lesson for me is simple. How did you know what my gifts were and I did not know? As I practice stewardship today, I still have to learn to get my head out of the way and listen to what can be a call that can come from my church family.

Now I am still looking for the word here that best describes why I practice my stewardship of God's gifts at St. Philip. It may even be a call. I'm not sure. A final example:

St. Philip was the sixth church I visited when I came to Houston. The Sunday I arrived I walked the campus like I do everywhere I visit to get a feel for the energy of the place and its spaces. I was welcomed more than once as I was welcomed in the other five communities I had previously visited. But there was something different about this place – I began to feel it. As I entered this worship space I saw the wall of water. I saw the empty cross that structurally holds up the building. What happened to me at that moment was an immediate exhale of the stress of searching, and I received the word I did not know I was looking for. It was clear. I had found a home. Home. St. Philip is the place where I can learn about and practice stewardship 365/24/7. Home.



The Stewardship and Fellowship Committees
invite you to join us
as we celebrate **Growth in Grace and Gratitude**

ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 30
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

\$8 suggested donation
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Please RSVP to the Church Office
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following individuals were elected at the October 16th congregational meeting.

RULING ELDER, CLASS OF 2019

[Kate Dickinson-Varner](#)

Kate Dickinson-Varner joined St. Philip in 2015 with her husband, Kevin Varner, and daughter, Evie. She is a cradle Presbyterian and served as a ruling elder at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Houston before joining St. Philip. Kate initially went to college to study opera, but ended up with a degree in theology and philosophy. After that came law school in Durham, North Carolina, during which she attended University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. Kate moved back to Texas in 2013, working for Justice Willett in Austin for a year, and returning here to her hometown in fall 2014, when she and her family started visiting St. Philip. Kate now works as a tax attorney at Baker Botts, specializing in gift and estate tax controversy. She loves to read, cook, and hang out



Are you Presby Pro (Presbyterian Proficient)?

Test your knowledge about Presbyterian history, symbols, practices, and more.

1. The congregation of St. Philip Presbyterian Church consisted of how many members as of September 30, 1958?
2. How many times is *presbuteros*, the Greek word meaning *elder*, used in the New Testament?

with friends and family. Kate is so grateful for the presence of the St. Philip family and liturgy in her and the relationships and conversations in the PW Wednesday Evening Circle and the women's book group

Janet Hess

Janet Hess is a ruling elder, having served on Session at St. Charles Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, where she was active on the missions committee. During that time, she participated in a mission trip to Cuba with the church youth group. Janet also led student service days, helping to gut houses after Hurricane Katrina, and taught in a temporary evacuation school in Houston. She also found a need for SAT tutoring in underserved Sharpstown and Westbury high schools. At St. Philip, Janet has been active in the choir and on the Welcoming and Membership Committee. Recently retired, she is becoming involved with local missions such as Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, and international work with Living Waters for the World. Janet is a strong advocate of environmental stewardship and youth educational needs. She values the opportunity to serve on Session at St. Philip to contribute to the stewardship of our church's gifts for use in God's work.

William Rowe

William T. Rowe holds a bachelor's degree in business and psychology from Stephen F. Austin State University. He has more than 20 years of experience in information technology, specializing in infrastructure-related issues, in which he deals with people on a service level daily (and thoroughly enjoys communing with them to solve their problems). William has been a member of St. Philip for over five years and has served on the Communications Committee for almost the same length of time. He oversees the recording of the Sunday services, and edits and formats the services for online archiving on St. Philip's website. William feels blessed

by the fellowship and support that he finds at St. Philip and looks forward to serving as a ruling elder.

Chuck Seidel

Chuck Seidel joined St. Philip last November and serves on the Mission Committee. Before joining St. Philip, he was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Houston, where he served as a deacon and a ruling elder. Chuck has always been involved in church-associated mission work, both locally (Habitat for Humanity, Private Sector Initiative) and internationally (in Honduras), and plans to continue this involvement at St. Philip.

Sandra Truxillo

Sandra Truxillo and her husband, Wayne, have been members of St. Philip since 1997. Before retirement, she had a career of more than 30 years in human resources and benefits management. Sandra has been involved with Presbyterian Women as a circle leader, moderator, cluster coordinator, and historian. She is on the Personnel Committee and volunteers in the church office on Thursdays.

Anne Wilson

Anne Wilson is the first-born in her Japanese-American family of five. From her earliest years in Pennsylvania, she wanted to be a teacher (partly to help others, partly to be in charge!). After receiving her degree in math from the College of Wooster, Anne married her high school sweetheart, Butch, and moved to Houston, where she taught math in public and private schools and served as a church educator at Memorial Drive, St. Philip, and Northwoods Presbyterian Churches. She feels St. Philip taught her the most about ministering to the entire body of Christ, and is eager to serve in a different capacity as a Session member. Anne's service to the larger church includes being a member of the Synod's Permanent Judicial Commission; treasurer, Association of

Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) South Central region; member of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation board of trustees; and a founding member, Presbytery SEALs (Seasoned Educators At Large). She is the recipient of the 2017 APCE Life Achievement Award. Anne and Butch celebrate their "first-date 50th anniversary" this Thanksgiving, and her favorite name now is what her three grandsons call her, "Gran."

Nancy Young

Nancy Beck Young is a life-long Presbyterian, and joined St. Philip in 2014. She is a member of the Education Committee, coordinates the acolytes, has volunteered with vacation Bible school, has helped with planning for Mo-Ranch, and is the co-leader of the Wednesday evening PW Circle. Nancy is a professor of history at the University of Houston, and the author of four books. She enjoys traveling, reading, gardening, films, food, and spending time with her family.

DEACON

Beth Atkinson

Beth Atkinson has been a member of St. Philip since 1991, and serves on the Mission Committee. She has served as a ruling elder, a deacon, and a teacher in St. Philip's pre-school, elementary, and junior-high church school classes. Beth is employed by Shell Oil Company and when not working, she enjoys traveling and watching any kind of sports.

Jane Cooper

Jane Cooper is retired from teaching high school English for 35 years. She graduated from Texas Wesleyan University and grew up in Fort Worth. Through the years, Jane has served on several church committees and as a ruling elder and deacon at Central Presbyterian Church and St. Philip. Knitting hats for the seafarer's boxes is something she enjoys, as well as being active in the Sunday PW Circle and weekly Bible study, and serving on the Mission Committee. Jane also

likes volunteering in the community, and this year is serving as a mentor to an elementary student in Spring Branch ISD. A member of the National Ghost Ranch Foundation, she has enjoyed attending summer seminars at Ghost Ranch for 14 years.

TRUSTEE, CLASS OF 2019

James Cooper

James Cooper grew up in Port Neches, Texas. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from The University of Texas at Austin, and an MBA from Texas A&I University. James's career in investments included positions with PaineWebber as division manager in New York and Texas. In New York, he also served on various boards and was division manager of commodities. James has two daughters, Laura Fitzgibbon, who is a Presbyterian minister and lives in Plano, and Angela Crouse, who lives in West Linn, Oregon. His wife, Sandra, passed away in 2015 after 51 years of marriage. James has been actively involved in the Presbyterian Church, serving as teacher, ruling elder, deacon, and on various committees. He has served as a trustee at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, where he is vice chair of the board of trustees. In late 2009, James helped Sandra establish the Kids Against Hunger mission at St. Philip, which has packaged over 990,000 meals to date, delivering them to Houston agencies such as

Kids' Meals and the Christian Community Service Center, and to orphanages in Matamoros, Mexico.

DAPNC

The following individuals will serve on the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (DAPNC).

Kathryn Crary

Kate Crary was ordained as a ruling elder in 2016 and serves on the Personnel Committee. She finds spiritual nourishment through the young adult community of St. Philip as well as in the Wednesday evening Presbyterian Women circle. Kate has also served on the Education Committee at St. Philip. Before joining St. Philip four years ago, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, her hometown. Kate has had a decade-long management career in healthcare and university settings. She enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Omi Ford

Omi Ford has been a member of St. Philip since 2009. Serving on Session as a member of the class of 2017, she is chair of the Education Committee. Omi is a teacher at Hunters Creek Elementary in Spring Branch ISD. When she isn't dreaming about new lessons to share with children and colleagues at school or church, she is probably with family watching sports or cuddling up with a great book!

Carol Junkin

Carol Junkin is a life-long Presbyterian whose grandfather and father-in-law were Presbyterian ministers. She was born in Austin, Texas, and confirmed at Westminster Presbyterian Church. After moving to Houston, Carol joined St. Philip in 2000, serving as a deacon and ruling elder and on several search committees. She is a member of the Wednesday Morning PW Circle and the Education Committee. Carol and her husband, Fred, have been married for 25 years and are the proud parents of St. Philip members Dillon and Elizabeth Junkin.

Mickey Meyers

Mickey McCall Meyers grew up in Harlandale Presbyterian Church and graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio. She served as church educator in three Houston-area Presbyterian churches, has written curriculum for youth leaders for Presbyterian Publishing House, and is co-author of *Get Ready! Get Set! Worship! A Resource for Including Children in Worship*. Mickey was also a writer for the Mo-Ranch Camp Loma Linda Bible study. She is a ruling elder and co-convenor for the Church and Society Class at St. Philip. For Holocaust Museum Houston, Mickey wrote *History, Humanity, Responsibility: You Can Make a Difference – A Resource for Churches to Study Issues of Social Justice, Peacemaking, and Tolerance in the Context of the Holocaust*, and *Dietrich Bonhoeffer – The Role of the Church in Nazi Germany, 1933–1945*.

Wes Vestal

Wesley Vestal is vice president of talent development for KBR. Before joining KBR in 2015, he worked for nine years with Baker Hughes, where he held a number of roles in both the US and the Middle East. Before Baker Hughes, Wesley spent eight years at the American Productivity and Quality Center, and four as a fund development manager at the United Way of Greater Houston. He is a native of Norman, Oklahoma, and holds a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Trinity University in San Antonio. Wesley volunteers for the United Way, spends time with his wife, Jenny, and their three girls (Molly, Lucy, and Caroline), and plays as much golf as allowed.

Thank you to the
Nominating Committee:

David Castle—Chairman
Don Barker
Kay Cash
Kate Burkart
Sarah O'Dell
Rhonda Sands
Gary Whitney





RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING

Good Neighbor Healthcare Center received \$1,830 from the September communion offering. Ann Thielke, CEO of Good Neighbor, stated, "We will put the \$1,830 to good use. On behalf of our patients, thank you!"

ATTN: BRIDGE PLAYERS

SPPC has a group that regularly plays bridge on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m., and new players are needed. Our next gathering is **October 19th** in the Dining Room. If you would enjoy a few hours of entertainment with some nice folks, please contact Jeanette Wennenweser at jtwennenweser@gmail.com or 713-779-4011. Some experience a plus!!



DOCUMENTARY FILM

On Sunday, **November 13th** at 12:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Education building, the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee will show a documentary film on the Houston artist Jumper Maybach. It features his journey from an openly gay man who was sexually harassed at his employment to becoming a successful painter. Lunch will be available (\$7).



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The Rev. Gregory Han will be the guide for these three workshop-style lectures. Greg's experiences have been in religious and educational contexts. He has served as a pastor in two Presbyterian congregations, taught world religions, and serves as the Director of Interfaith Relations at Interfaith Ministries. He holds degrees from Georgetown University and Harvard Divinity School.



CONNECT WITH MONTREAT OCTOBER 25-28

Plan to join women and men from churches across our presbytery for a retreat at one of the national conference centers for the PC(USA). What a perfect time of year to encounter God through relationships, renewal, recreation, and rest in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.

Not only will we learn about Montreat Conference Center, we will have the opportunity for bible study using the St. John's Illuminated Bible. A caravan along the Blue Ridge Parkway has also been scheduled. Everyone will be responsible for his or her own transportation to Montreat. Closest airports: Asheville, NC (AVL), Greenville, SC (GSP), or Charlotte, NC (CLT). Housing and meals will be in the newly renovated Assembly Inn. Rate for 1 person: \$324.71. Rate for 2 persons: \$408.69 (\$204.35 each). This rate includes lodging for 3 nights and 7 meals!

Register online with this link: <http://tinyurl.com/jam2jo3>
Questions??? Contact: Anne Wilson at anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com

ARTS & CRAFTS STUDIO SATURDAY

The next Arts & Crafts Saturday will meet **November 5th**. We will make Christmas cards. Do you have the talent of making string art? If you would like to share a craft, please contact Lori Murphy at lmurphette@gmail.com or 713-447-5320.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Alternative Market is looking for anyone who likes to sew, craft, build or arrange works of crafted art. Sell your items to benefit the mission partner of your choice, or you can ask the Mission Committee to choose one for you. We encourage crafts of all scales, from small to large, including single or multiple items. The Alternative Market will be **November 20th**. Are you interested? For more information, please contact Lori Murphy via email at lmurphette@gmail.com or 713-447-5320.

NEED TIME AND TALENT HELP?

You can get assistance using the online Time and Talent form by contacting Lorrie Castle at 713.622.4807.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL

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

Godly Play (Age 3 to K)—Room 104

Grades 1,2, & 3—Room 105 Grades 9-12—Room 205

Grades 4 & 5—Room 103 Confirmation Class—Room 202

Grades 6-8—Room 206

Youth Choir/Youth Group meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Next gathering is **October 23**.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12) - 4:30—Sanctuary

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) - 5:30—7:30 Youth Room

CHURCH & SOCIETY - Room 201—**October 23** - *English Reformation: The 'Book of Martyrs'* John Foxe's Actes Monuments (the so-called 'Book of Martyrs') sought to preserve and publicize a documentary history of the heresy trials of Protestants during the reigns of Henry VIII and Mary I. It was second only to the English Bible in impact as reformers made their case for vernacular scripture and liturgy, for clerical marriage, for reformed understandings of the sacraments, and for a rejection of the authority of the Pope. This session will introduce the work and its role in the English Reformation. - Presented by Dr. Deborah Burks, teacher and researcher focused on sixteenth and seventeenth-century drama, poetry, Reformation texts, and women's writing. **October 30** - *The Ministry of the Medical Benevolence Fund in Africa* - For over fifty years MBF has been an independent non-profit organization working in partnership with individuals and churches throughout the U.S. to equip Presbyterian partners in developing countries to proclaim the gospel through medical ministry. Presented by Jack Muthui, who lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is responsible for overseeing relationships with Medical Benevolence Fund partners in Africa, including Kenya, Malawi and DR Congo. **November 6** - *Nostra Aetate (In Our Time) Celebrating Fifty Years of Positive and Affirming Relations Between Jews and Catholics*, presented by Garland Pohl, former ecumenical officer of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – The class is engaged in a study of the book of 1 Samuel which tells of the rise of the kingdom of Israel and the eventual rise 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.

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. Beginning **October 23** we will begin with "Feasting on the Word," which is a well-respected curriculum that looks at the lectionary passages each Sunday. The Lectionary are selected passages for each Sunday, usually one

from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Gospels, and the Epistles. The preachers at St. Philip usually select their sermon passages from the lectionary. We will always have access to Feasting on the Word material, and each Sunday has a leader's guide and a participant's guide. Sharing leadership is easy and fun and, as you probably can tell, we're not a group that is shy about asking questions! Contact Greg Han at greg@hanmail.me

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. Please contact Omar Rouchon if you have any questions. The next service is **October 23rd**.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

The next gathering of the Monday evening study group is **October 24**, in the Dining Room (in the administration building, at the south end of campus). We will be reading chapter 4 in Elaine Pagels' *The Gnostic Gospels*, "The Passion of Christ and the persecution of Christians." Join us from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for coffee, snacks, and conversations that feed the mind and nourish faith.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

On **October 19th**, Omar Rouchon wraps up the discussion "Reading through the Lectionary" with the Wednesday morning bible study. Then on **October 26**, John Wurster will begin looking at the Book of Revelation. This final book of the Bible has long puzzled readers with its vivid imagery and apocalyptic themes. Over the coming months, we will read the entire book and piece together its meaning and significance. The class meets at 10:30 in the Dining Room.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Join the Men's Weekly Fellowship each Friday. They meet on Fridays in the Conference Room at noon. The book that they are discussing is *Search for Happiness* by Martin Thielen. Please contact Robert Estill about copies of the book reestill@sbcglobal.net. The men who wish to participate should bring a bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. Men of all ages are welcome to participate in the self-led group. The group wraps up promptly at 1:00 p.m.

MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

A monthly interest group for women who like to read books, socialize, and have a night out meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at a member's home. Our next meeting, is **November 10th**. We will discuss *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information go to: <http://saintphilip.net/BookGroup.html>

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—1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Dining Room

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

The next service of healing and wholeness will be **October 23rd**. 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.

MONTROSE STREET REACH

The Young Adults of St. Philip support the Montrose Street Reach Ministry every 4th Wednesday of the month during 2016, supplying and serving snacks to homeless persons gathering before they have dinner. The next date will be **October 26** from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The address is 1110 Lovett Blvd. Houston, TX 77006. Caution: do not park behind Half Price Books, as they tow non-customers. Park instead on a side street or in front of the Presbytery Office. For more information contact Keatan King at keatan@saintphilip.net



MINOR, BUT MIGHTY: YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

This fall Young Adults will examine some of the Minor Prophets together. These prophets are all the books of the Old Testament beginning with Hosea through Malachi and bear the title "Minor" because of their brevity, ranging in length from 1 to 14 chapters. Though we call them minor, they deliver mighty messages from God spoken to restore justice and righteousness in Israel. We will expand our perception of prophets beyond "those who see the future," widening our understanding of a tradition of visionary preachers raising their voices to call a community into a decision. J and Wendy Stewart will host us in their home at 6:30 p.m. on **November 14**, and **December 12**.

PRIMETIMERS REFORMATION TRIP

On Monday, **October 31**, the Primetimers will have their next outing in Houston, in honor of Reformation Day. The bus will leave from St. Philip at 11:00 a.m. and will return by 4:00 p.m. We will begin with a visit to Charivari, an authentic German restaurant, for lunch. We will then be led by our own Mickey Meyers on a Bonhoeffer tour at the Holocaust Museum. The afternoon will conclude with a stop at the McGovern Centennial Gardens in nearby Hermann Park. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and shades. The trip will cost \$8, not including lunch. Please sign up by Wednesday, **October 26**, by calling the church office. The trip will be limited to 20 people. You may contact Omar Rouchon with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, **November 13** at 5:30 p.m. to pack and wrap boxes for the Seafarer's Christmas project. A few tissues, razors, large bars of soap and toothpaste are still needed and are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the designated boxes in the Gathering Area or in the church office. Thank you for showing hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2)

CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THE SHIP CHANNEL

Please join us for the annual Seafarers' Center Christmas Party on Saturday, **December 3rd**. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. prior to the event. We will provide further details about transportation closer to the event. We will share holiday treats with seafarers and sing Christmas carols inside the center. Piano players and singers are especially encouraged to sign up, though those less musically inclined are also encouraged to come spread holiday cheer. All ages are welcome. Seafarers are often away from friends and family for months at a time, and with increased security following 9/11 are not easily allowed outside of the ship channel. We provide much needed fellowship and holiday cheer to people so far away from home. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the gathering area following church. All attendees will need to bring a drivers license with them to the event for the security process at the ship channel.



We are happy to announce that St. Philip has activated a new app available for download to your smartphone from iTunes or Google Play. Please say hello to the powerful, versatile **ACS Church Life** app. With this handy app your fellow St. Philip members are just a touch away on

your smartphone. To activate the app **you must first share your time and talent with St. Philip by clicking on My St. Philip and following the instructions**. Once you have completed this step, just download the app and you are all set to use the handy directory.



1. 1,041 members.
2. Seventy-two times.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

Dinners for Eight is a fun and tasty fellowship opportunity. Dine with your Sunday friends in your home, their home, or the park. You will be placed with six to seven other individuals. Your group will meet four times between November and June. All you have to do is take one part of the meal - appetizers, salad, dessert, side dish, or beverages to these gatherings and host one of them at your home/alternate location and provide the entree at that time. Your group decides on time and day of week.

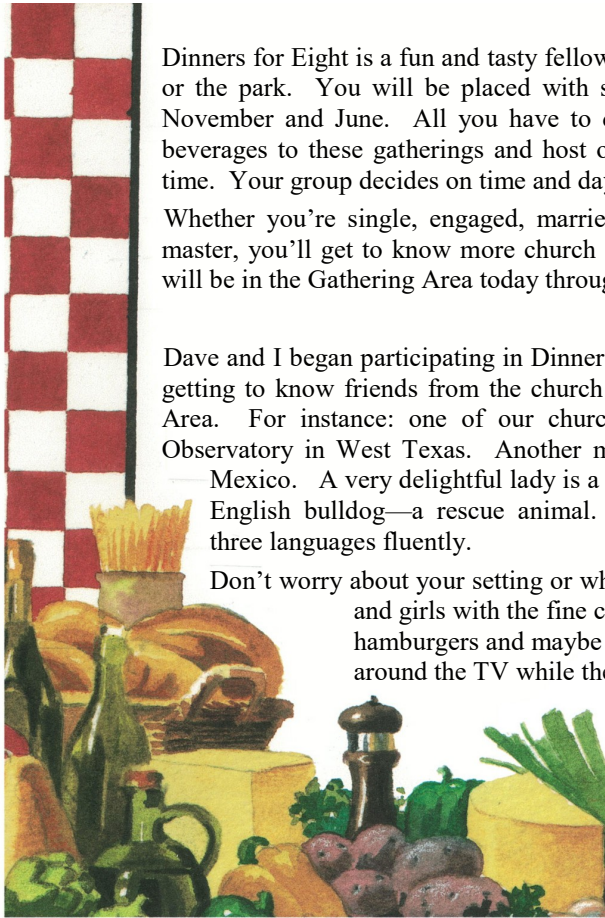
Whether you're single, engaged, married, wise beyond your years, a professional chef or just a backyard BBQ master, you'll get to know more church friends and how many fun things they do beyond Sundays. Sign up forms will be in the Gathering Area today through **October 21**.

Dave and I began participating in Dinners for Eight a year or so before we got married. Each year I look forward to getting to know friends from the church much better than one can over a cup of coffee or donut in the Gathering Area. For instance: one of our church members has been recognized for their support with the McDonald Observatory in West Texas. Another member was an Air Force pilot. Another couple spends summers in New Mexico. A very delightful lady is a docent at Bayou Bend. One of our younger couples are proud owners of an English bulldog—a rescue animal. Another couple has lived all over the world and one of them speaks three languages fluently.

Don't worry about your setting or what dinner is served on, the first year I think we sat at two card tables—boys and girls with the fine china, the next year we ate in the backyard and grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and maybe a mosquito or two on paper plates. Once at another couple's home we sat around the TV while the Super Bowl was on.

Consider joining this year's round of dinners. You might be able to tell me something about a member or even find out who I was talking about above.

Sincerely,
Lorrie Castle



IN OUR PRAYERS

Sam Fisher and her family upon the death of her father Rev. Bruce Fisher on September 27, memorial service will be in Sanctuary on Saturday, **October 22nd** at 11:00 a.m.

Sondra Sullivan – preparing for two upcoming surgeries

Paxton Williams – recuperating from knee replacement surgery

Mark Clemmons--Paramount Rehabilitation Center, Pasadena, TX

Weldon Boggus—Omi Ford's grandfather recovering from heart surgery

Bill Clements—brother-in-law of Vicki McKay; stage 4 lymphoma cancer & heart problems

Bill Hall, member of First Pres. and friend of many St. Philippians, is undergoing treatment for 3rd Stage esophageal cancer

Jan Meyer's parents -Valerie has been moved to Hospice, and Don is fighting health issues in New Braunfels

Virginia Walker, friend of Mary McGuire, recovering from stroke and 2 brain surgeries

Carolyn Vestal—chemotherapy

Dan Cleveland's niece Deanna in Kissimmee, FL fighting Stage IV Breast Cancer

Don DeCamp - Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin's friend who has been moved to hospice care with metastatic prostate cancer

Karen & Bill Morris's nephew Jason in Virginia, diagnosed with Stage IV colorectal cancer

Lorraine Lyter-Reed's brothers: Martin is recovering from amputation; Leland – ongoing cancer treatment

Recuperating at Home:

Sue Baier; Joe Anne Berwick; Jim Bratton; Jan Conner; Ben Conner; Winston Crowder; Larry Dean; Helen Harris; Malcolm Host; Rusty Howard; T.E. Keever; Jo Jones; Alice Pennington; Ruth Siciliano; Sondra Sullivan, new home at the Treemont; Penny Vieau; Ruth Weber

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