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ATTENTION ARTISTS OF ALL AGES

CrossWords is a summer sermon series that begins **Jul. 2**. For eight weeks we will consider different New Testament perspectives on the cross upon which Jesus died and through which we are called to newness of life. We invite you to contribute art that we can use for bulletin covers during the series. We are especially interested in renderings of the large cross on the front wall of the sanctuary. Drawings, paintings, photographs, and other media are welcome. Your contributions can be sent to lorrie@saintphilip.net or dropped by the church office.



Flower cross
by Molly
Boren.



Photo by Lorrie Castle.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES

The Seafarer's Christmas Box program is a mission of the Houston International Seafarer's Center, located at the Port of Houston. Congregations from the Houston area pack personal items that sailors use every day in empty shoe boxes and wrap them with Christmas paper. The boxes are delivered to the Seafarer's Center, then personally taken to the ships by the Port Chaplains. In 2016, 11,876 wrapped boxes were delivered to over 500 ships. Members of these crews traveled from 65 different countries. The seafarers greatly cherish these gifts. Sometimes on board the ships for many months at a time, away from their families, a personal touch of a gift is so important to these sailors. Your donations of the items listed below will help to ease the loneliness and let them know that they are cared for. The items will be packed after Thanksgiving (date TBA), by the loving hands of St. Philip members. Collection boxes will be in the Gathering Area and in the church office for donations.

Empty Adult Shoe Boxes

Knitted Caps

Address Books

Band Aids

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Dental Floss

Deodorant

Deodorant Soap

Gold Bond Powder

Lip Balm

Q-tips

Shampoo

Hotel Samples

Disposable Razors

Shaving Cream

Combs

Nail Clippers

Small Kleenex Packs

Sewing Kits

Gum

Hard Candy

Popcorn (microwave)

Hot Chocolate (mix)

USB Flash Drive

Pens

Mechanical Pencils

Paper Clips

Rubber Bands

Playing Cards

Pocket-sized Notebooks

Texas Souvenirs

Sudoku Puzzles

Word Searches

Key Chains

Baseball Caps

Socks

Wash Cloths

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JULY 9TH COFFEE SALE SUMMER TIME & EQUAL EXCHANGE

FAIR TRADE ICED TEA WITH COOKIES!
IN THE GATHERING AREA
BEFORE & AFTER 11 AM SERVICE



Over the last twenty-two years Equal Exchange's impact amongst farmers has grown beyond coffee farmers in a few Central American nations. Today the company buys the coffee, tea, rooibos, cocoa, sugar, and almonds from over 30 co-operatives in 19 countries on 4 continents. More than 90% of the crops are certified organic, and for coffee farmers alone the higher Fair Trade prices paid by Equal Exchange translated into \$8 million in extra income between 2000 and 2006.

On **July 9**, you can participate in this effort at our congregational coffee sale in the Gathering Area, before and after the 11:00 a.m. service. In addition, your purchase of Equal Exchange products supports Presbyterian efforts with small-scale farmers around the world. The funds help to improve the quality, yield, and value of crops so that farmers can earn more income to support their families and communities.

Please stop by and check out our coffee, teas, chocolates, and olive oil on offer. This being the summer sale we will, of course, have iced tea and a new cookie treat to refresh you!

WELCOMING VISITORS

While summer is a time when many of us are away, it's also prime time for church visitors as people move to Houston and seek a new church home. All of this means that we have lots of new faces among us as we gather for Sunday worship. Please be attentive to the newcomers in our midst, introduce yourself to them, and introduce them to others, including the pastors. It's also especially helpful if we have contact information from them, so make sure that our visitors have a chance to write in the friendship folder. Let us all do what we can to welcome those worshipping with us, reflecting the welcome God has extended to us all in Jesus Christ.



JULY COMMUNION OFFERING

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



JULY COMMUNION OFFERING : KIDS MEALS HOUSTON

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Every day in Houston, there are 88,740 children, or one out of four preschool-aged children, who may not know where their next meal is coming from. Harris County has the second highest rate of child food insecurity in the nation, meaning our children have limited or unreliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. Preschool-aged children often fall through the gap of social services addressing food insecurity. **Kids Meals Houston** addresses the hunger and food insecurity for the age five and younger population who cannot access school free meal programs. In addition, our **Kids Against Hunger** program at St. Philip packs meals that supply much of this needed food to Kids Meals families. The Kids Meals families are also the focus of our Christmas family “adoptions” for toy, clothing, and book giving.

The Presbytery of New Covenant invites you to join in celebrating the installation of *Rev. Andrew J. Gans* as Senior Pastor of Pines Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Service to be held at Pines Presbyterian Church 12751 Kimberly Lane Houston TX 77024

Reception to follow the service.

Come by and join us for...

ICE CREAM

Location: **GATHERING AREA**

SUNDAY JULY 2ND

[AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE AT ST. PHILIP]

*** WE'LL HAVE NOVELTIES & DECORATIONS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY!**

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Susan Leonard & family upon the death of her sister-in-law, Catherine Balentyne-Heaps on June 13.
- Bebe Burns—receiving cancer treatments
- Mary Waggoner—recovering from a stroke at home
- Forbes Baker—presbytery staff, receiving cancer treatments
- Barbara Rathgeber—receiving dialysis
- Barbara Cloninger—at Home Sweet Home Hospice Care in Katy
- Diane Boddington Nahajzer—Laura Burgess’ aunt receiving cancer treatments
- Steve Smith—Shelley Smith’s brother receiving cancer treatment
- Barry McCarthy—friend of Wayne and Sandra Truxillo recovering from a stroke
- Jack Wetmore—friend of Wayne and Sandra Truxillo is receiving treatment
- Greg Scalapino—friend of Stephen Paine suffered a stroke

Margaretta Bolding’s family upon her death on May 10. Memorial Service scheduled **June 21** at St. Philip at 10:30 a.m.
 Helen Harris’ family upon her death on May 8. Memorial Service scheduled **June 24** at St. Philip at 11:00 a.m.

Recuperating at Home

Joe Ann Berwick, Larry Dean, George Helland, Donna Host, Malcolm Host, T.E. “Joe” Keever, Carol Paine Kendrick, Carey Murphey, Alice Pennington, Carolyn Vestal, Penny Vieau, Ruth Weber

EVERYONE LOVES THEIR PETS!

Submitted by Vicki McKay



All pets need a collar and leash, but for some poorer communities it is just too costly to spend money on a collar or leash for your pet, so they use ropes, chains or even on old belt – whatever is handy. Even if it isn't really safe for the animal! The people in Mexico find themselves in this situation where spending money on collars and leashes is just not possible.

My friend Diana Morrow relocated to Mexico for retirement three years ago and has been helping local veterinarians each month when they do FREE Spay and Neuter clinics for the local community. At the clinics they replace the ropes, chains and belts with a proper leash and collar when they bring in their pets. The local people have been very appreciative of the leashes and collars they have been given. The animals love it too! However, now they are in need of more collars and leashes, and we can help by sending more supplies!

If you are in the mood to buy your own pet new accessories then recycle the old. Please bring any used or new collars or leashes you would like to donate to the church now through **July 23** and put in the donation box in the Gathering Area or office.



Any size collars or leashes are welcomed. Vicki McKay will send them to Diana in Mexico to help the pet clinic and insure the safety of pets everywhere. This is a unique mission opportunity, but one where we can make a difference. Questions contact Vicki at chimpchamp@hotmail.com.

PRIMETIMERS

ATTENTION, PRIME-TIMERS! On Monday, **July 10**, we will visit the Brookwood Community in Brookshire, Texas, exploring parts of its beautiful campus, which is home to adults with disabilities and is famous for its horticulture (our Christmas poinsettias and Easter Lilies come from Brookwood) and lovely ceramics. Following the morning tour, lasting approximately one hour and fifteen minutes, we will enjoy lunch in the The Café at Brookwood. The tour is free, but each participant pays for lunch. There will also be plenty of time to visit the Gift and Garden Center. Please be at the church parking lot by 8:30 a.m., departing promptly at 8:40 a.m. This promises to be a most enjoyable outing, both educational and inspirational. Please sign up by contacting the church office (713-622-4807) by Monday, **June 26**.

ART SHOW AT WEBSTER PC

Webster PC (201 West NASA Parkway, Webster) invites you to their art show. God In Nature: Earth, Fire, Wind, and Water runs through **July 2** and includes 36 paintings and pieces of fiber art and sculpture in the sanctuary. St. Philip member Hope Wilmarth has three art quilts in this exhibit.



It takes 700 volunteers to make Back-To-School a success! You can contribute your time and energy to this worthy cause or help inspire others to volunteer.

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd @ Ave. B (just inside Loop 610).

Sort & Set-up: **July 29**—7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Help prep and organize supplies.

Distribution: **August 4 & 5**—7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Help distribute school supplies, vouchers and “bonus items” to clients.

Sign up in the Gathering Area or email Nancy Lomax at nancy.r.lomax@gmail.com.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

The next service of healing and wholeness will be **June 25**. 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.



JUST ARRIVED!
PICK UP YOUR COPY
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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 ARE ON RECESS FOR THE SUMMER

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

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 Grades 6-8—Room 206

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

BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – The class is engaged in a study of the book of 2 Samuel which tells of the rise 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.

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. Please contact Omar Rouchon if you have any questions.

CHURCH & SOCIETY - Room 201- Church & Society will resume classes on Rally Day, **Sept. 10** with a class reunion and preview of the presentations for the fall semester.

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! We are currently reviewing the revised common lectionary through *Feasting on the Word*. Contact Greg Han at greg@hanmail.me

PW CIRCLES

The Presbyterian Women have concluded the 2016-17 Bible Study; circles will resume in September.

The Wednesday Evening Circle will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month in **June, July, and August**. It will return to the first Wednesday of the month in September. For more information on gatherings email Laura Burgess at laura.e.burg@gmail.com

WEEKDAY CLASSES

PUB CLUB !!!New Men's Group!!!

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 first gathering is Tuesday, **June 27** at 7 p.m. at Coaches Pub at 2204 Louisiana St. 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.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Everyone is welcome to the continuing meetings of the Monday evening study group! Our next meeting is **June 26**, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Join your fellow St. Philippians for refreshments and a brief prayer as we close our discussion of *Waking Up White* (by Debby Irving). We gather in the dining room (in the administration building, at the south end of campus), and will be covering chapters 34, "Becoming multicultural," through 46, "Whole again." The study group will be on vacation in July and August, but we will be back to studying a new book in September.

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. at a member's home. Our next meeting on **July 13** will be a social outing. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information go to: <http://saintphilip.net/BookGroup.html> or Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell6@gmail.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join persons in their 20s and 30s who engage heart and mind in exploring the mystery of faith through worship, theological conversation, and mission within an inclusive, supportive community that is committed to serving our neighbors with compassion and humility. Next meeting is **July 18** at 6:30 p.m. at Fadi's Meyerland Mediterranean Grill, 4738 Beechnut St, 77096.

RETURNING IN THE FALL

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

In the **fall** join John Wurster as he leads a Bible-based discussion. The class meets at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Dining Room.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in the self-led group, the Men's Weekly Fellowship each Friday. They meet in the Conference Room at noon. The men who wish to participate should bring a bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. The group wraps up promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Robert Estill if you have any questions.