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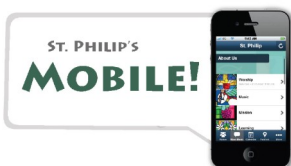
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CONFER HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP UPON ELIZABETH DUERR AND ANNE WILSON

During worship on September 11, Rev. Keatan King and Mary Ann Thomas conferred upon Elizabeth Duerr and Anne Wilson Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women for their service to the church. They were presented with a Certificate and Lifetime Membership pin, which symbolizes the values of Presbyterian Women that Elizabeth and Anne have exemplified in their service to St. Philip. The Honorary Life Membership honors an individual's faithfulness to the ministry of the church. This honor is bestowed upon women and men whose gifts, leadership, commitment, and service are considered exceptional by the consensus of PW leadership. We are honored and blessed to serve Christ with Elizabeth and Anne.

ABOUT THE PIN

The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ.



GROWING IN GRACE AND GRATITUDE

STEWARDSHIP 2017



As Christians we live in a grace-filled space known as the love of God. Here at St. Philip we are blessed with many fellow travelers who share our lives' journeys and join us in thanking God for the chance to live and grow together. The theme for our stewardship campaign this fall is "Growing in Grace and Gratitude," and we will take time to reflect on what this means to us in weeks ahead.

We have begun this year's campaign with the new approach to the Time and Talent Survey. Did you receive the link in your email to get to [AccessACS?](#) Better yet—have you gone online and shared with us your Spiritual gifts? The causes that make your Heart beat? The Abilities you have to share with SPPC? What you bring

through your Personality? And finally what Experience you have? Notice the bold letters, these questions will **SHAPE** how you are matched with opportunities of service.

If you have given the office more than one email address for yourself, please indicate to Lorrie which address is your preferred one for accessing the database at Lorrie@saintphilip.net.

Sharing our time and talents with our church and others is a key part of the stewardship of our lives and essential to our spiritual growth in Christ's service. Please respond to this survey with prayer and with care as you join us in this new adventure.

Romans 5: 1-2. "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the Glory of God."



Every year, Americans spend over a billion dollars on millions of pounds of Halloween chocolate. Equal Exchange is an organization that sells chocolate that has been produced under fair labor practices and without the enforced work of children. Equal Exchange pays farmers a fair price for their cacao, which helps them support their families, care for the environment and invest in their futures. They visit their farmer partners often and can verify that no forced child labor was involved in the growing of their cacao. Isn't that how it should be? Bite-sized milk and dark chocolate minis are perfect for trick-or-treaters and you can preorder boxes of 150 or smaller bags of 25 each at our **September 25th** coffee sale before and after the 11 a.m. worship service. Halloween chocolate will be available for pick up in **October** on Sunday the **23rd** and **30th**.

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**.

FLOOD RELIEF IN LOUISIANA

We are exploring sending a group later in the fall to help in the recovery work. Please let Keatan King know if you have an interest in participating in this mission opportunity. keatan@saintphilip.net.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

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



OCTOBER 2ND
COMMUNION OFFERING
 PRESBYTERIAN PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
 AND INTERFAITH MINISTRIES REFUGEE SERVICES

WORLD COMMUNION—OCTOBER 2ND

The October communion offering goes to the Presbyterian Peace and Global Witness Offering with the local portion going to Interfaith Ministries Refugee Services.



**Are you Presby Pro
(Presbyterian Proficient)?**

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

1. The PW Lifetime Membership pin awarded on September 11 at SPPC, has a special connection to our church. Do you know what it is?
2. How many Presbyterian Theological seminaries *PC(USA)* are there in the U.S.A.?

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 4 & 5—Room 103

Grades 6-8—Room 206

Grades 9-12—Room 205

Confirmation Class—Room 202

Youth Choir/Youth Group meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Next gathering is **September 25**.

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

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

CHURCH & SOCIETY - Room 201 - **September 25** - A Science-Religion Potpourri - Can Nature Be a Guide to Goodness? - A recent Pew Research survey revealed that religious people are actually less likely to see science and religion as being in conflict than are non-religious people. But some issues still fly under the radar of the general media. The second class in the Science-Religion Potpourri series will explore the question of whether nature -- which we come to know more and more through science -- can be a guide for morality presented by Bruce Yeager. **October 2** - Christian Ethics and Practices in the Business and Legal World presented by Keith Fletcher from Simmons and Fletcher Law Firm.

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. Many members are of the age in which family/children obligations can take them away on Sundays. The curriculum is usually on a weekly basis or no more than a three-four week series so that all participants feel they can "jump back in" if they miss a week. SPa works hard to pray for one another and to get together outside of Sundays. In the next few classes, discussion will be about Lucas Hnath's play "The Christians." The facilitator **September 25** is Greg Hahn.

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 **September 25th**.

CHILDREN'S BIBLES

On Sunday, **September 25**, children in Grades 1, 3, and 5, will be presented Bibles during the 11 o'clock worship service. Following the service at 12:15 p.m., children and parents are invited to a Bible-reading workshop in **Room 202**, where lunch will also be served. Let us celebrate the gift of knowledge as we continue to learn and share God's word to us.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

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 **October 13**. We will discuss *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information go to: <http://saintphilip.net/BookGroup.html>

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Join the discussion in the Dining Room (in the Administration building, at the south end of campus) **September 26** with St. Philip's Monday evening study group! Besides conversation, our meetings include fellowship, refreshments, and a brief prayer, as we continue our study of *The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels. We will be discussing chapter 2, "One God, One Bishop: The politics of monotheism." 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.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study continues each week in the dining room at 10:30 a.m. Omar Rouchon is leading the discussion "Reading through the Lectionary." Each week we read the lectionary's gospel passage. All are welcomed to join!

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Join the Men's Weekly Fellowship this Friday. They meet on Fridays in the Conference Room at noon. This Friday they will review the first chapter of *Search for Happiness* by Martin Thielen. Robert Estill has volunteered to lead this discussion. The Men who wish to participate should bring a bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. Men of all ages are welcome. The group wraps up promptly at 1:00 p.m.

BBQ WRAP UP

Thank you to the fellowship team who put together an outstanding event! Special recognition goes to Max Wennenwaser and his brother Jim for setting up at 5 a.m. to start the brisket on the grill in the parking lot. Congratulations to all who made ice cream for the competition. Honorable mention goes to Lori Murphy with Strawberry Basil (she also made a very good Guinness ice cream). First Runner-Up was Lorrie Castle with Mint Chocolate ice cream and for the third year in a row, Shirley Ann Frautschi won the golden scoop for Pumpkin Spice.



The Judge: Rev. Keatan King and Shirley Ann Frautschi, winner



Max Wennenwaser

INTERFAITH NEWS

St. Philip has been a longstanding supporter of Interfaith Ministries. In addition to promoting interfaith relations, IM's core functions include refugee services and senior care through Meals on Wheels. Registration is underway for the next round of IM's Dinner Dialogues, which this time provide an opportunity to learn more about our Muslim neighbors. Dinners will be held at mosques across the city on Thursday, **October 27** from 6:45 to 9:30. Cost is \$20/person. The early registration link can be found at www.imgh.org.



Exploring Houston's Faiths:
Your Muslim Neighbors
Hosted in mosques throughout Houston

Date: Thursday, October 27th
Time: 6:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Registration fee: \$20 per person
www.imgh.org/DDFall 2016



Music at St. Philip Concert Series opens the 2016-2017 season with the **Concert for Peace**, Saturday evening, **October 1**, at 7:00 p.m. The Concert for Peace takes its theme from the St. Philip Commitment to Peacemaking of 2003: "We are committed to the promise of peace ... and the work that it requires."

This annual Concert for Peace combines music, poetry, and moments of silence. The music will be provided by **Aperio - Music of the Americas**, with pianist Michael Zuraw, cello, and soprano. Aperio is an ensemble of local and internationally recognized musicians that showcases rarely performed music from South and North America. The concert will include works by Villa-Lobos, Copland, Barber, Piazzolla, and others.

The featured poet is **Roberto J. Tejada**, Professor at the University of Houston, and author of three poetry collections including *Full Foreground* (Arizona, 2012). Tejada's multifaceted cultural studies and creative activities have been widely recognized. His research and creative interests involve the language arts and image worlds of Latin America, especially Mexico and Brazil, the U.S.- Mexico Borderlands.

The concert takes place in the sanctuary. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be received to be shared equally between Interfaith Ministries (IM) Refugee Services and Music at St. Philip Concert Series. All are welcome.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you missed it, don't despair! You may always swing by the church office Monday through Friday and pick it up. Contact Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net if you want to make arrangements to have one left for you on a Sunday. Either way, be sure to get your copy! *The Communications Committee*

ARTS & CRAFTS STUDIO SATURDAY'S

The next Arts & Crafts Saturday will meet **October 1st**. 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.

September 22, the first day
of autumn
(Autumnal Equinox)



LORD OF THE STREETS

Many thanks to the members of St. Philip for serving breakfast to the homeless on September 11 as part of the Lord of the Streets (LOTS). They include Skip Britton, Bill Camfield, Janet Davis, Don Davis, Angelina Fonseca, Joyce Fox, Allison Hooker, Sara Jean Jackson, Suzanne Kerr, Tom Lewis, Ram Rush, Cynthia Shoup and Mark Takyama. We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you would like to make a short-term commitment to take part in this gratifying mission, please call Janet Davis at 713-464-2385.

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 **Nov. 20th**. Are you interested? For more information, please contact Lori Murphy via email at lmurphette@gmail.com or 713-447-5320.

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. 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! There are only a limited number of rooms available. Register online with this link: <http://tinyurl.com/jam2jo3>

Questions?? Contact: Anne Wilson at anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES AND SERVICES

If you or anyone you know would be interested in running the 2017 Houston Marathon, please consider joining the PCHAS team on **Sunday, January 15, 2017** for the Chevron Houston Marathon & Aramco Houston Half Marathon! The race starts at Congress & San Jacinto. The registration fee for the Half Marathon is \$115, and a Full Marathon is \$135. For your fundraising needs, we will supply you with material to share and short videos about our many programs to email to your prospective supporters. We will send you links to training tips, as well as information about the race course. You and your family will be invited to attend our annual pasta dinner held the afternoon before the Marathon. This will give you an opportunity to meet the other PCHAS runners, enjoy some delicious food, and learn more about PCHAS. We'll get you motivated for race day! To guarantee your spot, you will need to fill out the commitment form by contacting Sarah Cleary at sarah.cleary@pchas.org and returning it to her. The minimum you'll need to raise is \$500, which is a lot easier than you think! The deadline for registration is **December 2**. We will not be able to accept any registrations after that date. You can contact Sarah by phone at 512-731-2571. If you are not a runner but would love to join our effort, you can register yourself as a fundraiser for PCHAS by following the link below:

<http://secure.marathonguide.com/HoustonMarathon/Fundraising/Signup.cfm?CID=653>



IN OUR PRAYERS

Jan Meyer's parents -Valerie has been moved to Hospice, and Don is fighting health issues in New Braunfels
 Wendy Paser – Mary Ann Thomas' cousin's wife who is receiving cancer treatment in Clearwater, FL (8/22/16)
 Bruce Fisher—hospice care at Brazos Towers
 Carolyn Vestal—chemotherapy
 Ruth Weber – Vosswood for rehab/physical therapy
 Jim Bratton – Buckingham for rehabilitation
 Dan Cleveland's niece Deanna in Kissimmee, FL fighting Stage IV Breast Cancer
 Don DeCamp - Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin's friend who has metastatic prostate cancer
 Karen & Bill Morris's nephew Jason in Virginia, diagnosed with Stage IV colorectal cancer
 Cathy Truxillo—Wayne & Sandra Truxillo's sister-in-law who is receiving treatment for congestive heart failure
 Lorraine Lyter-Reed's brothers: Martin is recovering from amputation; Leland – ongoing cancer treatment

Recuperating at Home

Sue Baier

Joe Anne Berwick

Jan Conner

Winston Crowder

Larry Dean

Helen Harris

Malcolm Host

Rusty Howard

Jo Jones

Alice Pennington

Ruth Siciliano

Sondra Sullivan, new home at
the Treemont

Penny Vieau

SEAFARERS



We invite you to participate in this caring ministry as St. Philip collects items for the Christmas boxes for Port of Houston Seafarers.

This is a ministry which brings cheer, God's love, and practical gifts to people from around the world who must be away from family at Christmas. The men on the ships truly appreciate the love and hospitality offered by these Christmas boxes. Think about your life. Most of us get to be home every night with family and/or friends. Those who work in shipping are away from home for months at a time. They are thankful for the work, but they miss their families, friends and home communities. The Port of Houston Chaplains are our ambassadors to these seafarers. The Christmas boxes are personally carried to each ship by the Port Chaplains.

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)

PW CIRCLES

The next meeting of each PW Circle will be in the month of October. Lesson Two will be the discussion topic.

- 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

ST. PHILIP STITCHERS VISIT HOUSE OF TINY TREASURES



The St. Philip Stitchers meet monthly to make youth quilts for the children attending the House of Tiny Treasures pre-school. September 8, fifty quilts were delivered to the Lombardy campus. In addition, toddler jeans and toiletries for children (toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby shampoo) were donated. Mitzi Bartlett, Director of House of Tiny Treasures, and Katherine White, Volunteer Coordinator for Search, conducted a tour of the facility.

The St. Philip Stitchers will gladly deliver any donations you would like to make:

gently used clothing	shoes, sizes 2-6	diapers sizes 2-4
baby wipes	baby shampoo	sun screen
youth toothbrushes and toothpaste		

In addition, the St. Philip Stitchers would gladly receive monetary donations for quilting supplies. You can do this by mailing a check to the church made out to the St. Philip Stitchers.

Please direct any questions to Hope Wilmarth, hlwilmarth@hotmail.com. Our meeting dates are posted on the St. Philip calendar found on the church website.



House of Tiny Treasures



1. Bill and Laney Miller's sister, Patricia Lynn Miller designed the pin.
2. There are ten. You can see a complete list on the PC(USA) [website](#).