

Dear Friends,

I'm looking forward to participating this Sunday in an interfaith service on the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The service is at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 6:00, and everyone is invited to attend. Sharing in this kind of service with people from a variety of faith traditions and practices is often an occasion for me to reflect and affirm what is distinctive about our witness as Presbyterians. Who are we and what do we value? There are a number of ways to answer those questions. In light of the season unfolding before us, I'll offer this one:

At the center of our Presbyterian tradition is a fierce commitment to education for all people. Loving God with all of our minds, as the Scripture directs, requires that we regularly engage in learning opportunities to grow in our understanding of God and the world God has made. Presbyterians have established schools in every corner of the globe over the past 500 hundred years. Many of the premiere educational institutions in our county were founded by Presbyterians.

Education, of course, is a big part of our life as a congregation. We devote significant resources to this ministry because faith and learning are inextricably linked. Most of our educational program happens on Sunday morning. Each week we offer classes for all ages using curriculum that is developmentally appropriate for each age group. Often the lessons for our children are based on the same scripture readings that we hear in worship. Our adult Sunday School classes address a variety of topics, including social issues, history, theology, and the Bible.

The learning opportunities at St. Philip extend beyond Sunday School and include midweek Bible study, monthly book studies, Presbyterian Women circles, small group gatherings, lecture series, and more. For our children and youth, a primary location for Christian education is at home, for that is where they learn patterns and priorities.

As this new education year dawns, I encourage you to claim your identity as a Presbyterian and find your way to a class of some sort. If you'd like to sample a Sunday School opportunity, all of our classes gladly accept walk-ins. Surely, there is much for all of us to learn as we seek to "comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:18-19).

Educationally yours,



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

July 2016

Called Session Meeting – July 17th

Session received into membership:

- Melinda and Bill Brunger by restoration from St. Philip inactive roll
- Tom Montgomery by reaffirmation of faith
- Barbara Montgomery by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Houston
- Brian and Amye Webster (sons Joseph and John) by letters of transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Anacortes, WA

Session approved the lease agreement between St. Philip Presbyterian Church and Kimberly Wright dba Absolutely Divine Catering for use of the kitchen for food preparation for her catering business, and authorize Clerk of Session to execute same.

Session endorsed Margaret Fair, Caleb Han, and Elizabeth Junkin to serve on the Presbytery of New Covenant Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC).

August, 2016

Stated Session Meeting – August 16th

Session authorized the adoption of Landscape Architect Lauren Griffith's full contract, the balance of \$6,500 to be paid as the work progresses.

Session accepted the principal of the master landscape plan that was presented by the Landscape Task Force.

Session approved expanding the Landscape Task Force to identify which parts of the plan to pursue first, and then to explore funding options and report to the Session.

Session approved extending the contract with Omar Rouchon as Ministry Associate through December 31, 2016.

Session acted to inquire with the presbytery regarding a process through which Omar Rouchon might be called, ordained, and installed as an associate pastor at St. Philip.

Session approved Reserve for Replacements transfers for Q2 totaling \$16,845.14.

Session approved proposed changes to the Building Use Policy of the Property section of the Manual of Operations for St. Philip Presbyterian Church.

Session approved for the 2016 – 2017 Confirmation Class the "Professing Our Faith" confirmation curriculum from the We Believe series, supplemented with TheoAcademy (online free videos made by the PC(USA)). The class will also use the two parts of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Part I, the latest Book of Confessions study edition including the Belhar Confession; and Part II, the 2015- 2017 Book of Order.

Committee Actions:

The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee has acted to donate its portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering that will be taken up on October 2nd World Communion Sunday to Interfaith Ministries Refugee Services program, the same program that St. Philip supported with the donation drive last year.

The Property Committee has approved a preliminary 2017 Property Budget of \$290k to be taken to the Budget Committee.

The Property Committee has approved replacing the existing single window A/C Unit in the Kitchen with two larger A/C Window units. Units \$3372, Electrical \$590, and Installation <\$1000, not to exceed \$5000 in total.

The Stewardship Committee has decided that the Time and Talent Survey will be provided online using the Serving module of the church Access ACS software during the month of September. Paper forms will be available to those who do not wish to use the online version.

The Stewardship Committee has set the Stewardship Luncheon to be held on Sunday, October 30, 2016.

The Stewardship Committee has scheduled Commitment Sunday to be on Sunday, November 13, 2016.

Called Session Meeting – August 21st

Session received into membership Dorothy Blackwell by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Houston

YARD SALE

AT ST. PHILIP

We had an incredibly successful yard sale on Saturday, August 27. Many volunteers gave time and energy to help make available our surplus to people who could really use the items. We met many people during the day.

And appreciation for the Central mid century-modern furnishings was evident: Two interior designers battled it out for modern couches at 7:00 am in the morning!

Dozens of children happily left with toys, which their parents could not have provided for them at store prices. Lots of parents and grandparents found homes for nursery toys and furniture.

One hundred and fifty of our old banquet chairs went to a mission in Cameroon. Many of our children's books and Sunday school curriculum material went to a church librarian and reading intervention specialist. One hundred place settings of our church china and furniture went to a small Christian church. Our hymnals and old choir stoles are going to a flooded church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Teaching material went to Baytown Presbyterian. We were able to provide free clothing and Bibles and religious educational curricula to people who needed such items. We were able to furnish mission and humanitarian projects globally.

Many buyers who could afford it gave donations above the asked price. One gentleman in particular came back later in the day to give us a one-hundred dollar donation because he was so impressed with our mission and courtesy during the sale process!

Volunteers included: Ginny Camfield, David Castle, Dan & Trudy Cleveland, James Cooper, Jessie Fair, Omi Ford, Jan Fox, Governor Frazier, Ed & Janet Hess, Judith Hiott, Bill Holden, Sue Howard, Marcia James, Roderick James, Chuck Johnson, Cletus Johnson, Jane Larkin, Jane, Tom Lewis, Lorraine Lyter-Reed, Mary McGuire, Todd Murphy, Steve Nettles, Clara Reed, William Rowe, Barbara Runge, Pam Rush, Jenilee Simmons, Mark Taylor, Paxton Williams, and Lance Wilmarth. Additionally, Jaime Parada, pastor of Oasis led a group of volunteers to clean out the areas they utilize. If you helped and we left off your name, it is not because your time was not valuable, we are only human and apologize. Of course all of our wonderful staff was a driving force in supporting the sale.

Because of the sale, we have cleared four complete rooms and many storage closets of stored items. This enables us to pursue other purposes for God's work. We will use some of that space to store mattresses and supplies which will be sent to flood victims in Louisiana.

Thanks to all who donated and who participated. Please take time to recognize and thank Ed Hess for his leadership and perseverance on accomplishing this project.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF ST. PHILIP



The Presbyterian Women (PW) of St. Philip will kick off their 2016-2017 year on Sunday, **September 18th** with a joint meeting of all PW Circles. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the dining room, and the Bible study will be led by Rose Niles. All women are encouraged to attend! Lunch will be provided and a voluntary donation would be appreciated.

The PW of St. Philip is known most widely as the organizers of memorial services. While this is a big and important part of our ministry, there is a lot more that we do!

Nurturing our faith through prayer and Bible Study -The larger PW group at St. Philip is divided into four smaller circles. Each month each of the circles meets to share their lives, pray together, and partake in a universal Bible study. This year, the theme of the Horizons Bible study is: *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*. Guides can be purchased at the joint meeting on **September 18th**.

The meeting times are as follows:

1. The Monday Morning Saints Circle meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the dining room. A member hosts each meeting and provides a light breakfast snack.
2. The Wednesday Evening Circle meets at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the dining room. Members are encouraged to bring their own dinner with them.
3. The Sunday Circle meets at 12:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the dining room. Each person is asked to bring something to add to a salad.
4. The Wednesday Morning Circle meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the parlor. A member hosts each meeting and provides refreshments for the meeting.

Presbyterian Women commit to ourselves to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens PC(USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom

PW is open to all women! In addition to monthly meetings, we host a Christmas luncheon each year, and a weekend retreat each January at the Cenacle Retreat House in Houston. The Presbyterian Women of St. Philip have a lot going on! Stop by the joint meeting on Sunday, **September 18th** for faith, food, and fellowship begins at 12:30 p.m.

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, September 11 is Rally Day

and the first day of Sunday School Classes
Sunday School begins Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Youth Choir/Youth Group meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12) - 4:30—5:30 Sanctuary

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

CHURCH & SOCIETY - Room 201 - **September 11** - Join us for the Church & Society Class Reunion and Previews of Coming Attractions.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY

On the second and fourth Sunday of each month, children in pre-K through first grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel with our Ministry Associate 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.

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

PW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

The last summer meeting of the Wednesday Night Circle will be Wednesday, **September 6** at 6:00 p.m. Please meet at Berryhill in the plaza behind the church.

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 **September 8** at the home of Barbara Cavanaugh. We will discuss *The Martian* by Andy Weir. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Please note that we have switched the order of the October book and the January 2017 book to coincide with the release of the movie “The Girl on the Train.” For more information go to: <http://saintphilip.net/BookGroup.html>

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

The next gathering of the Monday evening study group is **September 12**, in the dining room (in the administration building, at the south end of campus). We will be reading chapter 1 in Elaine Pagels’ *The Gnostic Gospels*, “The controversy over Christ’s resurrection: Historical event or symbol?” 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

The Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on **September 14** at 10:30 a.m. The first six weeks will be led by Omar Rouchon, “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 on **September 16th** instead of previously stated date of September 9th. They meet on Fridays in the Conference Room at noon. A book is chosen at the beginning of the year to discuss. 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.



Are you Presby Pro (Presbyterian Proficient)?

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

1. The first communion on the moon was performed when and by whom?
2. After River Oaks Elementary School and before 4807 San Felipe where did St. Philip PC meet, then known as Memorial Oaks Presbyterian Church?

BBQ

Join us for the Annual BBQ! The fun begins at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **September 17th**. The Fellowship Committee will provide drinks and meat. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share: A-D desserts, E-P side dishes, Q-Z salads/veggies. Also, bring your best home-made ice-cream for the annual ice-cream contest. All ages are welcome. We'll see you there!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Hey you beautiful people! (We saw your photos so we know it's true!) The final distribution of the newly updated Church Directory will be on Rally Day, Sunday, **September 11th**. Mark your calendars. If you miss it, don't despair! You may always swing by the church office Monday through Friday and pick it up. 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**. Would you like to share a craft with everyone? Last year Vicki McKay taught us how to make large ribbon wreaths; Jeremy Murphy taught bookmaking; we learned how to make pop-up greeting cards; flower pot snowmen where a hit and Sarah Metsa taught jewelry making. If you would like to share a craft, please contact Lori Murphy at lmurphette@gmail.com or 713-447-5320.

CHANCEL GUILD

The Chancel Guild invites you to participate in preparing our worship space for services. Every six months we solicit volunteers to take one Sunday to oversee that preparation. 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 2016 through March 2017. Please join us! Look for the signup sheet in the Gathering Area. Contact Jane Larkin at 713-621-1222 or l.larkin6561@att.net for more information.

**WE CHOOSE WELCOME.**

A major emphasis of the Peacemaking & Social Justice Committee this year is the plight of an estimated 60 million refugees worldwide. What is the human and intelligent response of individual Christians? Of nations? Of political parties? This excerpt from "An Appeal to Christians in the United States," signed by approx. 5000 theologians and clergy, including many Presbyterians, is offered for reflection:

Because of fear we too easily caricature or condemn those who are different from us... and we demonize the refugee and immigrant forgetting that Jesus was once a refugee in a foreign land.

Peacemaking & Social Justice Committee



The 2016-2017 Music at St. Philip Concert Series will commence on Saturday evening **October 1** at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This year's theme taken from the St. Philip Commitment to Peacemaking of 2003 is "We are committed to the promise of peace ... and the work that it requires" .

The music this year will be performed by Aperio (Music of the Americas). Led by Michael Zuraw, Aperio is an ensemble of local and internationally recognized musicians dedicated to preserving chamber music literature through performances that showcase contemporary composers from the Americas. The ensemble's programming examines the art music of South and North America, while revealing the mutual impact that each cultural tradition has had on the other. Aperio concert programs emphasize the music of composers from South America and the United States, focusing particularly on the cultural contributions drawn from many indigenous and foreign cultures, while featuring the promotion of new works and emerging composers.

Our featured Poet is Roberto J. Tejada

Roberto Tejada is a professor at the University of Houston and is the author of the poetry collections *Full Foreground* (Arizona, 2012), *Exposition Park* (Wesleyan, 2010), and *Mirrors for Gold* (Krupskaya, 2006). A translator, editor, essayist, photography historian, and critic, his multifaceted cultural studies and creative activities have been widely recognized. Tejada lived in Mexico City (1987-1997) where he worked as an editor of *Vuelta* magazine, the cultural monthly published by the late Nobel laureate Octavio Paz, and as executive editor of *Artes de México*, a quarterly detailing pre-conquest to contemporary Mexican art. He founded the multi-lingual literary journal *Mandorla: New Writing from the Americas*. Committed to conversation whereby culture and poetics enliven sites of inquiry—regional, transnational, and diasporic—Tejada's research and creative interests involve the language arts and image worlds of Latin America, especially Mexico and Brazil, the U.S.- Mexico Borderlands.



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/DDFall2016



St. Philip Music

Inspiring faith through the beauty of sacred sound.



JOIN US FOR THE 2016-2017 SEASON!

St. Philip Choir

For adults college age and above.

Adult singers in all voice parts are welcome and invited to join the **St. Philip Choir**, focusing on sacred choral music in all styles from the 12th-century chant through music of our own time, and providing members with regular training in vocal techniques, music reading, and sight singing in a warm, welcoming and engaging atmosphere. In addition to singing great choral music every Sunday, highlights this season include **Advent Lessons and Carols** in December, and a rousing performance of **Vivaldi's Gloria** in May. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights, and the complete 2016-2017 St. Philip Choir schedule is available online. New members are always welcome — come join us!

Questions about choir opportunities for adults?
randall@saintphilip.net • 713.622.4807 x310

VISIT US ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.saintphilip.net/music.html

St. Philip Youth Choir

For young people in grades 6-12.

The **St. Philip Youth Choir** welcomes all junior high and high school students into the exciting world of music and singing. **If you like to sing, or you play an instrument, we want you!** Rehearsals are on Sundays from 4:30 to 5:30pm, and the choir will sing for church services approximately once per month. **Rehearsals begin September 11.** See you there!



Questions about music opportunities for youth?
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Bell Canto Handbell Choir

For adults and high school age youth.

The handbell choir is open to both experienced and rookie ringers. Some music reading ability is helpful, and there's room for a sizable number of players! Smaller ensembles of ringers are also formed as needed, and this provides a unique opportunity for experienced ringers to develop their musicianship through playing in small groups. **Bell Canto** rehearses on Monday evenings beginning in mid-September, and plays for worship services approximately once a month. Come ring with us!



NEW!

If you've never rung handbells or handchimes before, don't worry, we'll teach you how!

Questions about handbells or handchimes?
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LORD OF THE STREETS

The next date for us to serve breakfast to the homeless is **Sunday, September 11**. We gather in the St. Philip parking lot at 6:30 a.m. to carpool to Trinity Episcopal Church and are back at the church by 9:00 a.m. in time for Sunday school. We need 15 volunteers. If this date is good for you, please call Janet Davis at 713-464-2385 to take part in this gratifying project.

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. The registration deadline is **September 15**. 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 our team! **Sunday, January 15, 2017** Chevron Houston Marathon & Aramco Houston Half Marathon. The race starts at Congress & San Jacinto. The registration fees 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 a 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 us. 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.

To request your commitment form, please email our Senior Development Officer in Houston, Sarah Cleary by simply replying to this email or at sarah.cleary@pchas.org. You can also 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:
<https://secure.marathonguide.com/HoustonMarathon/Fundraising/Signup.cfm?CID=653>



IN OUR PRAYERS

Jan Meyer's parents – mom has been moved to Hospice and dad is fighting health issues
Wendy Paser – Mary Ann Thomas' cousin's wife who is receiving cancer treatment in Clearwater, FL (8/22/16)
Carolyn Vestal—chemotherapy
Winston Crowder – Memorial Hermann, TMC
Ruth Weber – Vosswood for rehab/physical therapy
Jim Bratton – Buckingham for rehabilitation
Don & Valerie Meyer – parents of Jan Meyer, coping with health issues
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

Larry Dean

Helen Harris

Malcolm Host

Rusty Howard

Jo Jones

Toto McGehee

Alice Pennington

Ruth Siciliano



EXCERPTS FROM MISSION PARTNERS' CORRESPONDENCE

The following Mission Partners wrote thank you letters because of contributions either from the Mission budget or communion offerings they recently received from St. Philip:

Good Neighbor

“Words cannot express the depth of Good Neighbor Healthcare Center’s appreciation for the long-standing support of St. Philip... Your generous gift...was received and placed into Good Neighbor’s general operations account. These much-needed funds allow us to continue our mission of *promoting the well-being of our community by providing a full range of affordable quality primary and preventative health care in an environment that fosters dignity and respect.*”

Signed *Ann Thielke*, RN, BSN, JD, and CEO

Interface Samaritan was the recipient of the August communion offering and received \$1,340 thanks to you.
The Mission Committee

Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church

“Twenty-five years ago Lord of the Streets moved in the neighborhood...populated by scores of men and women who are homeless and/or struggling with other challenging life circumstances or consequences. Like Jesus, we came and we exist to love back to God, to health, and to “home” those often unseen or unwanted and living in the shadows. We do so through the Light of God’s love and word. Your generous gift ...helps us continue to stay in the neighborhood, to welcome people home out of the darkness of shame, fear, resignation, isolation, addiction, hunger, cold, and hopelessness, and to include them as valued members in a community of sinners saved by grace.”

Signed by *The Rev. Steve Capper*, Vicar

Mo-Ranch

Mo Ranch received their 2016 check from the Mission Budget and used the money for Camp in the Valley. They said “With your support, you are part of Mo-Ranch’s ministry, aiding us to continue in our mission to foster growth in God through Jesus Christ by sharing our unique living, learning, Christian environment...The 40 children to be served next week (week of July 25) are excited. This will be a great witness.”

Signed *Dick Powell*, President

Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services

“We are so blessed by your recent gift...to support our Houston Single Parent Family Campus. Thank you!...We are so grateful for the many ways St. Philip Presbyterian Church has lifted up PCHAS over the years. This year, your support will help single mothers learn life skills, while becoming confident, strong, self-sufficient leaders of their families. Also, their children will be surrounded with love, while they heal from past pains and learn to follow their dreams. Your gift will shine grace on these families, giving them a new found strength and hope. The campus is alive with the laughter of children and the joy of women who have finally found a support system.”

Signed *Sarah Cleary*, Senior Development Officer

Project C.U.R.E.

On behalf of Project C.U.R.E., thank you for your generous gift. Your commitment to Delivering Health and Hope to the World is truly appreciated. Each year, we deliver more than 560 million worth of medical supplies and equipment to underserved hospitals and clinics around the world. These resources provide health and healing to tens of thousands of people who need it desperately. It is because of supporters like you that we have been able to strengthen health care facilities, transform communities and save lives for 27 years.

Signed, *W. Douglas Jackson*, PhD, JD, President/CEO

SEARCH

“On behalf of the children and families served by SEARCH’s House of Tiny Treasures (HTT), thank you for your generous and thoughtful gift to support HTT, Houston’s only early childhood development center dedicated exclusively to serving the youngest victims of homelessness. Through gifts like yours, HTT can continue to provide our youngest clients with the comprehensive early care, education, and therapeutic services they need in the safe, stable and nurturing environment they otherwise lack, while their parents take the steps necessary to get back on their feet.”

Signed *Thao Costis*, President and CEO



1. July 20, 1969 by astronaut and elder Buzz Aldrin.
2. The Houston Coca-Cola Plant on Bissonnet. It was referred to as the *The Coca-Cola Church* and it developed into “the real thing”