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CHILI COOK-OFF



You are invited to the St. Philip Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 7th from 5:30-8:00 p.m.. Please bring a chili or a side. There will be prizes for the best chilies! Bring competing chilies to the Fellowship Hall by 5 p.m. You'll be sampling and voting for the hottest chili, best vegetarian chili, best in show chili, and best corn bread.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation is February 8 in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service. The docket for the meeting includes a review of the 2014 annual report, review of the 2015 budget, election of members to the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC), and approval of the pastors' terms of call. Those being nominated for two-year terms on the CNC are Don Barker, Kate Burkhart, and Gary Whitney. Additional nominations from the floor are possible with the prior consent of those being nominated. Lunch will be available.

February 1 Communion Offering

The communion offering for February will go to HIDRA (Houston Interfaith Disaster Response Alliance). In August 2014, 50 faith community representatives gathered at Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston to better understand the issues regarding an influx of unaccompanied minors and others crossing into Texas from Central America via Mexico. They formed a working group (HIDRA) to develop an interfaith response focused primarily in Harris and contiguous counties. As of Sept. 30, 2014, the Office of Refugee Resettlement reported 3,364 children were placed with sponsors in Harris County along with another 300 placed in the surrounding counties. HIDRA has established a fund with a goal of raising \$500,000 that will be used to provide financial resources to schools and not-for-profit social service agencies serving populations that include these Central American child migrants.

DUERR LECTURE SERIES - 2015

Speaker for the 18th annual Duerr Lecture Series, February 22, 23, and 24, 2015, will be Dr. Douglas F. Ottati, Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice at Davidson College.

Dr. Ottati's lectures, "Exploring the Teaching of Jesus," will reflect on selected features of Jesus' teachings: his message of the kingdom of God, his special concern for the poor and the outcast, and his emphasis on love of God, neighbor, and even enemies. He will explore these teachings in the gospels, some ways in which they have been interpreted in the church's theological tradition, and how they connect with broad contemporary issues.

Dr. Ottati holds degrees from the University

of Pennsylvania, and the Divinity School, University of Chicago. He served on the faculty of Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, for many years and in 2007 joined the faculty of Davidson College.

Dr. Ottati will preach at the Sunday morning worship services (8:30 and 11:00) and present lectures each evening at 7:00. All lectures are free and open to everyone. Invite a friend to this spiritually rewarding event. Child care is available for each lecture by calling the church office.

Congregational Concerns

Marian Murphree and family upon the death of Lee Murphree January 18

Jo Helland - recuperating from surgery

Jo Jones - recuperating from surgery

Mary Benson-receiving treatments

Jan Connor - recuperating from surgery

Wanda McHone - recuperating at home

Barbara Cloninger - hospice care

Rita Hannah - rehab after fall

Bedford Vestal - rehab after fall

Al Atkinson - cancer treatments

Rusty Howard - MD Anderson

Frank Donnelly - under hospice care

Carolyn Vestal - recuperating at home

Larry Dean - Seven Acres on Braeswood

T.E. "Joe" Keever - The Hallmark

A.M. "Mike" Tomforde, Jr. - Hallmark HC

Maurine Koelemay Creed - cousin of Gary Willis, undergoing chemo therapy.

Linda Joullian, Wayne and Sandra Truxillo's sister - lung and stomach cancer.

Anna Michalka, Lorraine Scott's mother - recuperating from a broken shoulder.

Baker Fullerton -Walker Fair's uncle - complications from heart surgery.

Mike Josler, former member Danielle Willis Josler's husband - lung cancer.

Clare Slick Way, Bill Slick's sister - recuperating at home

Friday Phil-Up

Join us for food and fun at this month's Friday Phil-up! We will meet at Teotihuacan Mexican Cafe, 1511 Airline Blvd., at 6:30pm on Friday, February 20th. Childcare will be provided on the church campus, beginning at 6:00 pm. Please call the church office at 713-622- 4807 to register your children for childcare.

Equal Exchange Sale

Equal Exchange is committed to sourcing fairly traded cocoa from small-scale farmers who are members of co-ops in Latin America. Fair Trade ensures stable prices for farmers and upholds International Labor Organization (ILO) standards on child labor. **Please support these small-scale farmers with your Valentine candy purchases this year. The Coffee Team will have a large selection of fair trade chocolate on offer, as well as coffee, tea and olive oil, in the gathering area before and after the 11am service on February 8th.** If possible, please make your purchases prior to the 11am service so the Coffee Team can attend the congregational meeting.

Dear Friends

Throughout the past year, the leadership of young disciples at St. Philip has enriched our worshipping life. Our youth and children have drawn us closer to God as they lift their voices in liturgy and song, share the gospel in Scripture reading, and faithfully bear symbols of the means of grace: Bible, water, fire and cross.

Rather than reserving these abundant gifts for one Sunday of the year, we wish to integrate the leadership of all members of the community into our whole worshipping life together.

Seniors in High School have participated in the tradition of offering sermons during their final year as youth. As Seniors set their eyes toward college, the most valuable gifts we can offer them are the tools they will need their whole life to proclaim the gospel.

This year, the tradition takes new form as seniors will learn the disciplines of exegesis and homiletics from the pastoral staff. Next year, our seniors will find themselves a long way from home, but what they learn through preaching will be close at hand. Exegesis teaches the spiritual discipline of careful listening for God's voice, word, and wisdom. Homiletics teaches the spiritual discipline of harnessing one's own unique gifts to preach good news for all. This Sunday, Paxton Lambright, a senior at St. John's School in Houston, will preach at the 11:00 am service on Mark 1:21. Among Paxton's many spiritual gifts are her passion for mission, her desire to serve those most vulnerable in society, and her creative interpretation of Jesus' healing ministry which she will proclaim in two weeks.

Peace be with you,

Keatan

Music at St. Philip

Music at St. Philip Concert Series will present Mass in G Major, D. 167 by Franz Schubert (1797-1828), on Sunday, March 1, during the 11:00 worship service. The music will be incorporated into the service of the Lord's Supper.

The young Schubert composed this work in the first week of March, 1815, making this its 200th anniversary. Taken as a whole, the music reveals both astonishing beauty and the extraordinary talent of a teenage composer who at times ignores the musical conventions of his day, exercising free thought, both artistically and theologically.

The St. Philip Choir and Soloists will be joined by chamber orchestra and organist Matthew Dirst, and conducted by Thomas Goetz.

Volunteer Opportunity

MARITIME CHAPLAIN TRAINING AT HOUSTON SEAFARERS

Our Presbyterian seafarer chaplains will be conducting a maritime chaplain training school at the Houston Seafarer Center next month. The school is the only one of its type in North America and draws students from all over the U.S. and Canada. They need volunteers to prepare and serve lunch to the class on at least one day. The lunches need not be elaborate — a sandwich, salad, chips, cookies, fruit, etc. would suffice. It should only require 3 or 4 people. The available dates are Feb. 6, 9, 10, and 11. If there is any small group that would like to tackle is, it would be appreciated. Rev. Ben Stewart will be coordinating the lunch for the school. He can be contacted at 281-546-9255 (mobile). His email is benhstewart@yahoo.com.

Congratulations!

Congratulations goes out to Jack and Tyler Lippincott for their successful participation in the Chevron Houston Marathon. Jack Lippincott ran and finished his 41st consecutive race in recordable time. He now holds the record for consecutive finishes for this event. He came in 36 in his age group and his unofficial time was 5:06:37. Like father, like son, Tyler Lippincott ran the 1/2 marathon and came in 9th for his age group.



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| 01 Caryn Bahruth | 10 Roy Nelson |
| Nan Schissler | 11 Helen Moore |
| Brandon Steele | 14 Mary McKelvey |
| 02 Walter Baker, Jr. | 15 Marilyn Crawford |
| Maggie Seeliger | Kristen Mann |
| 03 Bill Morris | Molly Vestal |
| Betty Stone | 16 Martha Red |
| 04 Steve Lawson | 18 Julia Fox |
| John Lindsay | Velma Guy |
| Mark Young | Grace Nenna |
| 05 Beverly Baker | 19 David Durham |
| Ginny McDavid | 22 Winfield Williams |
| Wilbert Parada | Wallace Pepi |
| Gary Willis | 23 Virginia Waldrop |
| 06 Victoria Lewis | 24 Mary Ann Thomas |
| 08 Olivia Munson | 25 Ahirley Frautschi |
| | 26 Laura Boston-Perez |
| | Lucas Spath |
| | 27 Miles Frey |
| | Renee Wright |

Articles should be sent to Laurie Fortenbery at philip-eye@saintphilip.net.

Also, contact Laurie if you would like to receive the Philip-Eye online. You get the news faster, the church saves postage, and the impact on the environment is lightened just a bit.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL

Nursery and Preschool

Infants and children through 3 years old

8:30 am to 12:30pm - Room 106

Staffed by professional childcare providers

Preschool 3 through 1st Grade

Godly Play Class - Room 104

Elementary 2nd-5th Grade

Grades 2 and 3 meet in Room 105

Grades 4 and 5 meet in Room 103

Music - with Music Director, Tom Goetz

1st through 5th grades 9:30 am – 10:00 am

Children join teachers in their classrooms at 10:00

Youth in Bible Study

St. Philip youth, 6th through 12th grades

Rooms 204 and 206

Supported by sponsors and Sunday School teachers

Adult Classes

CHURCH & CLASS - Room 201

2/1: The Effect of the 2013 Supreme Court Decision on voters' rights: Did this provision remove a critical tool to combat racial discrimination in voting? Presented by George Gibson - Anti-Defamation League Vice Chair. **2/8:** Selma to Montgomery: 1965 and 2013. This presentation retraces the three marches in 1965 that led to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Presented by Yezdi Rustomji. **2/15** - The Jasper Ministerial Alliance - The Healing of a Community in Crisis - Presented by Rev. Louise Row - pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Jasper, Texas in 1998.

SPa CLASS - Room 200

The SPa (Saint Philip Adults) class is a fellowship of adults from all walks of life who gather for learning, dialogue, and prayer. Our current study is "That They May Be One: The Evolution of Christian Community."

BIBLE STUDY - Room 204

Currently the class is engaged in a study of Joshua, a rich, complex and often troubling book in the Old Testament that follows the Hebrew nation from wandering in the wilderness into the conquests of the Promised Land. The Bible study class utilizes the insights of a variety of scholars and texts to expand our understanding of God's message of faithfulness to His people. Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop lead the discussions. All are welcome. In January we'll look at the current issues facing the Presbyterian Church USA.

ARTS & CRAFT STUDIO

Room 9 (old classroom wing)

Please see schedule www.saintphilip.net. This class is a time for creativity and learning ways to express your joy of the Lord through the visual arts. You don't have to be crafty to join. Learn something new, teach something new, share in the gifts and talents given to us.

CALENDAR

~ February 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8:30a-9:30a Worship Service 9:30a-10:30a Sunday School 10:30a-11a Choir Rehearsal 11a-12p Worship Service 12:30p-1:30p Choir Lunch - DR 12:30p Session Committee Meetings Education, 201 Fellowship #103 Mission Mtg, 204 Prophecy, 202 Stewardship, 203 Worship & Music, 200 2p-3p Lauren Sula Ordination Service 3p-4p Reception for Lauren Sula - Gathering Area 5:30p Young Ad Super Bowl Party - Fair's home	6:30p-7:30p AA, Rm16 7p-9p Bell Chor Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7p-9p Bell Chor Rehearsal, BR 7p-8p Houston Pipes, FH 7p-8p Theology on Tap	9a-10a Fitness Class, FH 9:30a-10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p AA 12 Step, Rm 16	10:30a-11:30a Wednesday Bible Study, DR 12p-1p Personnel Committee, CFR 6p-7p Wed Night Circle, DR 7p-8p Chancel Choir, CR	9a-10a Fitness Class, FH 10a-11a Kids Against Hunger, DR 12p-1p Art Collection Comm. Mtg., CFR 7p-8p Monthly Book Club	12p-1p Mens Fellowship, CFR 12p-1p SLAA, Rm 16 (Room 16) 8p-9p AA, Rm16 8p-9p AA, Rm16 8p-9p AA, Rm16	5:30p-6:30p Chili Cook-Off - Fellowship Hall 8p-9p Interface Samaritan Mtg 7p-8p Oasis de Amor Worship Svc, FH (Fellowship Hall)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
8:30a-9:30a Worship Service/Bell Canto 9:30a-10:30a Sunday School 10:30a-11:30a Choir Rehearsal 11a-12p Worship Service/Bell Canto 11:15a-12p Childrens Chapel 12:30p Annual Congregation Mtg - FH 5:30p-6:30p Confirmation - Cont. Rm.	10a-11a Mon. Morning Saints, DR 5:30p-6:30p Mon. Evening Study Group, DR 6:30p-7:30p AA, Rm16 7p-9p Bell Chor Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7p-8p Houston Pipes, FH	9a-10a Fitness Class, FH 9:30a-10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p AA 12 Step, Rm 16	10a-11a PMW Meeting, CFR 10:30a-11:30a Wednesday Bible Study, DR 7p-9p Chancel Choir, CR	9a-10a Fitness Class, FH 10a-11a Kids Against Hunger, DR 12p-1p Art Collection Comm. Mtg., CFR 7p-8p Monthly Book Club	12p-1p Mens Fellowship, CFR 12p-1p SLAA, Rm 16 (Room 16) 8p-9p AA, Rm16	Valentine's Day 10a-2p Piece Makers, ACS 7p-8p Oasis de Amor Worship Svc, FH
15	16 Presidents' Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
8:30a-9:30a Worship Service 9:30a-10:30a Sunday School 10:30a-11:30a Choir Rehearsal 11a-12p Worship Service 12:30p-1:30p KAH Packing, DR 12:30p-1:30p Sunday Circle, DR	6:30p-7:30p AA, Rm16 7p-9p Bell Chor Rehearsal - Ball Room 7p-8p Houston Pipes, FH 7p-8p Theology on Tap	9a-10a Fitness Class, FH 9:30a-10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p-7:30p AA 12 Step, Rm 16	10:30a-11:30a Wednesday Bible Study, DR 12p-1p Ash Wednesday service 12p-12:30p Worship Service 12:30p-1p 3rd Wed. Bridge, DR 6:30p-7:30p Ash Wednesday service 7:15p-8:15p Chancel Choir, CR	9a-10a Fitness Class, FH	12p-1p Mens Fellowship, CFR 12p-1p SLAA, Rm 16 (Room 16) 8p-9p AA, Rm16	7p-8p Oasis de Amor Worship Svc, FH
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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LENTEN PRACTICES CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LENTEN PRACTICES CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES 2015			FEBRUARY 18 Ash Wednesday [P] HOPE	FEBRUARY 19 [F] No TV or screens today (except for homework)	FEBRUARY 20 [S] Make a card for someone who needs extra love	FEBRUARY 21 [P] GIVING
FEBRUARY 22 [F] No snacks between meals today	FEBRUARY 23 [S] Do something kind for a neighbor.	FEBRUARY 24 [P] GRATITUDE	FEBRUARY 25 [F] Only water to drink today	FEBRUARY 26 [S] Buy or find 5+ items for a food bank. (Deliver on March 28)	FEBRUARY 27 [P] JESUS	FEBRUARY 28 [F] Eat very simple meals for breakfast, lunch, & dinner.
MARCH 1 [S] Pick up litter outside your house or at a park.	MARCH 2 [P] SPIRIT	MARCH 3 [F] Do not use toys that require batteries or electricity	MARCH 4 [S] Call someone and tell them you are thinking of them today.	MARCH 5 [P] HOLY	MARCH 6 [F] Do not listen to music in the car.	MARCH 7 [S] Take a treat or meal to someone
MARCH 8 [P] PATIENCE	MARCH 9 [F] No desserts or treats today	MARCH 10 [S] Say something nice about each person in your family.	MARCH 11 [P] DESERT	MARCH 12 [F] No TV or screens today (except for homework)	MARCH 13 [S] Invite someone to your house for dinner.	MARCH 14 [P] JOURNEY
MARCH 15 [F] No snacks between meals today	MARCH 16 [S] Give someone real or paper flowers.	MARCH 17 [P] SERVICE	MARCH 18 [F] Only water to drink today	MARCH 19 [S] Draw a picture for someone and mail it.	MARCH 20 [P] FRIENDSHIP	MARCH 21 [F] Eat very simple meals for breakfast, lunch, & dinner.
MARCH 22 [S] Write someone a thank you note	MARCH 23 [P] GOD	MARCH 24 [F] Do not use toys that require batteries or electricity	MARCH 25 [S] Learn something about another country or culture	MARCH 26 [P] MERCY	MARCH 27 [F] Do not listen to music in the car.	MARCH 28 [S] Deliver your food bank items
MARCH 29 [P] PEACE	MARCH 30 [F] No desserts or treats today	MARCH 31 [S] Buy dog or cat food for an animal shelter (deliver Sat.)	APRIL 1 [P] KINDNESS	APRIL 2 [F] No TV or screens today (except for homework)	APRIL 3 [S] Plant a tree or flowers	APRIL 4 [S] Deliver animal items.
APRIL 5 Easter! [P] RESURRECTION	These activities are based around the traditional "3 Pillars" of Lent. Prayer [P], Fasting [F] and Almsgiving/Service [S]. The pillars are rotated throughout lent with simple activities. On the prayer days, use the word provided to inspire a prayer you write, draw, or sing. All of the activities are suggestions. Modify them for your own family! © Traci Smith 2015 www.traci-smith.com					

Thank You!

Many, many thanks to 10 members of St. Philip who served breakfast to the homeless on January 25 as part of the Lord of the Streets (LOTS) program at Trinity Episcopal Church. They were Linda Bevill, Skip Britton, Ginny and Bill Camfield, Tom Cavanaugh, Janet Davis, Elizabeth Duerr, Robert Estill, Governor Frazier, and Tom Lewis.

We are really in need of some new volunteers for this important and gratifying project. We serve the homeless four (4) times a year, but you don't have to serve every time unless you want to. If you are interested and would like to sign up, please call Janet Davis at 713-464-2385 to take part in this wonderful mission project. Our next date to serve is March 22.

And Thank You Again!

I wish to thank my St. Philip family for all the wonderful cards, phone calls, and prayers as I recovered from surgery. I am simply overwhelmed by you fabulous people!

Your sister in Christ,
Laurie Fortenbery

Easter Boxes for the Women's Home

It's that time once again to begin filling Easter boxes. The recipient of these boxes, the Women's Home is a unique long-term residence program providing women the opportunity to rebuild their lives through spiritual counseling, individual therapy, and work training.

The Easter boxes, a long-time project of Presbyterian Women, is open for participation by all. The goal is to fill 55 boxes and present them to the Women's Home for Easter distribution.

Here are some suggestions of needed items: cosmetics (purchased or department store samples), hotel or airline samples, tooth brushes and tooth paste, mouthwash, razors, combs, hair brushes, hair spray, postage stamps, envelopes, note paper, note cards, and jewelry. Note: especially needed are 10-14 oz. bottles of shampoo. You may do a complete box, a partial box, or just donate loose items.

Bring to a PW Circle meeting or leave in the marked container in either the church office or the Gathering Area near the Sanctuary. Please feel free to call Janet Davis at 713-464-2385 if you have any questions.

In Need of a Handyman?

Governor Frazier, a member of St. Philip, is looking for handyman work and/or light labor. If you can benefit from his assistance, please call him at 832-512-3648 or email him at governorfrazier@gmail.com.