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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

If you have volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School, thank you! There are a few things you will need to know before we begin. To that end a training session has been scheduled for Sunday, June 21. Please be in room 202 at 9:30 a.m. so we can start on time.

SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

The Music at St. Philip Concert Series’ 2015 Summer Recital Series is in full swing. On July 12 at 6:00 p.m., a program of “Baroque Love Duets” will be presented by countertenor Chris Holman, mezzo-soprano Cynthia Bauder, harpsichordist Matthew Dirst, lutenist Bruce Brogdon, and gambist Jordan Witherspoon. Then on August 30 at 6:00 p.m., the series presents organist David Heller, Professor of Music, Chair of the Music Department, and University Organist at Trinity University in San Antonio. All programs are free, and an offering will be accepted in support of the Music at St. Philip Concert series. Come and enjoy the cool sanctuary at St. Philip during the sweltering summer heat and be rewarded with beautiful music!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE JUNE 21

The Communications Committee is happy to announce the pictorial church directories have been printed and will be available for pick up in the Gathering Area this Sunday, June 21, after both worship services. You are welcome to bring the pages of last year’s directory to the church office to be shredded. Please do not discard them in your trash receptacles.
In Our Prayers
Bedford Vestal - Methodist
Chuck Johnson - cancer treatments
Kay Cash - recuperating from surgery
Winston Crowder - Memorial City Rehab Center
Steve Carmichael - lyme disease
Ruth Ewing - recuperating at home
Jo Jones - recuperating at home
Bill Camfield - recuperating at home
Al Atkinson - recuperating at home
Rusty Howard - recuperating at home
Dan Cleveland - running tests
Larry Dean- Seven Acres
Tom “Mike” Tomforde, Jr.- Hallmark HC
Linda Joullian, Wayne Truxillo’s sister - cancer
Baker Fullerton - Walker Fair’s uncle - recuperating
Frances Kanakivis - cancer, former nursery worker

Congratulations!
Evan and Lori Johnson are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Andrew Longino Johnson. He was born June 10. Proud grandparents are Nancy E. Johnson and Richard and Meg Scott Johnson. Big brother is Benjamin.

Thank you so much for your prayers, notes, and well wishes for the past few months regarding my foot surgery. I continue to recover, but feet take a long time. My left foot was reconstructed a year ago and the right foot was operated on in January of this year. I am walking with vigor again, but with periodic pain. I am told, “Give it another year!” My wonderful husband has been terrific support! And I appreciate the support I have received from you!

Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor

Peacemaking & Social Justice Committee Update
Focusing on the needs of Houston’s immigrant population needs this year, P&SJ Committee members are beginning to educate themselves about Interface Ministries’ Refugee Assistance Program. This program provides services and support to equip refugees with the tools they need to make a new life, find work, care for their families, and take part in the American dream. Staff work to assure that every client feels welcomed and is self-sufficient within six months of arrival in the Houston community. Our committee has begun a discussion of ways that St. Philip and members of our congregation can get involved in a helpful way. We will have more to report on this activity at a later date.

Seafarer Christmas Boxes
St. Philip will be participating in the 2015 Christmas Shoebox Program. We are collecting the following items to fill the Christmas boxes: 100 medium sized shoe boxes, hotel samples (of shampoo, conditioner, hand cream), socks, wash cloths, bars of soap, toothpaste/brushes, handkerchiefs, pencils, pens, paper, cards, paper clips, sewing kits, stick, cotton balls, band aids, cups, gloves, ziplock bags, small calendar, packs of tissues, decks of cards, razors, comb, flashlights, chewing gum, hard candy, rubber bands, a holiday card. The boxes will be distributed to visiting seafarers by volunteers and Chaplains working with the Houston Int’l Seafarer’s Center. Place your donations in the Wishing Well in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Kids Against Hunger
Kids Against Hunger will be packing meals on Saturday, June 20, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Come help us in this valuable mission project.

Sunday School Classes for All
Nursery and Preschool
Infants and children through 3 years old
8:30 am to 12:30 pm - Room 106
Staffed by professional childcare providers

Preschool 4 through 12th grade
These classes will not meet during the summer months. They will resume in the fall.

Adult Classes
CHURCH & SOCIETY - Room 201

SPa CLASS - Room 200
The SPa class will not meet during the summer months, but will resume in the fall.

BIBLE STUDY - Room 204
The class will not meet during the summer months, but will resume studying the book of Judges in the fall.

ARTS & CRAFT STUDIO
This class will not meet during the summer months, but will resume in the fall.
accredited preschool for homeless children under the umbrella of Search, make quilts for the children attending House of Tiny Treasures, an pictured here with some of the sew-off quilted fabric which we will use to offs” to groups that will pay the shipping, cut to size and bind. We are machine before it is boxed for shipping. HandiQuilter donates the “sew touring the plant, she discovered the “sew off” pieces created to test each quarters in Salt Lake City, UT in March. When Hope Wilmarth was at the HandiQuilter head- a company that makes long arm quilt machines. The next meeting of the St Philip Piece Maker quilting group will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This group of quilters met for lunch at Beverly Baker’s home in June. The group is the recipient of “sew off” quilted fabric from HandiQuilter, a company that makes long arm quilt machines. Hope Wilmarth was at the HandiQuilter head-quarters in Salt Lake City, UT in March. When touring the plant, she discovered the “sew off” pieces created to test each machine before it is boxed for shipping. HandiQuilter donates the “sew offs” to groups that will pay the shipping, cut to size and bind. We are pictured here with some of the sew-off quilted fabric which we will use to make quilts for the children attending House of Tiny Treasures, an accredited preschool for homeless children under the umbrella of Search, one of St. Philip’s mission partners.
Jenny Towns and Vicki McKay will be going on the Presbytery sponsored mission trip to Guatemala, specifically Guatemala City, Antigua and Xela. They will be there the week of July 17–24, in partnership with CEDEPCA. This is a cross-cultural exchange to learn more about the issues that Christians face in Guatemala.

The congregation is encouraged to participate through donations for the people in Guatemala. The following items are needed: pencil pouches, glue, scissors, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, markers, band-aids, alcohol swabs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, travel-sized shampoo and conditioner, blanket CDs, and envelopes (light-weight items only please, no pads of paper for example). Please place your donations in the collection box in the Gathering Area and church office. The Disaster Ministry is hoping to provide 1000 Eco Water Filters (50 each) to high-risk communities in 2015. Money to purchase these water filters is another way to donate. You can make checks to St. Philip with Guatemala or CEDEPCA in the memo line. **We will collect items through July 12.**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Our church has had a prayer shawl ministry since December 2, 2002. During that time we have provided 87 Prayer Shawls for members of our church. If you would like to be part of this ministry please feel free to begin. If you have any questions you may call or email Ruth Ewing or Sue Shirley Howard.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

We are very excited to have Dr. Robert Dykstra, Professor of Pastoral Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, with us this year on August 8th and 9th. “In an era characterized by endless war, fundamentalist religious fervor, the cacophony of politicians, and struggling churches, we long for relief from relentless exhaustion through grand solutions to intractable problems. But Jesus encourages us to find in small things – in children, yeast, mustard seeds, five loaves and two fishes, a pearl of great price – “the little ways that encourage good fortune” in the kingdom of God.” The weekend will include two sessions on Saturday with lunch, a Saturday evening gathering for Young Adults (20’s and 30’s), a gathering at the Sunday School hour for the Youth (Jr. and Sr. High’s), and Robert will preach at both worship services on Sunday.

**PHILIP-EYE info.**

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

Please take note: The deadline for submitting articles for the next PhilipEYE is July 3.

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.*