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WELCOME OUR NEW EMPLOYEE KENYA THOMAS GOODWINE

Joining the St. Philip staff this past month is our new bookkeeper, Kenya Thomas. Kenya grew up in Pinecrest Presbyterian Church and worked as a secretary during high school and college. She has 20 years of work experience with the oil and gas industry, including 2 years in the Middle East. She has been a Real Estate Professional since 2008, specializing in residential property taxes, veterans and active military housing. Most intriguing to me is her work as a legislative aide for Texas State Representative Harold V. Dutton Jr. I look forward to asking her questions about how things really work in Austin. Kenya attended Texas Southern University and Barham Graduate School and Seminary College.



Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Gamma Sigma Chapter she is currently serves as treasurer of SGR Charitable & Education Foundation. Kenya serves as board member for Women Know How, a non-profit organization that helps single mothers. Additionally, she is a notary public, and has a real estate and mediator license.

Kenya loves to cook and spend time with her family. She has two daughters—Victoria, Jayla, Eric Jr. her 5-year old stepson and granddaughter Skylan. Kenya and her husband, Eric D. Goodwine spend time together on the golf course. Her hobbies include exercising, wreath-making, reading biographies and fashion magazines, traveling, bike riding and going to the theatre. Downtime for Kenya equates to facials and massages at the spa and visiting resorts.

Please welcome Kenya to St. Philip. Her email is bookkeeper@saintphilip.net and her phone extension is 113.



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January

Day	Name	Day	Name
1	Kelley Fair	15	Margaret Fair
1	Charles Swan	16	William Howard
1	Liam Gensch	17	Lane Fletcher
2	MaryAnn Dana	17	Casey Lambright
3	Rollie McGinnis	17	Wendy Stewart
3	Lou Allen	18	Carol Junkin
3	Jacquie Colton	19	Ada Fuller
3	Amy Irick	21	Colby Stewart
4	Mason Arnes	22	Thomas Kimbro
5	Nina Lambright	23	Eleanor Grant
5	Idalia Stevenson	23	Janet Hess
6	Celia Morgan	23	Lauren Waldrop
6	Richard Alt, II	23	Colin Williams
6	Carmen Stevenson	26	John Wurster
11	C.J. Miller	28	Lorrie Castle
12	Janet Martin	28	Caleb Han
12	Dee Manley	29	Carolyn Vestal
12	Elias Han	29	Tom Cavanaugh
13	Melinda Brunger	29	Holly Crisp-Han
13	Peter Lippincott	29	Amanda Kirtley
13	Gentry Atkinson	30	Joel Irick
13	Edward Atkinson	30	Angelina Fonseca
14	Bonnie Moore	31	Frank Keever

Fun Stuff

In 2022 I will share with you in edition of the newsletter amazing facts, dumb jokes, crazy ads, brain stuff, and quizzes regarding the Bible. There will be stuff you probably know, that which you didn't know you knew, and secret stuff. I hope you enjoy my Fun Stuff corner.

—Lorrie Castle

Dumb Jokes

- 📖 Where is baseball in the Bible?
“In the big-inning, God created...”
- 📖 What did Adam call the 365 days after his wife was created?
New Eve's Year
- 📖 What kind of luggage did Delilah take on her honeymoon?
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On that note I will wrap up by sharing with you that David and I are celebrating our 10-year anniversary this week and look forward to seeing everyone when we return next week.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Celebrate your wedding anniversary, family birthdays, or memorialize your mother and father by sponsoring the chancel flowers on Sunday morning. The Flower Calendar for 2022 has gone digital, please sign up to sponsor the flowers on the date which you prefer. If you have any questions, contact Lorrie Castle at 713-622-4807 or lorrie@saintphilip.net. Sandra Truxillo, Flower Coordinator will call you the week you chose to sponsor flowers to discuss the type of flowers and the message you would like in the bulletin. The standard arrangement is \$100 and you will be billed at the end of the month.

Click here to pick your date: [Flower Sign Up](#)

Thank you.



Many thanks to those who have already submitted pledges of financial support for 2022. The stewardship committee is hoping to wrap-up our campaign, so the committee will soon be making follow-up calls. Pledge cards can be returned to the church office anytime or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. At our next meeting on **January 13** at 7:00 p.m., we will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah; watch your email for details of where we will be meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at nnl@lambrightlaw.com

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday continues with Zoom sessions Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Email John for details and to get on the list - john@saintphilip.net.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Returns **January 7**. Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets in person each Friday in the Dining Room from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. Also, while there is an in person meeting, that meeting is carried live via Zoom for those who want to join the meeting but are either out of town or prefer to meet from a distance. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP will have its next meeting Tuesday, **January 4**, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The study book is *Race in America; Christians respond to the crisis*, edited by David Maxwell and Laura Cheifetz. The book is available from Amazon or from the PC(USA) bookstore. Persons interested in joining the group can send an email to welcom@stphilip.net and type PSJ Study Group in the subject line.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS is meeting again each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 204 of the Education Building. We will resume our study of the last ten Psalms with Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms* (2007) and then return to the Kingdom of Israel at I Kings 2.13 with Dr. Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us for more discoveries in Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

Christian Community Service Center (a St. Philip Mission Partner) recently recognized our own Marcia James and Rhoda Arnes on their Facebook page. *Marcia James, right, and her daughter Rhoda Arnes host a holiday tea every year that brings together friends and benefits CCSC. Guests donate food or funds to CCSC and enjoy a lovely tea party and fellowship. Over the years, the tea has become a family affair that includes Rhoda's husband and sons. Thank you to Marcia and her family!*

Congratulations and Thank you Marcia and Rhoda!

CHURCH & SOCIETY—9:40 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. by Zoom - **January 9** - "State of the Presbytery of New Covenant and Preview of the 2022 Meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA." Focus on the challenges and opportunities facing the presbytery in the year 2022 and preparation for the 225th. General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, **June 18 - July 9**. Presented by Rev. Lynn Hargrove General Presbyter + Stated Clerk for Administrative Process for Presbytery of New Covenant. **January 16** - "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow for St. Philip" Presented by Rev. Dr. John Wurster. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

LENT CLASSES—The Education Committee will offer a 5 week class during Lent called "Experiencing God," an opportunity to see how the Holy Spirit connects with people in unique and personal ways in their daily life. Two or three church members will informally share one of their spiritual practices for 10-15 minutes. There will be also time for individuals to try these different ways to encounter God. The goal is to encourage and learn from one another on our journeys of faith.

If you feel God might be calling you to share in this way, please contact Betsy Boston at ehbluzerne@aol.com or Omar Rouchon at omar@saintphilip.net.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

December 2021

Stated Session Meeting – December 21, 2021

- Session approved the Celebration the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Presbyterian Women's Retreat on Sunday, January 25, 2022, off campus at the Journey Retreat Center.
- Session accepted Ralph and Ralph, P.C.'s report of its independent audit of the St. Philip Presbyterian Church financial statements for the years ended 2020 and 2019.
- Session approved the following Communion Offerings for 2022: Seafarers Ministry in January; Interfaith Ministries Meals on Wheels in February; Living Waters for the World in March.
- Session approved the securing of \$7,200 for six months of rent for an Afghan refugee family to be identified by Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston (IMGH) as part of their refugee resettlement program.
- Session confirmed the hiring of Kenya Thomas as our bookkeeper, effective December 13, 2021.

Committee and Council Actions:

- Mission Committee has approved expending up to \$750 from the Liberty High School Angel Fund to purchase warm clothing and other basic needs for several students in serious need.
- Property Committee has approved Reserve for Replacement expenditures for the month and year.

John A. Lemen, Clerk of Session

The Duerr Lecture Series will return for its 25th anniversary with a full program of preaching and lectures, **February 20, 21, and 22, 2022**. We are excited to offer all lectures both in person or by live-streaming. All lectures are free and open to everyone.

"Discovering the Pastoral Christology of Luke"

Speaker for the series is Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston, Pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC, leading us through a deep exploration of Luke 7. In Luke 7 Jesus expands our understanding of inclusion, attends to deep grief, uses his authority to offer new teachings about long-held beliefs, and gives an example of how we might engage with enemies. In a time rife with division and conflict, the pastoral nature of Jesus gives the gift of a fresh alternative for engagement in the church and the world.



Dr. Edmonston will be preaching at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and presenting lectures each evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Put the dates on your calendar and join us in person or online for this time of spiritual renewal.

ST. PHILIP SECURITY ALARM

The property committee has recommended that we utilize the security alarm on campus. This means anyone that enters the Administration Building, Sanctuary/Education Building or Fellowship Hall outside of business hours and scheduled St. Philip activities will have to have a code to deactivate the alarm. If you have any keys or an access card to the church facilities, please email Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net and she will provide you with a code. Due to the holidays and staff orientation on the equipment this will go into effect **February 1**. Lorrie must receive notice from you by **January 15**.

IN OUR PRAYERS

William Howard upon the death of his brother Leon Howard on December 25 in Virginia.

St. Philippians and their families—Jack Fox; Jo Helland; Beth Flowers; Lee Larkin; Janet Davis; Susan Huffman; Joyce Fugit; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Linda Shoup—cousin of Cynthia Shoup; Alma Fonseca—mother of Angelina Fonseca; Bill Polk—brother-in-law of Sharon Webb; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart—niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Mac & Beverly Wilson—parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Dottie Laas and family—cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound—Walter Baker; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians—Janet Arnold—friend of Eleanor Grant; Auden McCarty—friend of Mary McGuire; Ted & Susan Hirtz—friends of Jacqueline and Bill Taylor; Paul English; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton—friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff—friend of Jo Helland; Lavon Thomas—friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III—friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those who watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email deacons@saintphilip.net.

Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>), text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. Pledge cards are being accepted in the Church Office or you can make your pledge in MyStPhilip.

Next edition: January 18; Deadline January 13—3:00 p.m.

Stay connected with regular emails from the pastors until then.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Philip-Eye, please send them to:
philipeye@saintphilip.net or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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