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ALTERNATIVE MARKET

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Invitation to attend the Alternative Gift Market and Silent Auction

Here ye, here ye, get your Christmas shopping done early! The entire St. Philip congregation, visitors to the church, and your friends and family are invited to the 2024 Alternative Gift Market. The market will take place on Sunday, **November 10** in the Fellowship Hall between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and after worship until 1:30 p.m. We will serve coffee, wassail and pastries in the morning if you shop before church. This year, the congregation, visitors, family and friends are invited to stay after church for a taco lunch served in the Fellowship Hall. Donations gratefully accepted. You can shop first and eat after or eat first and shop after.



The Alternative Gift Market is an event where St. Philip hosts our mission partners in one place as well as the St. Philip Stitches, Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate, and other groups. Some groups have items for sale that you can purchase as Christmas gifts or purchase for yourself. Other groups don't have items for sale, but you can give a charitable, tax-deductible donation and receive a donation card that you can give to a family member or friend in their honor. The St. Philip community has the opportunity to speak directly with the mission partner representatives about what their organization is doing in the community or abroad, and how the St. Philip congregation can support them in the future.

Alternative Gift Market Silent Auction Donations

To raise money for our mission partners, the Mission Committee is hosting the annual Silent Auction at the Alternative Gift Market. The Committee is in need of donations to display on the auction tables. In year's past, church members, church visitors, and friends and family, have donated baked goods, sports team memorabilia, opera, ballet, or theatre tickets, holiday wreaths, themed gift baskets, quilts, art, vacation home getaway, and more. If you would like to donate an auction item or experience, please contact Sharon Webb at sharonwebb0@gmail.com. You can also drop off the auction item at the church office with Lorrie Castle. Thank you for considering donating an item or experience to the Silent Auction. Donations are due by Tuesday, **November 5**.

Volunteers Needed for SEARCH Scattered Site Lunch and Activity

Join the mission committee on Friday, **November 15** to host a meal and activity for the homeless clients of SEARCH. Five volunteers are needed from 10:45 a.m. to noon to serve beans and rice and lead a bingo game. The lunch will be held at SEARCH Homeless Services office, 2015 Congress St., Houston, TX 77002. Sign up to help in the Gathering Area at the mission table on Sundays or email mision@saintphilip.net if you can help. RSVP to help by Sunday, **November 10**.

Volunteers Needed for PCHAS Angel Tree Program

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is recruiting volunteers to sort and inventory all the Angel Tree gifts received. They have three time slots open right now. They need volunteers to help **December 10** (shifts 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1:00 -4:00 p.m.) and **December 11** (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) The sorting and inventory will take place at PCHAS' Cypress office located at 10242 Greenhouse Road, #501. You can sign up to help by clicking [here](#). If you have family or friends that would like to help, please feel free to share this link with them.

Consider joining Mission Committee in 2025!

Would you like to serve on the Mission Committee next year? You are invited to attend the mission committee's last meeting of the year on Sunday, **November 3**, in Room 202 of the Education Building. Come learn what mission committee does monthly for the church. Mission Committee reviews applications from mission partners in the spring and awards grants in March. As well, we host the Alternative Gift Market in November. Every month, Mission Committee provides a service day with one of our local mission partners to give our time and talents to our Houston community in need. Consider joining the Mission Committee beginning in January 2025.



St. Philippians Prepare Quesadillas at Kids' Meals



On Monday, September 30, Sue Howard, Gail Faris, Jennifer Brown, Betsy Boston, Dan Boston, Keatan King, and Angelina Fonseca-Grewal met at Kids' Meals and prepared over 700 quesadillas made of flour tortillas, shredded cheese and slices of ham. Kids' Meals vans deliver the free, prepared meals to Houston's hungriest pre-school aged children, directly to their homes. Everyday in Harris County, 80,000 children are unsure of their next mealtime. Kids' Meals is a first responder to children age 5 and under facing debilitating hunger due to extreme poverty. Every weekday, year round, volunteers prepare thousands of healthy lunches consisting of a sandwich, nutritious snack, fruit item, and 100% juice or milk. Kids' Meals vans deliver the meals Monday through Friday to children enrolled in their program. Kids' Meals currently serve 56 Greater Houston-area zip codes where the need is critical. St. Philippians are invited volunteer during the week at Kids' Meals to prepare meals.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Our observance of Reformation Sunday, **October 27**, will include a 9:00 a.m. outdoor service with music from the bagpipes and drums of the Houston Highlanders. Join us on the front lawn for a stirring celebration of our Presbyterian heritage. The 9:00 a.m. service will conclude in time for Sunday School. The 11:00 a.m. service will meet in the Sanctuary as usual.



BRAVER ANGELS

*An organization recommended by the Social Justice Study Group
in these times of political disharmony*

To state the obvious: we are living in extremely divided times. Some have wondered if it's the worst it's ever been in our political life. It seems that this tension and conflict is affecting everything: our intimate relationships, friendships, our feelings towards our neighbors and the sense of safety we feel in our world.

Many of us react with strong feelings, like anger, frustration or pity towards the "other side". At times, we may look at the state of political discourse and grow increasingly anxious, and even hopeless about the future. At other times, we may just withdraw and try to avoid it all. And, unfortunately, these contentious times are not simply going to go away after the election. We will still have much work to do to heal our divisions and disappointments. There are important practices we learn here at St. Philip to love our neighbor, love our enemies and to remember that we are all one in Christ. Those are critical. But there is another skill that may be good for us to learn, and that is how to talk to people we disagree with, without becoming defensive, reactive or shut-down.

Braver Angels is a national organization whose goal is "bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. Though that may sound stiff and formal, the work is anything but that. It is quite accessible and interactive. I learned about a local Houston workshop from Denise Wilborn at a Social Justice Study Group meeting and decided to attend. It was called "Skills for Disagreeing Better." We learned and practiced new skills so we would have more understanding of the values and concerns of the people who differed from us politically and who were sitting at the table with us! We learned better skills for listening in a way that the other person felt heard. And, surprisingly and importantly, we learned skills for sharing our perspective in a way that the other person might hear even if they disagree. It was a game changer for me!

And though it was hard work, and we all fumbled around a bit, by the end of the evening there was a new sense of possibility. I felt convicted, transformed and even hopeful. I read and loved the book by Monica Guzman, *I Never Thought About it That Way*. She is a "Guide Across the Divide" that I trust. I also heartily commend her podcast, "A Braver Way," as an eye-opening and heart opening experience. The national website is full of information and many learning opportunities. And our local Houston group hosts regular events.

There is a free workshop "Families and Politics" on **November 14th** from 7-9:30 p.m., at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall, .2003 W 43rd St, Houston TX 77018. The goals of that workshop are: (1) gain insight into why family differences over politics are uniquely challenging (2) recognize common roles that fam-

ily members play in political conversations and (3) learn strategies and skills for handling family political conversations. I will be attending and welcome any who might be interested to join me.

Submitted by: Holly Heuer for the Social Justice Study Group—hollyheuer@ecentral.com

Here a link to the organization and to the November event. braverangels.org

<https://braverangels.org/event/families-and-politics-35/>

The 2024 Hurricane Season ends **November 30** the day before Advent begins. This means it is time to re-stock your hurricane supplies and recharge your phone and tablet rechargers. Stay prepared and pray for those impacted by recent hurricanes.

GET READY FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS



Kids love to get chocolate for Halloween, and now's a great time to stock up on organic and fairly traded chocolate Minis for the spooky season. Equal Exchange, our partner in the Presbyterian Coffee Project, participates in a fair-trade

program to help end the problems of child labor, family poverty, and environmental destruction that are often endemic in the African cocoa industry, where most commercial chocolate also begins its journey to your supermarket shelves.

You can buy fair-trade chocolate Mini bars to give on Halloween at our pop-up sale on Sunday, October 27, in the Gathering Area, before worship. Kid-sized and loved by all, our milk and dark chocolate Minis will be bagged for your convenience! Limited stock



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

The Session recently welcomed Elizabeth Cochran into membership. Learn more about her and take the time to say hello when you see her.

Elizabeth is a retired emergency room doctor. She and husband Walter met here in Houston where they were married in 2005. She grew up in Shreve-

port, LA where she attended First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport. She attended Louisiana State University.

Elizabeth visited several Presbyterian churches in Houston before a friend brought her to St. Philip. She had particularly wanted to join a PCUSA church. She was drawn to us by the ministers. She said that St Philip just felt right! She enjoys reading, cooking, and traveling.



NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—ROOM 103

We are offering three cycles of 6-week classes from September-December to experiment with increased variety of topics, teachers, and formats in our Sunday School, as well as introducing new opportunities for youth to engage in mission and children to engage in music.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BLUEY

OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 24

9:45 - 10:45 AM

ADULTS: RM 202, LED BY: JOHN WURSTER

GRADES 1-4: RM 204-205

LED BY: KEATAN KING & LIZ MIGUEZ



YOUTH—Grades 5-12—DINING ROOM—Youth families will turn the Sunday School hour into a time to revive the Kids Against Hunger program as leaders in our congregation.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—ROOM 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **October 20** - The Effect of Early Childhood Education on Children's Health - In the spring of 2025, St. Philip will open the St. Philip Day School, to provide excellent faith-based infant and toddler childcare for parents in need. The daycare program is based on Project One Day, which includes a 30-hour study program for parents who are then able to participate as assistants for one day each week, in order to have free daycare for their children. Julieana Nichols will lead us in discovering what a difference it makes for children's health, when they have access to excellent childcare and parents who are well informed about early childhood development.. Presented by Julieana Nichols MD, MPH - Associate Professor of Pediatrics - Program Director, Academic General Pediatric Fellowship - Associate Program Director, Pediatric L.E.A.D.

Residency Program - Baylor College of Medicine - Texas Children's Hospital Clinical Care Center - Palm Center, Houston. **October 27** -The Legacy of Dr. Bertie Simmons at Furr Senior High School. We will revisit a presentation for Church & Society in 2021 by Rev. Cassandra Dahnke and Dr. Bertie Simmons. Bertie reflected on her time serving as principal at Furr Senior High School. The presentation includes a video recording, made by Furr students, that tells the story of Furr's transformation from being a "pipeline to prison" fraught with gang violence, to become a student body that participated in the Institute for Civility Youth Program. Student Legislative Seminars gather high school students in Washington, D.C. for a week to research an issue, decide their positions through active dialogue, and meet with members of Congress to share their thoughts - a practical exercise in civility students never forget. Presented by Rev. Cassandra Dahnke - Co-Founder of The Institute for Civility. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—ROOM 204—We are continuing with our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 - 10:40 a.m. to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing 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. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday when we have Sunday School classes. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—Agreeing that a focus on Disinformation is timely and important as the presidential election draws near, the current study book is Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. This group will meet by zoom on Monday, **November 4**, 7-8 p.m. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at sjj10223@gmail.com.

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY— Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to:

john@saintphilip.net.

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WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **November 14** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We will continue our learning from *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at:

ggardne148@aol.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women.

Thursday Evening Circle—November 7

meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian sarah.m.0617@gmail.com

Monday Morning Saints—November 11

meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert ptholbert@gmail.com

The Hallmark Circle—November 13

meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm - contact Sue Shirley-Howard sue@fluencyhouston.com for location

Sunday Circle—October 20

meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer jmeyer9990@gmail.com

One More Chance Study for Everyone—October 27

Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library. Lee Ardell leardell@gmail.com



November
Birthdays

Omi	Ford	1
Judith	Crane	2
Rachel	Kimbro	2
Denise	Sanchez	3
Sharon	Webb	4
Robert	Ford	5
Cathy	Patterson	6
Scott	Baker	7
Sondra	Sullivan	8
Nancy	Young	8
Elizabeth	Arp	9
Molly	Boren-Whitney	9
Mary Jane	McDaniel	9
Judy	Nunn	9
Esmeralda	Stevenson	9
Julie	Wangler	9
John	Bobbitt	10
Carlton	Currie	12

Keatan	King	12
Mary	Herlitz	14
Robert	Boone	15
Fiona	Murphy	15
Nadene	Crain	16
Michael	Lawson	16
Barbara	Cavanaugh	17
Elsie	Dees	17
Josephine	Helland	18
Alexa	Stevenson	18
Bebe	Burns	19
Ruthie	Waldrop	19
Juliana	Vahora	20
Jennifer	Wilson	20

Robert	Estill	21
Caroline	Flowers	21
Beth	Hogle	21
Amelia	Larkin	21
Paul	Arlinghaus	22
Evan	Fulcher	23
Karen	Morris	24
Mary	McGuire	25
Curt	Webb	26
Brice	Wilborn	26
Jim	Leonard	27
Charlotte	Kibler	28
Joyce Ann	Fugit	29
Phillip	McDaniel	29



Sunday, **October 20** Houston Early Music will have a concert in the Sanctuary. This is a ticketed event and there is a link at the bottom to purchase.

Houston Early Music presents historically informed performances of music from the Medieval through Classical periods by internationally-recognized artists.

The concert: Savino brings his ensemble El Mundo, performing a selection of pieces from the time of Caravaggio and Gentileschi. A delight for classical music and art lovers. Don't miss the pre-concert talk at 3:30PM!

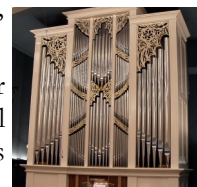
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MATTHEW DIRST AT THE EAST TEXAS PIPE ORGAN FESTIVAL



Our own organist, Matthew Dirst will be playing our 2010 Paul Fritts organ for the upcoming East Texas Pipe Organ Festival on Thursday, **October 24** at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Philip sanctuary.

Matthew's program includes music of Nicolas de Grigny, J. S. Bach, Johann Ludwig Krebs, Felix Mendelssohn, Jehan Alain, and Anton Heiller.



This is free and open to the public. For more information about the festival visit their Facebook page "East Texas Pipe Organ Festival"

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philipians and their families—David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Faith Fugit – daughter of Joyce Fugit; Raquel Calhoun -sister-in-law of Pam Keverer; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy - cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Paige Everhart – sister of Nancy E. Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound—Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philipians – Pete & Gloria Benevides, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, Carrie Prati & Concepcion (“Concha”) Estrada friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Annette Covey—friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters - friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach– friends of Stephen Paine; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge.

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

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

You can still turn in your pledge card via mail, dropping in the offering plate, the church office or going online :> [My St. Philip](#) (icon at top of webpage) > [Sign In](#) > enter email & password > [Sign In](#) > [My Giving Summary](#) > [Pledge Now](#) > [Add Pledge](#) > fill in the appropriate information > [Save](#). Thank you!

The next edition of the Philip-Eye will be available:
Tuesday, November 5 - Deadline October 31—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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