

PHILIP-EYE



November 12
9:45 – 10:50 a.m. and
12:00 – 12:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

The Mission Committee invites you to the Christmas Market where you can interact with over 25 mission partners that St. Philip supports. You can come to understand their needs and where your/our dollars go. This is also a great way to give a gift that represents a cause that's close to your heart. Or make a gift in someone's honor and choose a mission partner they'd love. Your gift provides help, hope and relief to people, families and communities in need.

Besides monetary gifts to a mission partner you will have the opportunity to purchase items that help continue their work. The Stitchers will have various items including homemade jams and jellies. The wonderful wood products that benefit Haiti Childrens Nutrition Program will be available. The coffee team will have coffees, teas, olive oil and other products from Equal Exchange. St. Philip Youth will have 4X6 prints of St. Philip from Fil Nenna.

Additionally, there will be a silent auction. Some items already collected include Houston Dash tickets for 2024 season from Sarah Miller and Quincy Victorian, homemade cookies by Anne Wilson, gift baskets donated by Sharon Webb, or plan your own pilgrimage like our youth and stay at Lil' Bow in Black Mountain (Montreat) vacation getaway of Jeromy and Lori Murphy, this item is great for families with children.

Credit cards, personal checks & cash accepted. You will be given a shopping card as you enter which the mission partners and groups will indicate your total purchase or gift, then you will be able to pay for everything at once at the checkout table with credit cards, personal checks & cash accepted.

DEDICATION SUNDAY—We hope you will have reflected on these submissions from your friends at St. Philip and that you have been inspired to consider your own faith journey and your commitment of resources and time during this Stewardship season. Turn in your pledge card in-person on **November 12**, or mail to the church office.

Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster
Pastor, Head of Staff

Rev. Keatan King
Associate Pastor

Rev. Omar Rouchon
Associate Pastor

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



DID YOU KNOW: Ruthie Waldrop has been leading Godly Play at St. Philip for 18 years. Some of her earliest preschoolers were Margaret Fair, Shirley Ann Coffman, Caroline Vestal and Lucy Vestal!

Wendy Claire Barrie, an Episcopal Church educator and author of the book, *Faith at Home: A Handbook for Cautiously Christian Parents*, has this to say about the church: "Steam shoots out of my ears anytime I hear someone say 'children are the future of the church' . . . children are the church right now!"

As Omar Rouchon pointed out: "Presbyterians, and in particular the members of St. Philip, have long encouraged and affirmed the full participation of children in the life and ministry of their congregations. At St. Philip, children can serve as acolytes; serve as worship leaders by reading scripture or leading prayers; participate in music ministry; and grow as Christians in their Sunday School classes. Our church's children have even served as ushers! In St. Philip's Children's Chapel, our children (guided by adult helpers) sing songs of praise, pray with and for one another, and hear biblical stories presented in a developmentally-appropriate way. St. Philip's education programs, including the Montessori-based Godly Play and Vacation Bible School, inspire and encourage our youngest disciples in their learning and growth as they walk the journey of faith alongside all of us."

Omar is grateful to serve a congregation that places our children among the priesthood of all believers.

Based on remarks made by Omar Rouchon

Thanks be to God for St. Philip's
nurturing Children's Program.

DEMOCRACY, FAITH, AND THE RISE OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

On **December 5**, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston is sponsoring a lecture by Amanda Tyler, Executive Director, of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. Her presentation and a follow-up panel discussion with area faith leaders will explore the importance of safeguarding religious freedoms and the current challenges posed by Christian Nationalism.

Lunch & Speaker – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Optional Workshop Included – 1:00 PM – 2:30PM

Cost: \$25.00 —Your ticket includes lunch. Vegetarian options will be available on site.

Location: Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church.

Advance registration is required at [this link](#).

An optional, workshop after the keynote address and discussion will be held in the same room at no additional cost. Please remain in the room after a brief break and the program will resume shortly.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

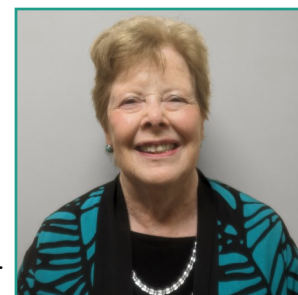
The session welcomed Diane S. Clarke at the beginning of the summer to St. Philip. Diane was born in Lockport, New York. When she was in the 3rd grade, her family moved to Lewiston, near Niagara Falls. She met her husband, Gerry, in Lewiston through a Presbyterian youth group. He was a chemical engineer and a plant manager with Occidental Petroleum. He served them in that position in various parts of the country including Niagara Falls, Tacoma, Washington, Dallas (Plano/Richardson), Texas and Florence/Muscle Shoals, Alabama where he retired. They later moved to Germantown (Memphis) Tn. They celebrated 54 years of marriage, prior to his death. She has three children (Jim, Stephen and Kathy) and five grandchildren, including one set of twins.

Diane has degrees from Hobart and William Smith Colleges and the University of Texas at Dallas. She has taught everything from 5th grade to college. While in Florence, she taught AP US History. While there, she also presented workshops for AP US History teachers, having had experience as a grader for that exam.

Diane moved from Germantown to Houston and lives at Eagle's Trace, where Meg Scott-Johnson and husband, Richard, live. It was through her friend Meg that she found her way to St. Philip. She was drawn here for many reasons: ministers/staff, worship services, friendly congregation, music program, and our inclusiveness. The focal points for her are our ministers and our mission.

Her hobbies include bridge. She also enjoys reading.

Please welcome Diane if you see her at worship or one of St. Philip events.



THE **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** INVITES YOU



SIGN UP

in the Gathering Area

OR VISIT: SAINTPHILIP.NET

REGISTRATION EXTENDED THROUGH NOV. 8

THERE'S HARDLY A BETTER WAY
TO GET TO KNOW FELLOW ST. PHILIPPIANS
THAN TO **SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER!**

- + THE **HOST PLANS AN ENTRÉE** FOR THE GROUP
(YOURS OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE CARRY-OUT SPOT)
- + **GUESTS CHOOSE** TO BRING APPETIZER, SALAD/BREAD, OR DESSERT
- + THE **GROUP MEETS** JUST FOUR TIMES BETWEEN DECEMBER AND MAY
- + YOU MAY INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR A RESTAURANT VENUE INSTEAD
- + CHOOSE A GROUP WITH ALL AGES (WITH CHILDREN)
OR WITH ADULTS ONLY



SIGN UP IN THE **GATHERING AREA** AFTER WORSHIP
OR SIGN UP **ONLINE**.

WHO CAN JOIN DINNERS FOR 8?

Anyone, members, non-members, clergy, singles, widows, families, visitors. However you identify yourself at St. Philip, you are welcome to get to know the individuals of our church through this activity outside of worship. When you sign up you will need to indicate if you want to join a group for lunch, dinner, or at a restaurant, often the lunch groups are at restaurants. The Fellowship Committee will assign you to a group of 8/9 individuals with one person/couple hosting the first gathering. Day, date and time are determined with input from everyone in the group. If you are in a restaurant group you pay for your own meal each time; if you are in a group in individual's home, everyone is asked to bring some portion

of the meal: appetizer, salad, sides, or desserts and the host provides the entrée. The next three meals are hosted in another member's home.

I participated in my first Dinners for 8 when David (now husband) asked me to help him host in 2010. We used two card tables in my small home, the ladies sat at one table and the men at another. Some host have invited everyone to a park and they enjoyed a picnic together. All this is to say don't let your home or the size of your dining table deter you from participating.

Insights from Lorrie Castle

ST. PHILIP LIBRARY

Through the gracious donations of many people, the library inventory has grown. Judith Hiott oversees processing new books and shelving. She is seeking assistance on Thursday, **November 16** from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. She will provide a lunch of salad and bread at noon. Bring a friend if you like. Interested parties should call or text Judith if they are coming at 832-277-8676.

PRIMETIMERS ABRAHAMIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR

On **Wednesday, November 15**, the Primetimers will be led on a Houses of Worship tour by our friends at Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston. Our group will visit Congregation Beth Yeshurun followed by the River Oaks Islamic Center. We will depart from St. Philip promptly at **10:30 a.m.** and will have lunch at Betsy's in Evelyn's Park in between our two stops. Lunch will be on your own and a freewill offering will be collected for a contribution to IM and the host faith communities. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, November 8** to the church office at 713-622-4807 or email omar@saintphilip.net with any questions.

EXPLORE GREATER HOUSTON

THROUGH THE LENS OF FAITH



Explore our community's cultural and religious diversity on an Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston specially designed house of worship visit for student, college, corporate, faith, and community groups.

Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IM) brings people together for dialogue, collaboration, and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs. We feed 5000+ homebound seniors and their pets daily, resettle refugees fleeing persecution in their homelands, foster interfaith understanding and respect, and promote volunteerism.



"AMERICA IS NOW INCREASINGLY MADE UP OF ALL THE WORLD'S ETHNICITIES AND ALL THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS. NOWHERE IS THAT CLEARER THAN IN HOUSTON."
STEPHEN L. KLINEBERG, FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE KINDER INSTITUTE FOR URBAN RESEARCH, RICE UNIVERSITY

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 104

ELEMENTARY—Grades 1-5—Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 6-12—Room 205

CHURCH & SOCIETY -Room 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. Continuing with the November series of presentations focusing on the interfaith community, **November 12** - “The Asia Society of Texas Explores Asia: Culture Camp for Kids: Documentary Filmmaking” - Dan Gordon, Kids TV producer who led campers in scripting, filming, and acting in an original movie demonstrates the deep value of young people experiencing cultures and religions beyond their own. **November 19** - “My Great Grandfather’s Story - Emir Abdelkader al-Jazairi” - Emir Abdelkader al-Qadir al-Jazairi (1808-1883) was a venerated Algerian Islamic scholar and a military leader who led a collective resistance against the mid-nineteenth century French colonial invasion of Algeria. He is remembered today as one of the nineteenth century’s most inspiring leaders for his humane treatment of Christian opponents during Algeria’s anti-colonial struggle and for leading an intervention to rescue the Christian community in Damascus from certain massacre in the midst of sectarian riots in 1860. He received the The National Order of the Legion of Honor (French), The Order of Pope Pius IX, Order of the Medjdje (Ottoman Turkish), The Order of the Redeemer (Greek), and was honored by Pres. Abraham Lincoln as a great humanitarian. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

FAITH & LIFE – Room 200—An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. Using the short stories in *The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places* by Mark Yaconelli, participants will read a short text in class and then engage in conversation as a group. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We resumed our study of the Kingdom of Judah at 2 Kings 18 with the story of King Hezekiah in Dr. Robert Alter’s *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 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. Children will be able to participate in this during the worship service.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

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. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

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.

WOMEN’S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **November 9** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *A Death in Tokyo* by Keigo Higashino. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. 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 are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that He has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—This reading and discussion group meets on the first Monday, 7-8 p.m., by zoom. As an activity of the Peacemaking/Social Justice Committee, the group provides a forum for the study and discussion of social justice topics (racism, immigration, globalism, climate change, current events, etc.) within the framework of the church and guided by our faith. The current study book is *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*, by Emmanuel Acho. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at sjj10223@gmail.com.



FAMILY SERVICE DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Special thanks to our event sponsor, Emily Griffin!

Join us for a day of service with your family. Family groups will learn about the work happening at CCSC and participate in a service project. Activities are geared to children in kindergarten through 8th grade.

- ✓ One-hour shifts from noon - 2:30 p.m.
- ✓ Sign up each family member
- ✓ Price: 1 bag of nonperishable food



CCSC
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Sign up at bit.ly/familyservice24 or scan the QR Code



VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR A VERY SHORT TERM PROJECT



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary, *On Eagles Wings*, on **March 23, 2024**, at The Lone Star Flight Museum! As we prepare for this momentous occasion, we invite volunteers to assist with our mailout process. This will involve assembling letters, stuffing, sealing and addressing envelopes. Lunch/snacks will be provided.

Thank you for your support!

Date: November 13 - 17; 9am to 4pm—Volunteers may sign up for either the morning or afternoon.

Location: St. Philip—Room 105

To register, please click the link below: [Volunteer for POP Mailout](#)

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philipians and their families—Susan Estill; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Pat Lindsay; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Shirley Coffman; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Sonia Laureano – sister of Ruena Wood; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson.

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

Friends of St. Philipians—Breck Smith – friend of Kate Burkart; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Mary Watters – friend of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach— friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; 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.

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.

Next edition: **Tuesday, November 21; Deadline November 16—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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