



PHILIP-EYE

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CHANCEL COMMUNION SET

Often displayed on the communion table in our sanctuary is a new pitcher, chalice, and plate created by the talented potters at Montreat's Currie Craft Center. These pieces were made for us last summer by Montreat's potter-in-residence, Nat Scott, and Ann Laird Jones, director of Arts Ministries, at Montreat Conference Center. The pieces were designed with our sanctuary in mind.

The Craft Center is an especially utilized facility at Montreat, a feature of the Montreat Clubs Program and adult craft classes. The pottery studio is a popular gathering place, as can be attested to by many St. Philipians. This new communion set is a visual reminder of St. Philip's relationship with Montreat. More information can be found at the Montreat Conference Center website.

By Sara Jean Jackson



Clockwise: Claire Steward throwing pottery; Ann Laird Jones & Nat Scott; the set that the churches uses; communion service for Easter 2020 for those holding services; the chancel set with our communion set.

ST. PHILIP ARTS & CRAFTS STUDIO MAKEOVER



By *Lorrie Castle* In early 2014 an idea was born when Lori and Jeromy Murphy noticed that there were so many talented people at St. Philip and that we should work to expand and develop the wealth of St. Philip's talent pool. The Property Committee agreed to dedicate Rooms 11 & 12 in the old classrooms to form the Arts and Crafts Studio. With the mission to glorify God through the sharing of our creative talents, groups started meeting. Lori and Jeromy taught a paper making class, I did scrapbook Saturdays, Vicki McKay taught a wreath class and the St. Philip Stitchers began quilting together.

When Presbytery of New Covenant was first going to move into Rooms 5-8, they had agreed to repaint the room, put cabinets in and make it workable for their meetings as well as continue as The Arts & Crafts Studio. That soon changed when Interfaith Samaritan Counseling Center closed and the building reverted to St. Philip, opening up better space for the Presbytery.

I'm happy to say that the Property Committee and John Wurster continued to discuss these potential renovations. With financial support from the church's Memorial Fund, the Arts and Crafts Studio has been transformed from a hodge-podge of inadequate storage units and mint-green walls to a fresh space with plenty of usable work areas.



On February 29, a painting party was held and members were asked to help. Jumping in were Lee and Bob Ardell, Judith Hiott, Dan Cleveland, Ada Fuller, Judy Hartman, Hope Wilmarth, Diana Weiss, Beth Atkinson, Mary McGuire, John Hudson and myself. Chuck Johnson brought the refreshments. It took two Saturdays and a few hours during the week to paint the walls white. Dan Cleveland then began installing locking cabinets along the north and south walls. Soon we will be able to move the supplies back into the new storage and begin classes and meetings again. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this possible.



The Arts & Craft Studio is a place to create and educate with shared tools and supplies. St. Philip members have access to the studio and its resources to work on individual projects, and groups can meet in the Studio to collaborate on larger or long-term projects such as banners or quilts. Weekly workshops can be offered that are led by volunteers from St. Philip and the community. Workshops will be advertised and open to the public. Intended as an adult studio, children will be included in special creative activities. The crafts that we share once a year at the Mo-Ranch church retreat can be a continuing fellowship activity in the Studio.



Do you have a craft that you would be interested in learning or teaching?
Would you like to help but don't have a crafty bone in your body?
Would you like to start a circle utilizing the studio?
Would you like to donate craft items like sewing machines, or craft supplies?

Contact Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net or the Church Office 713-622-4807 to make arrangements.



Clockwise starting on right: Ada Fuller, Lee Ardell; Judy Hartman, Hope Wilmarth; Beth Atkinson, Chuck Johnson; south wall cabinets; north wall cabinets; Lorrie Castle, Bob Ardell, Beth Atkinson, Lee Ardell; Bob Ardell and Judith Hiott from back; Diana Weiss; and Dave Castle Book Binding in old room.

Thank you to those who have contributed lilies this Easter to adorn our chancel.

Those We Remember

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>For</i>
The Aldrich Family	Daryl Mahlow
The Carter Family	Jim Bratton
Sharon Coufal	Alan Coufal
Sharon Coufal	Lance Wilmarth
John & Judy Hartman	Christine Van Osdall
John & Judy Hartman	Kenneth Anderson
John & Judy Hartman	Greg Reuter
Dick & Sue Howard	Rita Hannah
Dick & Sue Howard	Lance Wilmarth
Carolyn Keeble	Charles Keeble, Sr.
Bill & Jane Lee	Our dear friends who will not be celebrating Easter with us at St. Philip this year
Jim & Susan Leonard	Doris Leonard, Jim's Mom
Jan Meyer	My parents
Bonnie Moore	My parents - Ross & Gertrude Neeley and Gene & Betty Moore
Cathy Patterson & David Wood	Dub Wood
Barbara Runge	Rusty Howard
Barbara Runge & Shirley Stubbenfield	Nita Davis
Barbara Runge & Shirley Stubbenfield	Trudy Cleveland
Wayne & Sandra Truxillo	Emil & Carrington Runge, Sandra's parents
Wayne & Sandra Truxillo	Robert & Anna Truxillo, Wayne's parents
Al & Ruthie Waldrop	Nancy Rand
Al & Ruthie Waldrop	Florence & Allister Waldrop of Bryan, TX
Hope Wilmarth	Lance Wilmarth
Hope Wilmarth	Bob Stanley
Hope Wilmarth	Rita Hannah

Those We Honor

Bob & Lee Ardell	St. Philip Staff
Linda Bevill	Mary Sinderson
Deb Burks & John Wurster	The community of St. Philip
Lorrie Castle	My coworkers who are going above and beyond at this time
David & Lorrie Castle	Sue Castle, Dave's mom
David & Lorrie Castle	Yvonne Hayes, Lorrie's mom
Lorrie Castle	The wonderful members of St. Philip that make it so great to go to work.
Jeanie Flowers	Randall Swanson, Matthew Dirst and the St. Philip choir
Carolyn Keeble	For all those who have provided the worship services during this Lenten season
Bonnie Moore	John, Keatan, Omar, Lorrie, Randall, Matthew, Wilbert, Dimas, Micah, Denise, Janet and Denise Sanchez
Cathy Patterson & David Wood	Joy & Duane Patterson
Cathy Patterson & David Wood	Jane Wood
John & Gay Van Osdall	Our devoted staff and church family
Al & Ruthie Waldrop	Kenan Rand, Jr. of Durham North Carolina



A new [Children's Page](#) has been created on the St. Philip website. This a place that intends to help keep families connected to the church during this

time of distance and separation. Be on the lookout for brief worship videos from Omar in the children's chapel and resources for faith formation at home. There are links to Godly Play stories, prayers and sharing activities to do around the dinner table, and a copy of the Lenten Daily Practices Calendar. You can access the Children's Page using the icon on the home page of the church site.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Mark and Velma Freeman Scholarship Fund annually provides scholarship assistance to St. Philip students attending college or graduate school. The application form is now available on the church website or by contacting the church office. All application materials need to be returned to the church **BEFORE May 1**. More info and Application Form can be found at: saintphilip.net/SubmitForms.

EQUAL EXCHANGE SALE (YES, REALLY!)

Before there was a stay-at-home directive, St. Philip's Coffee Project Team had already ordered goodies for our annual Easter sale. Since your pantry is probably running low from your last purchases, take advantage of a "physically distant" way to get your favorite products back into your home! The Coffee Team will be offering minis in packages of 25, and chocolate bars, along with coffee, tea, nuts, dried fruits, and olive oil, for pick-up on **April 25**, in St. Philip's parking lot from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

A note from Equal Exchange during this pandemic:

"As a worker-owned co-op, Equal Exchange's priority is taking care of each other and the people in our alternative trade network. **EE has a larger degree of control over our supply chain than some others in the industry.** We've always purchased directly from farmer groups. We roast coffee in-house on our own equipment. And we ship or deliver directly to food stores and community partners. We're finding that to be a source of strength right now! As we take additional steps in our production facility and warehouse to keep everyone safe, we've been able to honor our contracts and keep up with increased demand."

Just check out the available products below, make your list, and email your order to Lorraine Lyter-Reed at ranielou@hotmail.com. You will receive a reply verifying your order and amount due. You can pay when you pick-up with a check, or you can go to saintphilip.net and make a contribution choosing **Peace Coffee Project**. Do not pay until Lorraine has verified your total (in case we have run out of something.) Then you will be ready on **April 25** to drive to St. Philip and pick-up your order in a safe social distancing manner.

Product	Description	Size	Price
French Roast	This dark gem is full of chocolaty richness, with a subtle smoky flavor.	10 oz Drip	\$7
Mind Body and Soul	Find your moment of zen with this smooth, creamy and balanced blend that has hints of almond, malt and dark chocolate.	12oz Drip	\$7
Organic Decaf	This decaf has all the rich blend that is sweet and balanced with a creamy mouthfeel and hints of chocolate brownie, roasted nut and caramel; a full-bodied coffee with a sweet nutty and vanilla flavor.	10 oz Drip	\$8
Love Buzz Drip	This dark and smoky favorite has sweet velvety layers of chocolate brownie, caramel corn, malt and toffee.	10 Oz Drip	\$7
Hazelnut Creme		12 oz Drip	\$7
Whole Bean Coffees	Selection: French Roast-\$7; Mind Body Soul -\$7, or Decaf-\$8		

Organic Baking

Virgin Olive Oil	Organic olive oil made from Nabali olives, an indigenous Palestinian variety that produces one of highest quality olive oils in the world. This virgin olive oil is cold-pressed and full of antioxidants. It can be used for cooking, baking, and dipping. It's grown and pressed by Palestinian farmer cooperatives in the West Bank.	500 ml	\$13
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Organic Tea

Chai	With an inviting flavor of ginger, cardamom, and cloves.	20 tea bags	\$3
Mint Green	Revive yourself with the cooling combination of green tea and peppermint.	20 tea bags	\$3
Chamomile	Calming Egyptian chamomile soothes the mind and quiets the spirit. Caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Jasmine Green Tea	A sultry, soothing blend of green tea leaves and the fragrant essence of jasmine.	20 tea bags	\$3
Ginger	This 100% pure ginger tea is naturally caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Vanilla Rooibos	Sweet, inviting vanilla accents this red bush tea from South Africa. It's almost like dessert in a cup. Caffeine free.	20 tea bags	\$3
Tea	General Flavor Selection: Black; Peppermint	20 tea bags	\$3

Organic Nuts & Fruits

Tamari Almonds	Carefully selected California variety almonds, dry roasted for extra crunch. Their distinctive taste is given depth by a sprinkling of savory Gluten-free tamari soy sauce.	8 oz	\$7
R/S Cashews	Roasted, salted cashews grown using sustainable farming practices such as biodiversity and multi-cropping.	8 oz	\$6
Dried Mango	100% free from added sugar and preservatives, these mangos from Burkina Faso were chosen for their rich, full flavor.	5 oz	\$5
Medjoul Dates	These dates are grown by a 12-member farmer cooperative in Jericho.	17.6 oz	\$6

Chocolates — D/C = Dark Chocolate; M/C = Milk Chocolate

Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips	Use these delicious Organic Chocolate Chips to add something special to cookies, brownies and even pancakes!	10 oz	\$4
Baking Cocoa	Cocoa baking powder is perfect for brownies, cakes, cookies and countless desserts.	8 oz	\$6
Hot Chocolate	A rich chocolatey flavor	12 oz	\$6
Panama Extra	D/C (80%)		\$3
Very Almond	D/C (71%) A delicious and rich dark chocolate experience. Vegan, soy- and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Almond	D/C (55%) Experience the mouthwatering combo of rich dark chocolate with chunks of organic almonds. Vegan, soy- and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Caramel Crunch & Sea Salt	D/C Crunchy caramel bits serve as the perfect complement to mouthwatering sea salt crystals and bring out the complex flavors of the smooth, fruity chocolate. Soy- and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Caramel Crunch & Sea Salt	M/C Deliciously sweet and creamy, this milk chocolate bar has crunchy caramel bits and mouthwatering sea salt crystals. Soy- and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Orange	D/C (65%) A blend of smooth dark chocolate and ripe, refreshing orange - the bright citrus taste will satisfy your cravings for something sweet and fruity. Vegan, soy- and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Mint Crunch	D/C (67%) An ideal balance of rich, dark chocolate and light, refreshing mint. You'll love the delicate mint crunch in this bar, which provides a wonderful complement to the creamy, deep chocolate. Vegan, soy- and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Chocolate w/ Coconut Milk	(55%) A rich and creamy indulgence that is made with coconut sugar and coconut milk instead of dairy, this bar offers heavy notes of caramel and toasted coconut, with just a little coconut tang. Vegan, soy and gluten-free.	80g (2.8oz)	\$3
Mini bags	Package of 25		

SEAFARER MINISTRY WHAT IS HAPPENING DOWN AT THE PORT?

By Dick Howard

For many years, our church has provided some financial support to the Presbyterian Chaplains working in the Port of Houston to minister to seafarers on their ships. With the restrictions brought about by the Covid-19, including the Stay Home – Be Safe instructions that have been issued, many people have asked the question: What is happening down at the Port and are the Chaplains still visiting ships?



The short answer is: NO. The longer answer is that the Seafarer Center is temporarily closed - the Department of Homeland Security, which includes the Coast Guard and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has issued an order quarantining seafarers to their ships and the chaplains have ceased making ship visits to prevent spreading infection. The chaplain's own safety to hopefully not contract the virus is one issue, but even more, to help prevent the possibility of a chaplain infected but not yet recognizing it, going on board and infecting a seafarer or the entire crew. Cargo ships do not have medical care on board; and such a fast spreading infection could seriously damage seafarers' lives and an entire industry we need in our world.

There are efforts underway to allow seafarers who have either internet access on board or cell phone access to contact the seafarer center if they have some emergency and really need chaplain assistance. Such contacts are routed by the Executive Director to Chaplain David Wells, one of our two Presbyterian chaplains, who will attempt to address the need electronically by some means.

There is also a brand new system being put together internationally whereby a seafarer can contact one of the international organizations that represents seafarers and through that organization, they can reach "Contact a Chaplain". Their contact is then routed to a seafarer chaplain in their time zone, wherever that may be worldwide, and an attempt will be made by a participating chaplain to reach that seafarer electronically to address their needs.



One other area of concern is that of repatriation of seafarers who have reached the end of their current contract and need to return home, as well as seafarers going to ships as replacements. With quarantine-in-place orders in most ports of the world, they are not allowed to disembark on the one hand or to fly in and go to ships on the other hand. This issue is being addressed and thus far, the Port of Singapore is providing a relatively restrictive and protective system of addressing this need. It is hoped that other ports will follow the lead of Singapore.

Our chaplains want to continue their ministry and are attempting to find creative methods of responding to seafarers' needs. They need your help more than ever. St. Philip has been a faithful contributor to this ministry for many years via donations from our mission committee. Individual donations are welcome as well. All contributions should be payable to and sent to:

Presbytery of New Covenant
4803 San Felipe Street
Houston, TX 77056
Attn: Forbes Baker



MO-RANCH

Are you looking for new things to do while you're stuck at home? Our mission partner Mo-Ranch has you covered! Though we don't know the fate of our annual retreat to Mo-Ranch. They have created some fun and interactive at-home activities — there's a little something for everyone. Put your brain to the test as you crack codes and find treasure! Try your hand at finding a hidden message while completing this [word search](#). Or, go on a [scavenger hunt](#) to find items around your house!

COMMUNION OFFERING

Thank you for your generosity. The first Sunday of each month an additional offering is received at St. Philip when communion is celebrated to support one of our mission partners. Here is a summary of the last two months and whom we are supporting in April.

- February —Interfaith Ministries Meals on Wheels—\$2,114
- March—Plant It Forward—\$1,682
- April's offering supports One Great Hour of Sharing—PC (USA) which helps fund Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger ministries, and the Self-Development of People.

ATTENTION STOCK DONORS!

St. Philip has changed to a new broker service at Frost Bank effective today April 1. Just as with our previous broker, we ask you to:

- Call Yvette Webb at Frost Bank – 713-388-1231 for transaction information.
- Our new account number is #037-293183.

While we are getting used to this new system, please let Denise Ferrell, our bookkeeper, know you are making a donation. You may reach her by phone at the church, 713-622-4807, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or by email at denise@saintphilip.net.

If you have any questions, you may always contact me at 713-306-8267 or amariepoet@gmail.com.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ginger McFarland and family upon the death of her mother Virginia McFarland in Ohio on April 11.

St. Philippians and their families— Barbara Cavanaugh; Walter Baker; Matthew Lindsay and Elizabeth McClung; Jerri Workman; Pam Rush; Greg Moore; Patrick Ball; Marion Takehara; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; John Bobbitt; Arlette Keene; Sue Castle—mother of David Castle; Emily Thetford—daughter of Ed and Janet Hess; Tom Martin—father of Jon Martin; Dorothy McMillan—mother of Nancy Higgs; Keith Thomerson—brother-in-law of Susan Estill; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack Kindig—brother of Ginny Camfield; Shirley and Weldon Boggus, Sr.—grandparents of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell.

Homebound: Sue Baier; Joe Anne Berwick; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; Jane English; Barbara German; George Helland; Donna Host; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Toto McGehee; Phillip McDaniel; Paul & Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; Penny Vieau; and Ruth Weber.

Friends of St. Philippians: Daren Family—friends of Jeromy & Lori Murphy; Bob Casey—friend of Pat and John Lindsay; Dorcas Rhodes—friend of Jan Meyer; Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Frank Wallace—friend of Jim & Nadene Crain; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III—friend of Robin & Gary Willis.

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

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

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Stay connected with weekly 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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