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PHILIP-EYE

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

presents

Abendlieder: An Evening of Art Song

Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m.

Artists:

Kelly Kaduce, soprano

Lee Gregory, baritone

Andreea Mut, piano

Join us for an evening of art songs on Saturday, **April 13** at 5 p.m., hosted by three fixtures of the Houston music scene, powerhouse operatic couple Lee Gregory and Kelly Kaduce, and the prolific pianist Andreea Muț. The program will feature a variety of art songs, including the Four Last Songs of Richard Strauss and a recently composed song cycle by our own Director of Music, Justin Langham, among several others. Reception to follow in the gathering area.



Justin Langham, director of music and Matthew Dirst, organist are filling up the calendar with music performances nearly every month. All individuals are welcomed to attend. Attendance is free unless otherwise noted. A free-will offering to benefit Music at St. Philip will be received at the door for some programs. Stay up-to-date by visiting saintphilip.net and reviewing the [calendar](#). These include organ recitals by students from the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston.

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Happy Easter

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

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we remember:</i>
Orlean Anderson	Ruth & Orlean McCallum
Orlean Anderson	Kenneth L. Anderson Jr.
Bob & Lee Ardell	Our parents
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	Rev. Charles C. Miller, Jr.
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	Lillian Bahruth
Mary Grace Carter	Mary & Jim Bratton
Jane Cooper	Lillian Bantau
Jane Cooper	Dan Cooper
Jane Cooper	Kathy Mason
Jane Cooper	Mary Bratton
Liz Crowell	Fannie Scott Tapper
Dees Family (David, Sherri, Ben Cindy, Piper, Elsie, Lawson, Elizabeth, Lola)	Tracy Sandow
Elizabeth Duerr	Ruth Ewing
Elizabeth Duerr	Bill Lee
Elizabeth Duerr	Mary Bratton
Janet & Carl Eskridge	John & Rita Hannah
Jan Fox	Jack Fox
Joyce Fugit	My sister, Donna Harris
Craig & Judy Hill	Our Parents
Craig & Judy Hill	Our Grandparents
Jane Lee	Bill Lee
Jim and Susan Leonard	Stan & Beedie Heaps
Jim and Susan Leonard	James Henry Leonard V
Jim and Susan Leonard	Doris & James Leonard
Jane Malczewskj	Loved Ones
Celie Matteson	Parents: Pete & Gussie Heilbron
Jan Meyer	My Parents
Rhonda Sands & Steve Sands	Our parents Mary Ann & Tom Sands, our brother Rod Sands
Quincy & Sarah Victorian	our dog, Popcorn J. Miller-Victorian
Hope Wilmarth	Lance Wilmarth
Ruena Wood & Family	Rev. Dr. Stuart Wood
Vada Alice Woodall	Billie Earl Woodall
<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we honor:</i>
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	CJ Miller
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	Julia Hiner & Family
Russell & Caryn Bahruth	Charles Johnson-Kelly & Family
Linda Bevill	St. Philip Staff
David & Nancy Castro	David Jr., Alicia, Trip, Penelope, Katie, Annie, Ale, and "baby Castro"
Omi & Robert Ford	Isabella Ford
Craig & Judy Hill	Our pastors
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Dick & Sue Howard	Our St. Philip staff and members for all the love and Christian support that they provide
Suzanne & David Kerr	Our pastors
Walter & Margaret King	Our grandchildren: Nicholas & Edouard
Jane Malczewskj	Family members in Ukraine
John & Gay Van Osdall	St. Philip Staff
Hope Wilmarth	Our grandchildren: Isabelle, Jeb, Arden, Gertrude, Clara and Elliot

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE: CHURCH PHOTOS & INFORMATION FOR THE NEW ST. PHILIP CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHECK **CONTACT INFO &**
HAVE A **NEW PICTURE** TAKEN
ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

SUNDAYS:
9-11 AM & 12-1 PM

LAST DAY

APRIL 7



YOU CAN UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION ON
"MY STPHILIP"
VISIT: SAINTPHILIP.NET

MY ST. PHILIP

COME FIND US IN **THE CHURCH LIBRARY**
{ NEXT TO THE GATHERING AREA }

ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 21

The Fellowship and Property Committees need YOUR help! We need help setting up and tearing down the tents for our upcoming BBQ Picnic on **April 21**. We are calling on our Congregation to help us with the following:

- Saturday, **April 20** - 8 a.m.-Noon: Setting up the tent.
- Sunday, **April 21**- 8-10 a.m.: Setting up tables and chair.
- Sunday, **April 21** - End of BBQ - 3 p.m. Breaking down tent/tables/chairs or general clean up.

Please contact Laura Burgess at:
laura.e.burg@gmail.com or 785-220-4278 to sign up.

Thank you!
Laura Burgess (Fellowship) and Dan Boston (Property) Chairs

More details about the Picnic coming soon

NEW MEMBERS

We recognized the Confirmation Class of 2024 on Easter: Ava Arlinghaus, Grayson Bratton, Sadie Fair, Isabella Ford, and Colby Stewart and their mentors: Molly Boren, Laura Burgess, Quincy Victorian, Gary Whitney, and Jennifer Wilson.



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. **April 7** - Featuring a St. Philip Mission Partner - Have shears-Will Travel - Barbara Goodson's mobile beauty salon, a restored recreational vehicle, has delivered free grooming services to more than 36,000 people since 2015, including those who are homeless, children in group homes, soldiers with PTSD, abandoned mothers or children due to substance abuse or domestic violence, those struggling with the shame of incarceration, patients in hospice care, special needs adults, hospitalized children and more. Barbara will tell us about Shear Success Barber & Cosmetology Training Center - to provide an educational arm with lower-than-market tuition rates and scholarships to those who cannot afford the tuition. Shear Success offers the opportunity for low-income men and women to earn a livable wage, ensuring their sustainable independence. **April 14** - St. Philip Mission Partner - Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary - The president of APTS, Rev. Dr. Jose Irizarry, will lead a presentation in room 201 at 9:30 a.m., focusing on current theological education for pastors at the seminary, and Dr. Irizarry also will be preaching at the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the St. Philip sanctuary. 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. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We are studying Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). 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 **April 11** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanne Raybourn. So 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 group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., by zoom, to discuss social justice issues of the day. The current exploration of Christian nationalism is Kaitlyn Schiess' book, *The Ballot and the Bible; how Scripture has been used and abused in American politics.* Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email:

welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints—2nd Mon. of each month
@ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle—3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle—1st Thurs. of each month
@ 7:00 p.m.

MISSION COMMITTEE

APRIL 2024 ST. PHILIP VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY WITH MISSION PARTNER PLANT-IT-FORWARD—

St. Philip members are invited to volunteer with mission partner Plant-It Forward's farmers on Saturday, **April 13** at 10595 Fondren Rd., Houston, TX 77096 - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Volunteers will help farmers with weeding and mulching. Please bring water and wear hats, long sleeves and pants, sunscreen, and close-toed shoes. Sign up in the Gathering area at the Mission table through **April 7** or email Angelina Fonseca-Grewal at mision@saintphilip.net if you can attend. Rides are available, please let Angelina know. More information about the event can be found at: [Field Notes - Plant It Forward Farms](#)

Plant It Forward empowers refugees to develop sustainable farming businesses and produce fresh, healthy food for our community. Plant It Forward also collaborates with the Houston Food Bank and in 2023, they provided 1,800 servings of fresh produce to more than 100 families. Plant It Forward was able to launch the Land Access Initiative in 2023, connecting new farmers with value-aligned landowners to increase the number of family-owned farms in the Houston region. St. Philip mission grants have supported three program areas of Enterprise/Food Hub, Urban Farming, and Farmer Education since 2018. Also, St. Philip grant funding helped farmers with their water bills during the 2023 summer drought, paid for infrastructure improvements on the farms by installing cold storage units which doubled farmers' weekly sales capacity, and the installation of four on-farm wash & pack structures that improved food safety and working conditions.

OPERATION IMPACT DELIVERY MISSION PARTNER CHURCH WIDE SERVICE DAY—

SAVE THE DATE! Join the St. Philip mission partner Interfaith Ministries for their Operation Impact event to deliver hurricane supply boxes and bottled water cases to the Meals on Wheels seniors at their homes. Save the dates of Saturday, **June 1** and Saturday, **June 8**. St. Philip mission committee and church members will meet at the church to divide the hurricane supply boxes and water, then drive in teams of 2 or 3 in each car to the addresses Interfaith Ministries provides. If you are not traveling to Mo-Ranch for the retreat the weekend of **June 1**, this is a great service opportunity you can participate in benefiting the homebound seniors in our community. **June 1** distribution will be in Harris County and **June 8** distribution will be in Galveston County mainland, not on the island. Sign up will begin in April. Angelina Fonseca-Grewal can drive 4 volunteers, but other drivers will be needed.



Thank you to the 16 St. Philipians who volunteered assembling 61 Easter boxes. The Women's Home residents will enjoy the items lovingly arranged in each box and use them throughout this year. Thank you to all the St Philip members who donated items and monetary donations to purchase the missing supplies. The Lord provides!



AMAZING PLACE is pleased to let everyone know that the expansion “west” is proceeding. The groundbreaking was in Q3 of 2023. The second week of March the foundational forms were being concreted. The storm sewer/flood detention dry pond is in place. In addition, the Central Campus on Drexel just completed the 2023 volunteer analysis. WOW! Volunteer hours was up over 50% from 2022. This does not quite get us recovered to pre-COVID numbers but we are getting there. And expansion and continued COVID relaxation continues to bring more clients back and newer clients to be served. If YOU would like to volunteer on a regular or semi-regular basis at Amazing Place, please contact Susie Howard (Volunteer Director) or Monica McCloskey (Volunteer Coordinator) at Amazing Place. (713) 552-0420. If you already volunteer, THANK YOU!!! We are so appreciative.

There are many areas for volunteers and Susie and Monica can help you decide if or where your skills can be used: Occasional Field Trip Chaperones, playing games (scrabble, mah jongg, bridge), greeter at front desk, leading bible study, “coffee in the mornings” and other opportunities. If Alzheimer’s or dementia has affected you, your family, your friends, or is just a medical issue that is near and dear to your heart, think about how you could provide your skills for others.

Some long-time St. Philip contacts for information on Amazing Place’s work include: Pam Keever, Ruthie Waldrop, Skip Britton, John Wurster, Deb Burks, Marcia James, Maggie Dement, Carla Burns, and others.



Are you interested in donating flowers to decorate the chancel on a Sunday morning? The 2024 flower calendar is available online at saintphilip.net, go to the calendar and look for the icon you see here or click [here](#). We have several open dates throughout the year.



BUA'S BISTRO | APRIL 13, 2024 | HOSTED BY AUSTIN SEMINARY

The President of Austin Seminary
Wants to Meet St. Philip Young Adults!

Saturday, April 13

Free childcare begins at 4:30pm

Event begins at 5:00pm

Bua's Bistro—1330 Post Oak Blvd. #1331



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Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary is one of our congregation's oldest mission partners. APTS called the Rev. Dr. José Irizarry in 2022, and he wants to get to know everyone in the congregations the seminary serves.

To that end, Austin Seminary and President Irizarry are hosting a happy hour with appetizers and drinks, for Young Adults at St. Philip, complete with childcare for those who need it.

José's favorite form of congregational service is being a nursery volunteer, and he is a wonderful father of three impressive young adults, but he has graciously agreed to hang out with us grown-ups while our kids are at St. Philip.

The venue is blocks from the church, so if any parent needs to exit early to get their kiddos, that is no problem!

We hope you'll join us for a fun night to connect with other young adults, get to know José, and hear about what APTS is doing for the future of the Presbyterian Church.

RSVP to: rsvp@austinseminary.edu

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philipians and their families—Velma Guy Tolbert; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Helen Deleon; Jan Ostendorf; Ben Dees; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine.

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

Friends of St. Philipians— Paul Feagan – friend of Jacqui Colton; 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; Magdalena Rustomji - friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach— friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends 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

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!

Next edition: **Tuesday, April 16; Deadline April 11—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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