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# PHILIP-EYE

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Tickets for the **June 12** Space Cowboy baseball game at 6:00 p.m. are on sale! The ticket price is \$15.00 each (children three and under are free). Parking is \$3.00 if purchased with tickets; otherwise, it will be \$5.00 on game day. Fifty tickets have been reserved for St. Philip, and there are currently twenty-six still available. Make your reservations as soon as possible to insure you will be there for the fun!

Reservations can be made in the Gathering Area after each Sunday Service or by calling the Church Office (713-622-4807) through **May 22**. Full payment is due **May 23** and can be made by mailing total money due to the Church Office or by going to Saintphilip.net <Contributions> and choosing the Fellowship fund. Please indicate in the memo number of tickets and if including parking (# + P). [We can obtain more tickets](#) if they are available so act quickly. If you have any questions, call Tom Cavanaugh at 713-858-8319.

The Fellowship Committee is excited to bring this event to you.

## DRIVE-THROUGH BENEFITTING THE HOUSE OF TINY TREASURES

Saturday, May 21, 10-11:30 a.m.

Items needed for outside summer fun:

Sand buckets and shovels

Beach balls, water balls and any other sports balls

Jump ropes

Bubbles

Sidewalk chalk

Shaving cream

Window markers

Small pots for planting seeds

Colored painters tape/washi tape for art

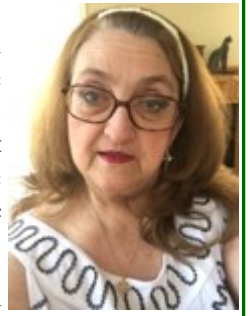
**\*Items may also be brought to the Gathering Area on  
Sunday or the Church Office during the week\*  
May 22 before and after church**



St Philip's team of fourteen people, who volunteered at Kids Meals on April 30, made an impact feeding hungry children in Houston. Hundreds of sandwiches and snacks were prepared, and books were also packed for weekday delivery to preschool children. It was a rewarding and enjoyable outreach, supporting Kids Meals delivery of over 6,000 meals a day. Thanks from the Christian Education Committee to all who participated.

## WELCOME BACK!

Since our long-time bookkeeper, Denise Ferrell, retired last fall and moved to Canyon Lake, Texas, we have been unsuccessful in filling this important position. After our most recent attempt did not work out, we decided our best move was to re-hire someone we knew could do the job: Denise Ferrell! Most all of the bookkeeper's tasks can be handled by Denise remotely through our accounting software and our online giving portal. Cash and checks physically received at the church will be deposited by office manager, Lorrie Castle. Denise will be available for consultation about pledges and other matters by calling the church office and using extension 113 or email ([denise@saintphilip.net](mailto:denise@saintphilip.net)). Lorrie can also facilitate connection with Denise, if needed. Our accounting firm, Mohle-Adams, has endorsed this arrangement, as has our treasurer, Ada Fuller. We are all glad to have Denise with us -- again!



## ST. PHILIP STITCHERS

Recently a group of young people were taught the basic skills that the our Stitchers use when making quilts for Tiny House of Treasures.





## OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Watch your email for details of our next gathering. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto: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](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP**—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](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com) if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP** will meet tonight, Tuesday, **May 3**, 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. Persons interested in joining the group can send an email to [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) and type PSJ Study Group in the subject line.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS**—Room 204—9:30 a.m. We have completed the "David Story" in 1 Kings 1-2 and have begun our study of Solomon and the subsequent Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 1-2 Kings, with Dr. Robert 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.

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

All classes begin at 9:45.

Godly Play (Age 3 to K)—Room 104

Grades 1—2 - Room 105

Grades 3—5 - Room 103

**CHURCH & SOCIETY**—This group regularly features speakers and presentations on a variety of contemporary and historical matters of faith and practice. Room 201 and by Zoom, 9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. time for visiting, 9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. **May 8** - *Book Discussion Part II: The End of Ice: Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption* presented by the author Dahr Jamail, who was born and raised in Houston. He will discuss the climate crisis and give a general overview of where we are amidst the ongoing acceleration of climate emergency-fueled impacts we are witnessing. Given how it is now, thankfully, common knowledge amongst most people that the crisis is real, much time will instead be spent discussing how this changes our lives, perspectives, and provides deeper meaning to everything that we do. About the book: Dahr Jamail takes us to the slopes on Mount Denali, to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, to the threatened Amazon rain forest, to the tundra of St. Paul Island and beyond to present frightening evidence of the extent climate disruption has already changed our planet. He interviews a wide variety of scientists and other experts who have been witnessing these alarming changes over long periods of time. **May 15** - *Confronting Climate Gridlock - How Diplomacy, Technology, & Policy Can Unlock a Clean Energy Future* presented by Dr. Daniel Cohan, associate professor of environmental engineering at Rice University and author of *Confronting Climate Gridlock*. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

[churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

You can Zoom in for May classes or you can choose to attend Church and Society classes in person in Room 201 at St. Philip, where we will be holding class by the hybrid method. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86564638381?pwd=MTBtSF16eVhoTUF3SXJ2VlBWd0N2QT09>

or dial in by phone:

Meeting ID: 865 6463 8381

Passcode: 168184

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## FREEMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mark and Velma Freeman Scholarship Fund provides college scholarship assistance for child members of St. Philip. Application materials for 2022 scholarship are now available on the church [website](http://saintphilip.net) (saintphilip.net). The deadline for submission is **May 15**.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Linda Weinman and family upon the death of her husband Don on April 8. Memorial service will be May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.*

*St. Philippians and their families*—Tom Sands; Mary Sinderson; Susan Huffman; Jan Ostendorf; Roderick James; Lee Larkin; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Alma Fonseca—mother of Angelina Fonseca; Hunter—grandson of Michael Alexander; Trip Merklein—nephew of Elizabeth Duerr; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; 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; Sarah—cousin of Sam Fisher; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona & Alan Rowe—mother and his father - William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

*Homebound*—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*—Bill Dixon – friend of Tina Bryan; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton—friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Faye Miller—friend of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

*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](mailto: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.

## ATTENTION STOCK DONORS!

St. Philip changed broker services to Frost Bank in the beginning of 2021. We ask you to call:

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

Please let the bookkeeper know you are making a stock donation. You may email [bookkeeper@saintphilip.net](mailto:bookkeeper@saintphilip.net).

If you have any questions, you may always contact Ada Fuller at 713-306-8267 or [amariepoet@gmail.com](mailto:amariepoet@gmail.com).

The Session has decided to ease our masking requirements. It is possible that conditions could change, and at some point we may be advised to return to asking everyone to mask; but for now we can be "mask-optional" for our gatherings at St. Philip. We expect that some of us will opt to continue masking for any number of reasons, including our own health status or our proximity to vulnerable people. While we are no longer requiring masks, we support those who choose to wear them.

**Next edition: May 17; Deadline May 12—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](mailto:philipeye@saintphilip.net) or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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