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SERVING HOUSTON WITH CCSC

As we emerge from the pandemic, are you looking for ways to step back into volunteering? St. Philip is part of a coalition of 39 Houston-area churches that support the Christian Community Service Center, a community-based non-profit, and there are many volunteer opportunities at CCSC. For over 40 years, CCSC has served Houstonians in need, regardless of religious, cultural, or ethnic background, by providing emergency services, job training, and youth services. Whether you are looking for an ongoing volunteer opportunity or a “one-off” day of service, you can find a place to share your gifts and abilities by helping neighbors in need. Bilingual (particularly Spanish-speaking) volunteers are especially welcome. Here are just a few current openings:

Ongoing volunteer positions

- Emergency Services-Central, food pantry warehouse coordinator (Tuesday or Wednesday, 12:00-2:00 p.m.)
- Emergency Services-Southwest, reception area (Monday, Tuesday, or Friday, 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m.)
- JobNet, reception area (any weekdays, mornings or afternoons)
- Youth Services, Jingle Bell Express support committee (August-December)

Interested? Contact Keli Luce at volunteer@ccschouston.org You can find a flyer listing current volunteer needs at:

<https://ccschouston.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CCRVOL1.pdf>

One-time opportunities

- Back-to-School program
- Saturday, July 30: Assemble school supply bags
- Friday August 5, Saturday August 6: hand out school supply bags to clients

Interested? Sign up for a volunteer slot at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa8ab2da3f5c25-back>

You can find a flyer with more information at:

<https://ccschouston.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/BTS2021.pdf>

Want to know more about CCSC? Visit www.ccschouston.org

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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



I want to express my thanks to the congregation of St. Philip for the support and love you have given me over the years. It was my pleasure to build the three butcher block tables as my Eagle Project. These tables are currently being used as sanitization stations (holding masks and hand sanitizer where all can access them) and making bulletins available before worship. Thanks to Keatan King, Wilbert Prada and Lorrie Castle for their help and guidance as I completed my project. Thanks to all of you who financially supported my project. Thank you to Jeromy Murphy for his help in making the laser engravings of the Presbyterian cross and the acknowledgment of myself as the Scout and 2022 as the year the tables were built. Finally, thank you to Shirley Ann Frautschi for helping me make the prototype that was good enough it became one of the final tables!

For those interested and able, you are invited to join my family for my Eagle Court of Honor ceremony and reception. It is to be held in Katy at the church that charts Troop 608.

May 21 at 2 p.m.

Redeemer Community Church
24201 Cinco Ranch Blvd.
Katy, TX 77494



RSVP to the [invite](#) or email me at:

joseph.webster04@yahoo.com

Thank you!
Joseph Webster



OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **June 9** and we will discuss *Beautiful Country: A Memoir* by Qian Julie Wang. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at 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.

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 Conference Room from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. 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 if you would like to be a part of this interesting group.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP will have its next meeting Tuesday, **June 7**, 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 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.

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 22** - *The Jewish/Presbyterian Dialogue Group Hand in Hand* - Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel - A community of Jews and Presbyterians in Southeast Texas who are building integration and equality in Israel through a growing network of Jewish-Arab public schools and shared communities, where Arab and Jewish students, teachers, and families come together every day in multicultural, bilingual classrooms and integrated communities. Presented by Julie Maclemore Wells. **May 29** - Memorial Day Weekend final Church & Society class before summer break - Film study "CODA" presented by Kate Burkart, St. Philip media guru. Kate says, "CODA is all about authenticity - not only are its deaf characters portrayed by deaf actors, but its plot centers on becoming your authentic self, the person you were created to be, using the gifts you were given." Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

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

346 248 7799 US (Houston)

One tap mobile:

13462487799, 86564638381# US (Houston)

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

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS & A CALL TO PRAY

The congregation is being asked to submit recommendations for persons to serve as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Recommendations may also be submitted for persons to serve on the Central Mission Endowment Fund.

We ask that the congregation wrap this process in prayer. Take some time to pray over the names in the church directory. Who do you believe exhibits spiritual leadership to take St. Philip to the next step? Who has a contagious passion for God? Who might enlarge our vision, empower our members, and embrace a bit of risk? How about you?

We invite your nominations by completing the forms that can be found on the page and on our website. By providing us with more information than just a name strengthens your nomination and helps us in this most important process.

RULING ELDER

In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities for leading the congregation, those who undertake the ministry of Ruling Elder should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. As members of the Session, they are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the congregation and for oversight of all the programs and ministries of St. Philip.

Currently serving as Elders: Class of 2022 (*Betsy Boston, Kip Frautschi, Judye Hartman, Judith Hiott, Dick Nunn, Ruthie Waldrop, and Curt Webb*); Class of 2023 (*Gary Gardner, Susan Lange, Liz Miguez, Jeromy Murphy, Diana Weiss, Butch Wilson, and Jennifer Wilson*); Class of 2024 (*Melissa Aldrich, Beth Atkinson, Walker Fair, Angelina Fonseca, Nancy Higgs, Susan Leonard, Jon Martin*).

DEACON

The ministry of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

Currently serving as Deacons are *Jane Cooper, David Fox, Joyce Fox, Ann Frautschi, Governor Frazier, Sue Shirley Howard, Mary McGuire, Gary Whitney*.

TRUSTEE

The duties of the trustees are to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property on behalf of the congregation; and to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation.

Currently serving as Trustees are *Tom Anderson, Bob Ardell, and David Castle*.

CENTRAL MISSION ENDOWMENT COUNCIL

Members of the council decide the disbursements of the Central Mission Endowment Fund (CMEF). Persons serving on the council should be interested in mission outreach with available time for site visits.

Currently serving on the council are *Jane Cooper, Dick Howard, Jan Meyer, Bonnie Moore and Sharon Webb*.

2022 Nominating Committee: *Lee Ardell, Laura Burgess, Walker Fair, Gary Gardner, Jo Helland, Chuck Johnson, and Jeanette Wenneneser*.

In order to submit a candidate, it is requested that you provide the candidate's name and your name in case we have questions. Self-nominations are welcome. In making recommendations, please elaborate on personal qualities, involvement in our church, and why you consider this person a good candidate for church leadership. Forms can be found in this edition of the Philip-Eye or online.

If you are recommending a Ruling Elder, please indicate the ministry area(s) you think they would best serve: Education; Finance; Mission; Peacemaking & Social Justice; Personnel; Property; Stewardship; Welcome & Membership; or Worship & Music.

***Completed forms may be mailed to the Church Office or complete a form online at saintphilip.net.
The deadline: June 8, 2022.***

LEADER RECOMMENDATION FORM

In order to submit a candidate, it is requested that you provide the candidate's name and your name in case we have questions. Self-nominations are welcome. In making recommendations, please elaborate on personal qualities, involvement in our church, and why you consider this person a good candidate for church leadership. Please use a separate form for each recommendation.

USE ONE FORM PER NOMINATION

Candidate's Name: _____

Office: ☐ Ruling Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ Trustee ☐ CME Council

Comments:

If you are recommending a Ruling Elder, please circle the ministry area(s) they would best serve:

Education	Finance Mission	
Peacemaking & Social Justice	Personnel	Property
Stewardship	Welcome & Membership	Worship & Music

Your Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

*Completed forms should be sent to the church office—SPPC, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056
Recommendations can also be submitted online at saintphilip.net. **Deadline: June 8, 2022.***

Join the St. Philip Presbyterian Women for birthday cake
after the 11:00 a.m. worship on May 22 in the Gathering Area.

2022 Presbyterian Women *Birthday Offering* Recipients



Mission at the Eastward (MATE) McCleary House Transitional Housing

missionattheeastward.org

Farmington, Maine

\$80,000

The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate McCleary House for people experiencing homelessness. Poverty has been increasing in Maine, with a growing number of vulnerable people losing their homes due to job loss, eviction, sickness or economic hardship—all complicated in the last years by the pandemic. This transitional home will provide a warm and healthy place to live for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals over the course of the year, as most guests stay just a few months. The renovated home will provide a safe space for individuals to begin the psycho-social, educational and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.

Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

facebook.com/iglesia.lares

Lares, Puerto Rico

\$105,000

Following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the January 2020 earthquakes in Puerto Rico, the Presbyterian Church in Lares has become the go-to location in the community for food, purified water and personal items. With much of the population elderly and infirmed, they rely on the church for help with necessities. Because the church's kitchen is small, dated and not code compliant, upgrades are needed to continue providing this ministry. With funding from the Birthday Offering, all appliances, wiring, lighting and plumbing will be replaced and the facility will be made ADA accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.

McCleary House Transitional Housing at Mission at the Eastward (MATE) Farmington, Maine • \$80,000



Mission at the Eastward (MATE) has been helping underserved people with housing needs for 60 years. Now they are thrilled to offer a new, innovative approach to transitional housing in Central Western Maine with the McCleary House. This collaborative outreach project of Mission at the Eastward and their next-door neighbor, Fairbanks Union Church (a PCUSA congregation), will provide a welcoming place to stay while people without homes get back on their feet. MATE will use funding from the Birthday Offering to renovate the house and provide for its future maintenance while volunteers from the church will welcome McCleary's guests and offer hospitality throughout their stay.

When no guests are in residence at McCleary, the house will open to volunteer mission teams who travel to Farmington during the summer months to assist with home repair work.

Through the 2022 Birthday Offering, Presbyterian Women will provide hope to housing insecure people in Maine and help to the cooperative efforts of MATE and Fairbanks Union Church. Working together, they will experience the joy of renovating and outfitting McCleary House so they may extend a hand to their neighbors in need of a home.

Learn more and donate to the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women
www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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; 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.

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.

If you have any questions, you may always contact Ada Fuller at 713-306-8267 or 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: June 7 Deadline June 2—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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