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On Sunday, May 2, Keatan King and the Presbyterian Women of St. Philip recognized three members as Honorary Life Members of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They were recognized for their commitment to Christ and the mission of the church. They included Mickey Meyers, Cathy Patterson, and Mary Ann Thomas.



Reflecting on the contributions of Mickey Meyers, Keatan said, "Mickey's singular commitment to Christian Education and

faith formation of this congregation is unparalleled. Her creativity, innovation, and deeply held belief that God is still transforming our minds is a gift to us all. Mickey is a natural mentor and has taken it upon herself to guide and affirm children and youth. To receive an encouraging word from Mickey is like the feeling of God's own embrace, and disciples of all ages are grateful for that encouragement."

Of Cathy Patterson, Keatan shared, "Cathy's leadership set a tone and trajectory for us all when the congregations of Central and St. Philip merged. Her voice, wisdom, and actual words are etched into many of the documents that guide us, whether the purpose of CMEF or the St. Philip mission statement itself. These words have staying power because they're rooted in Cathy's trust in God's word, and the promise it holds for all of us. There's not an ounce of produce that has come from our community garden in the past seven years which hasn't been tended by Cathy somewhere along the way from seed to shelf at CCSC."



In recognition of Mary Ann Thomas, Keatan said, "Mary Ann served with distinction in the role of Moderator of Presbyterian Women. Over the course of several years, when asked to serve a little longer or take on just one more project or plan a new thing in a new way, Mary Ann said yes—always with a servant's willing spirit and joyful heart. With no fanfare, I watched her quietly reach out to women in this congregation who were particularly vulnerable, struggling, or isolated to bring them into loving community and to be Christ's hands and feet to them. She represents St. Philip well in the larger PW leadership at the Presbytery level with her characteristic generosity, and Thursdays in the office haven't been the



same without Mary Ann at the front desk this year.”

Honorary Life Memberships are rooted in a tradition that began in 1912. It is a select group who has been so honored over several generations. The contribution made in their honor will support training women for future leadership in the church.

The Honorary Life Membership pin's design was adopted in celebration of the coming together of Presbyterian Women from the former United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.).



- ✦ The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women.
- ✦ The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith.
- ✦ The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe.
- ✦ At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.
- ✦ The overall design is of the butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ and emergence of new creation, Presbyterian Women.

Thank you and congratulations, Mickey, Cathy, and Mary Ann.

PWHONORARYLIFEMEMBERSHIPS

Awarded for service in the church or for service on other levels – Synodical, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian Homes, or by local United Presbyterian Women in other cities.

Central PC

Honored before 1959

Melissa Bartine
Val Chernosky
Margaret Crate
Edith Dewitt
Carrie Dreyer
Gertrude Gordon
Elma Hendrickson
Lillian Jewett
Ruth Litchfield
Sue Newman
Jo Ellen Reed
Kay Richards
Peg Stevenson
Louise Ware
Mildred Wood

Honored in the 1960s

Frieda Alexander
Margaretta Bolding
Lucile Brunson
Naomie Craig
Lena Daugherty
Eva Mae Buxton
Estell Fenoglio
Nora Tom Ferguson
Margaret Martin
Linnie Mower
Alfreda Peterson
Ida Lee Porter
Gwen Redding

Margaret Woestemeyer

Leila Green
Eva Mae Herridge
Elizabeth Ince
Ann Kennedy
Betty Knepper
Rilla Krause
Rosemary McBride
Nin McSkimming
Alma Smith
Diane Webster
May Wilkins
Lena Williams
Winnie Ruth
Mary Louise Yaeger

Honored in the 1970s

Reba Anderson
Mildred Bingham
Flo Burghdorf
Dorothy Cameron
Mary Colaco
Catherine Davis
Carrie Dreyer
Verna Jones
Doris Levine
Evelyn MacIntyre
C.J. Miller
Elizabeth Monroe
Wilma Powers
Frances Ramsey
Elsie Skeen

Joyce Stillman

Alma Stoltje
Pat Thompson
Irene Turner
Ruth Weber
Ruth White

Honored in the 1980s

Helen Muenchow
Fay Pearce
Betty Ratliff
Sandy Heuckroth
Kitty Arnold
Kathy Galloway
Alice Harris
Lallie Grant
Pearl Mitchell
Florence Berwick
Sara Dupuy
Joanne Hook
Earline Willcott

Honored in the 1990s

Nita Davis
Marge Deming

Honored in 2003

Lois Baker
Skip Britton

Honored in 2005

Jenilee Simmons

Honored in 2010

Jan Meyer
Caryn Bahryuth

St. Philip PC

Jane Larkin
Nan Schissler
Janet Davis
Sandra Truxillo
Elizabeth Duerr
Anne Wilson
Sara Jean Jackson
Jo Helland
Jane Lee
Joyce Fox
Jeanette Wennenwaser
Mickey Meyers
Cathy Patterson
Mary Ann Thomas

First PC (Houston)

Dorothy Blackwell
Arlette Keene
Julie Itz

Grace PC

Mary Jane McDaniel

Presbyterian Church

Sally Dement

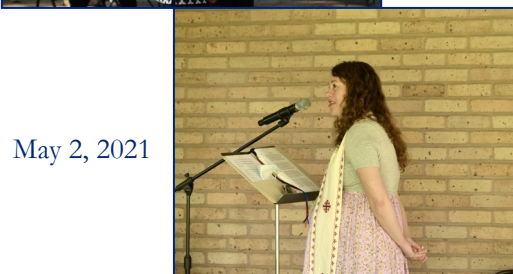
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

April 2021

Stated Session Meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing – April 20, 2021

- ♦ Session approved mission grants of \$2,000 for Clinica Bethesda and \$2,000 for Centro Educativo Moises Saenz.

John A. Lemen, Clerk of Session



May 2, 2021



MAIN STREET Ministries

STABILITY | PURPOSE | RENEWAL

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

Main Street Ministries' Bridges Out of Poverty program explores how people from diverse segments of a community can be tooled to work together to reduce and prevent poverty. It is designed to provide a common language, new perspectives, and effective tools to equip individuals, organizations, and cities to create effective strategies and solutions for building stronger, healthier communities.

The next Bridges Out of Poverty Lunch and Learn series is from May 5 to June 9, 11:30am – 12:30pm via Zoom. Registration is available at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/2rqz4qEtLQYjQuMCrjnkGVxLzFvSdo>

Presbyterian Women's Retreat
2020



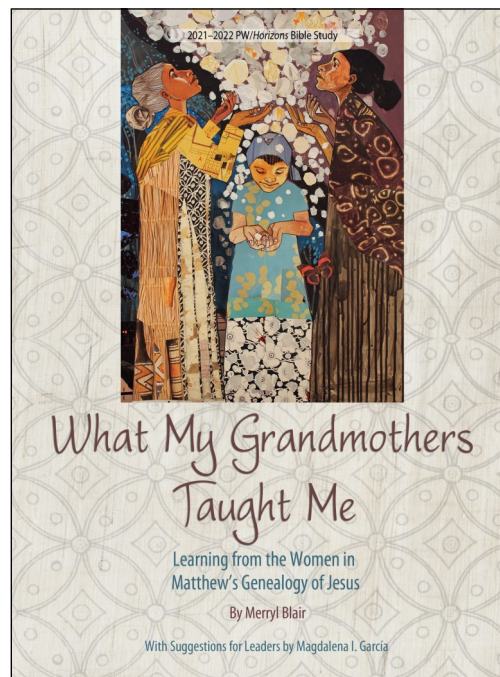
HORIZON BOOKS

The order for Horizon Study Books for next year's Presbyterian Women's Circles will be sent in soon. If you want a book and haven't requested one yet, please let Lorrie Castle (lorrie@saintphilip.net) or Jan Meyer (jmeyer9990@gmail.com) know. Also please indicate if you want a regular (\$10) or large (\$15) print copy.

Welcome to the 2021–2022 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*.

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.



A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS & A CALL TO PRAY

The congregation is being asked to submit nominations. The new class of Elders will be installed in January of 2022.

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 2021 (*Lee Ardell, John Boone, Kate Burkart, Bill Connolly, David Durham, Vanessa Nenna, and Cathy Patterson*); Class of 2022 (*Betsy Boston, Kip Frautschi, Judy 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*).

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 *Beth Atkinson, 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 Beth Atkinson*.

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 *Deb Burks, Jane Cooper, Jan Meyer, Bonnie Moore and Sharon Webb*.

2021 Nominating Committee: *Laura Burgess, Kate Burkart, Gary Gardner, Jo Helland, Jay Jeanes, Carla Burns, and Tom Cavanaugh*.

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, 2021.

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, 2021.***

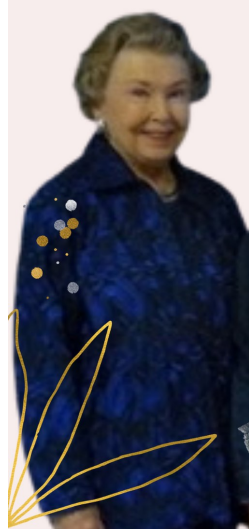
UCM CELEBRATES

*Dorothy
Blackwell*

Congratulations on this amazing milestone. UCM is thankful for the outstanding ministry work you've done to help in the faith formation of young students.

Happy 90th Birthday!

Board of Directors of the
United Campus Ministry of
Greater Houston.



SAVE THE DATE

We are optimistic that Presbyterian Women will be able to meet in person in the fall. We are also aware that once things open up, everyone is going to be traveling. We have scheduled the PW Retreat for **January 21 – 23, 2022** so you can put it on your calendar and save the date. Details to follow later. All women are invited!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

St. Philip has been active in doing our part to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide. Over 100 solar panels were installed on the roof of the Education Building almost one year ago. They supply 25% of the electricity needs of the both the Education Building and Sanctuary. If you missed the Earth Care walk-around on April 17, you missed seeing other ways the church is striving to follow God's charge to care for the planet. However, there is more that needs to be done, but we need your input to know the direction you would have us go. If you have NOT already completed the Earth Care survey, please do so now by clicking the link below and completing the short survey. Your answers are important for they will help guide the church forward. Thank you for your responses.

[St. Philip Earth Care Survey April 2021 \(surveymonkey.com\)](http://surveymonkey.com)

WHO'S ZOOMING WHOM?

A few of the groups at St. Philip continue to meet during this time via Zoom and other video conference services—the session has had meetings, book club, church committees and Church and Society. We even have Sunday Coffee Hour. If you would like to participate in future meetings, please contact the appropriate group's leader.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR—Gather with fellow St. Philippians to talk about the sermons, hear about their week and what helped them get through the week. The Coffee Hour begins after the closing voluntary. Email Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net to be added to the list.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Our next meeting is **May 13** at 7 p.m. when we will be discussing *The Night Watchman* by Louise Eldrich, led by Kate Cray. Contact Sarah O'Dell for Zoom link – sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH JOHN WURSTER—A look via Zoom at the Bible readings for the coming Sunday meets on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. or 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 each Friday via Zoom at noon. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you would like to join or know the current material they are discussing.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—9:30 a.m. via Zoom—May 9 - You are invited to hear St. Philip senior high youth tell the story of their travel in Summer 2019 to the Youth Conference at Montreat, with this year's theme "Let Love Lead." Also the youth will describe their visits to Civil Rights Historical Sites in Baton Rouge, Montgomery, Memphis, and Little Rock to learn the history of racial oppression in the South; to study the brave individuals and congregations who furthered the Civil Rights Movement as an expression of their Christian faith; and to pursue the work of reconciliation and repentance that God is still calling forth. Presented by St. Philip Presbyterian Church Youth, Rev. Keatan King, and Rev. Omar Rouchon.

May 16 - *Liberty High School - Many Cultures, Many Minds, One Goal...Academic Success* - Learn about the only high school in Texas that offers over-age newly-arrived immigrant students, who balance full-time work and family responsibilities, the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and the St. Philip volunteers who support their mission. Presented by Eileen McGowan - Wraparound Resource Specialist for Liberty High School.

Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. The meetings are virtual, and a Zoom link is sent to all P.W. members of each circle. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate, so please email Lorrie to request the link: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints

Second Monday of each month—10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle

3rd Sunday of each month—12:30 p.m.

Thursday Evening Circle

1st Thursday of each month—7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP IN PERSON

For at least a few more weeks, we will continue to conduct a Sunday service on the lawn at 9 a.m. This service can accommodate all who wish to attend, as we seek to utilize this season of relatively pleasant weather and provide time for more people across our congregation to be vaccinated. We expect to begin conducting in-person worship services in the Sanctuary, with limited capacity, the second half of May. The Session's Going Forward task force continues to monitor conditions and to seek safe a course for our life together at St. Philp.

MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website. If you'd like to attend the midweek service in-person, contact Lorrie Castle in the church office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will offer outdoor worship opportunities on the church campus on a week-to-week basis. Worship services will begin at 9:00 a.m. Worshipers are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets. We will also have chairs available at the church for those who need them. Worshipers will be spaced on the lawn at appropriate distances. The lawn service will last about thirty minutes. Registration is required and will open the Monday before the service; link can be found in pastoral email updates or through MyStPhilip or the ChurchLife app. If the event has reached capacity, the event sign-up closes.

Link for **May 9**—[click here](#).

If you have trouble with the registration or are not online, please call/text Lorrie Castle (832-262-1244). We will also have the usual 11:00 service that day, which will continue to be on-line only.

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families—Dorothy Blackwell; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Travis Calhoun; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Marion Takehara; Emily Estill; Mezgebe Gebray; Erin Thackston—niece of Jacquie Colton; Warren & Gretchen Cash—brother and sister-in-law of Kay Cash; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; Dixie Hahn—sister of Mary Sinderson; Brad Davis—nephew of Sam Fisher; Douglas Everhart—brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick—sister of Stephen Paine; Betty & Allen Grant—sister-in-law and brother of Eleanor Grant; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Bessie Johnson—mother of Pat Lindsay; Mac & Beverly Wilson—parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family—daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family—cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron—sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Shirley Boggus—grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

Homebound—Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; Mary Sinderson; George and Lorraine Scott; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians—Karen Stewart—friend of Roderick James; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff—friend of Jo Helland; Lavon Thomas, Judith Tomaino, Bill McDonald and Jackson Tavel—friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker—friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III—friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

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.

Next edition: May 18; Deadline May 13—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.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



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