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**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 14**  
9 AM - 2 PM

MORE INFO | REGISTER: [SAINTPHILIP.NET](http://SAINTPHILIP.NET)

**Tell your friends their children are welcome to participate.**

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## PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FIFTH SUNDAYS

2025 has four months which each have five Sundays. The Peacemaking and Social Justice (P&SJ) committee of St. Philip Presbyterian Church seeks on those Fifth Sundays to bring to the forefront immediate social justice concerns which may not fit in the typical Sunday morning. In addition to a deepened awareness of the issue, actionable ways to serve as allies are provided. Immediately after worship, St. Philip members and visitors are invited to join for a focused discussion facilitated by a knowledgeable presenter of the selected topic. Light bites are provided. Topics of concern for 2025 to date include: immigration rights, trans legal aid concerns, and environmental issues. For further information or to share a social justice topic of concern please contact Denise Wilborn ([dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)) P&SJ Chair.

Save the Date—Sunday, **June 29**

*Legal Team from*  
*the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)*  
on  
**Supporting Our Transgender Neighbors**

*(continued)*

Join us immediately following worship in Room 201- Light Bites provided. Watch for Sunday bulletin and weekly email updates for additional details.

Email Denise Wilborn if you have questions at: [dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)

The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee will meet on Sunday, **June 8** right after worship in Room 205. All are invited to visit.

Denise Wilborn, Chair, [dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)



### ST. PHILIP DAY AT DROP OF THE CREATOR

Sunday, **June 8** from 3-5 PM—Come to congratulate Lori and Jeromy Murphy on the opening of their brewery and distillery, Drop of the Creator Spirits Company! Located at 10929 Chimney Rock Rd, 77096, the congregation is invited to stop in for a tour, buy a beverage (alcoholic and non-alcoholic are available), and cheer on the Murphys! The food menu includes pizza, soft pretzels, and charcuterie boards. Children are welcome in the warehouse.

Jeromy Murphy was inspired by the Irish-American ballad “Finnegan’s Wake” for the name of the business. The first verse introduces a Tim Finnegan who had a love of liquor and would start each day with a drop of the craythur. “Craythur is Irish for both whiskey and creature, something that is created and has spirit,” Murphy said. “We changed it to Drop of the Creator as a nod to our architect backgrounds and our love of making things.”

You can follow them on Instagram and Facebook—Drop of the Creator Spirits Company.



### IMMIGRATION FORUM: CONTINUING THE CONVERSATIONS

In March the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee hosted their pilot 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, focusing on the immediate current concern of immigration. The consensus of those gathered and Committee is that more information is both wanted and needed. Therefore, the Committee is taking opportunities this summer to go deeper into the issues and populations affected by existing national policies. Join us on Saturday, **June 21** and Saturday, **July 19** for forums that will start with a whole group session and then the opportunity to join a smaller, topic-specific breakout session. For more information or to let us know you’re coming, please email Denise Wilborn, PS&J Chair, at: [dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com).

#### IMMIGRATION FORUM

Saturday, **June 21**  
Room 201

8:30 a.m.	Check in and gather
9:00 a.m.	Opening Session Immigrants in the United States: Facts, vulnerable populations, and visa options
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions Session 1: Tools to help Families and Individuals Prepare Session 2: Immigration Policies’ Effects on College Students, Young Professionals, and Young Adults
Noon	Adjourn

#### IMMIGRATION FORUM

Saturday, **July 19**  
8:30- Noon

Details regarding this future forum will be shared through all St. Philip communications, including in Sunday bulletins and on-line.

## ROOM TO READ

Periodically Peacemaking and Social Justice committee members will suggest books currently in our Saint Philip Library for children and for adults. The link to access a list of new additions to our library is <https://bit.ly/SPPCNewLibraryBooks>. Many thanks to Judith Hiott for the list and the link.

Denise Wilborn, P&SJ Chair

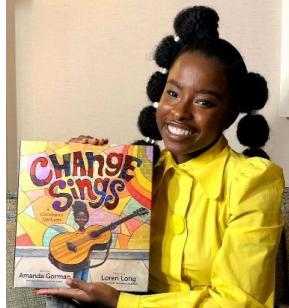
### *Change Sings: A Children's Anthem*

Written by Amanda Gorman

Illustrated by Loren Long

Credit : amanda gorman/ instagram

This gentle, vibrant book invites and encourages children in to the art of seeking and creating change. Even as adults it is often difficult to know when and how to touch and effect change in a world in so much constant need. Amanda Gorman, activist and the youngest presidential inaugural poet, brings her poet's voice to open the eyes and hearts of children to seemingly small actions that can bring about change of heart and situations to their community. Dare I write, the eyes and hearts of the adults reading to children may open wider as well. Loren Long's illustrations capture the simplicity and the depth of Amanda Gorman's musical poem. Children will find a place in *Change Sings* whether they care about pollution or homelessness or animals. The artist, the musician, the builder, the writer, the planter, the dreamer -- all have a place in Gorman's anthem. Amanda invites us to make her song our song: "We all hear change strumming. Won't you sing along?"

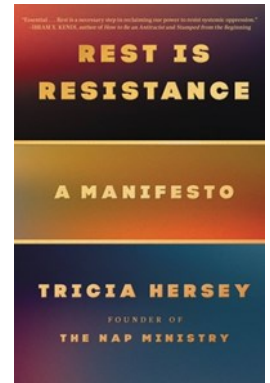


### *Rest is Resistance: A Manifesto*

by Tricia Hersey

Yes, summer is here! A time to rest - or is it? The action of intentional, purposeful rest can be an intentional, purposeful act of resistance, according to Tricia Hersey. In her introduction to *Rest as Resistance: A Manifesto*, she lifts up her wish for this book: I want this book to be a prayer. A field guide for the rest resistance. A document to be engaged with on the ground as we navigate the reality of capitalism and white supremacy robbing us of our bodies, our leisure, and our DreamSpace.

Hersay names this reality "Grind Culture." Through the multiple lenses of womanism, somatics, Black liberation, and Afrofuturism her storytelling reflects her diverse background as activist, theologian, and performance artist. As many in our current cultural climate devalue individuals who do not fit their idea of worth and productivity within their framework of capitalism and white supremacy, Hersey's book is as relevant now as it was in 2022. She challenges readers through the active resistance of rest to see ourselves as enough, and to see our own divinity. Might this personal practice also encourage us to recognize that others are also enough and others are also divine?



Peacemaking and Social Justice is inviting you to join us as we attend this year's Pride Houston Parade on **June 28**. The Parade begins at 7:00 p.m. downtown. We'll gather at St. Philip at 5:30 p.m. to carpool. Let us know if you plan to attend and if your able to drive. Denise Wilborn:

[dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/pride-houston-19231282193>



## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP**—This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 PM, by zoom to read and discuss social justice issues of our day. Interested persons who want to be added to our zoom mailing list can contact Sara Jean Jackson ([sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com)).

**LAMBETH STUDY**—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**— On recess until further notice. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. Please watch your email for details on the next meeting date will be changing. The book discussion will be about *Normal People* by Sally Rooney at 7:00 PM at the home of Nina Lambright. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP**— On recess until **September 12**. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

We offer a variety of Sunday school classes during the school year for children, youth, and adults. Please visit our Learning page at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) to learn about our class offerings in the fall.

#### NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find that our Nursery has temporarily been moved to Room 100 off the Gathering Area. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

## SUMMER FILM CAMPS FOR YOUTH

Gordon Education, a recipient of a couple of CMEF grants, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering young voices through the art of filmmaking. Dan Gordon, who has visited our Church and Society class several times recent years, has taught film workshops in schools, museums, and juvenile justice centers across Houston. Gordon Education has announced its 2025 Summer Film Camps, offering three immersive programs for aspiring young filmmakers ages 9 to 14. Each camp presents a distinct focus—**Historical**, **Narrative Fiction**, or **Documentary**—giving participants the opportunity to explore the art of cinema from different perspectives while developing their own creative voice.

### Historical Filmmaking Camp

June 9–13, 2025

Age: 9-12

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: The Heritage Society, 1100 Bagby St., Houston, TX

*Dive into Houston's past as campers create films inspired by local history and heritage.*

### Narrative Fiction Filmmaking Camp

July 7–11, 2025

Age: 9-12

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: St. Stephen's Montessori, 1800 Sul Ross St., Houston, TX

*Campers bring original stories to life through their creativity and imagination.*

### Documentary Filmmaking Camp

July 14–18, 2025

Age: 12-14

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: St. Stephen's Montessori, 1800 Sul Ross St., Houston, TX

*Campers meet fascinating Houstonians, visit cultural landmarks, and learn the power of nonfiction storytelling.*

**Register now** or learn more at: <https://www.gordoneducation.org/summer-camps>

We also offer scholarships so our camps are affordable to anyone who wants to attend!

Scholarship Form: <https://forms.gle/em35n7fnYEnZxw4A>



### July Birthdays

Name	Date
Scarlett Burch	1
Walker Fair	1
Sally Alcorn	1
Amye Webster	2
William Rowe	4
Allyssa Lewis	5
Selena Brinegar	5
Abigail Lee	7
Amy Demmler	8
Carla Burns	8
Nolan Arnes	9
Piper Dees	9
John Boone	10
Bev Hudson	11
Ashton Fair	12
Fairfax Fair	12
Connie Mayfield	13
Micah Meyers	14
Angela Fulcher	15
Laura Lomax-Bream	15
Barbara Runge	15
Cindy Dees	16
Joan Boelens	16
Cecy Duarte	17
Julieana Nichols-Lawson	17
Gary Gardner	18
Leah Bream	19
Fort Flowers Jr.	19
Jackie Fountain	20
Bob McHone	22
Austin Lippincott	23
Sydney Benard	23
Olga Piskor	24
Sharon Coufal	26
Ken Meyers	26
David Itz	27
Abigail Flowers	29
David Dees	29
Arlette Keene	31



### MAHJONG ANYONE?

Three St. Philipians and a guest have been playing Mahjong on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at St. Philip. We are interested in substitutes with the possibility of forming a second set if there is enough interest. We may also be open to additional times. If you're interested in playing Mahjong sometimes or often or in learning how to play, text Judith Hiott at 832-277-8676.

### COME AND SEE

Textile art by Hope Wilmarth is on display at St. Luke's United Methodist Church until **June 29**. Use the West Alabama entrance into the church and check with the reception desk for directions to the gallery. Questions contact Hope at [hlwilmarth@icloud.com](mailto:hlwilmarth@icloud.com).



### Day School Wishlist

Many thanks to those of you who were able to tour the St. Philip Day School facility, which is nearing completion of the renovation process. Our next goal is to outfit the classrooms with the support of the congregation. If you feel moved to donate anything from a children's book to a crib to an Amazon gift card, we would be enormously grateful for your contribution! Our founding Director, Candice Harris, has a vision for a warm, comforting school filled with cozy reading nooks, imaginative play stations, and more! Review the wish list here: <https://a.co/5d3k87D>



[ ST PHILIP DAY SCHOOL WISH LIST ]

MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

# 2025 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES



**Sunday,  
June 8 | 3 pm**

Victoria Shorokhova



**Sunday,  
June 29 | 3 pm**

Grant Smith and  
Sunkyoung Noh

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Free Admission

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**Music at St Philip**



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Mary Jane McDaniel and family upon the death of Philip McDaniel on May 23. A memorial service will be held at a later date.*

*St. Philippians and their families*—Joy Maguire; Deborah Unruh; Stewart Coffman; Bonnie Moore; Rollie McGinnis; Russell Bahruth; Jeremy Mattern; Scott Easterly; Bill Holden; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Susan Huffman; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Eugene Durham—father of David Durham; Mary Jo Hadley Smith—cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes, daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Jacqui – cousin of Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; Terese Murphy - cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Lillian Perkins – aunt and Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine.

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

*Friends of St. Philippians*—Marianne Keeswood – friend of Kate Burkart; Ann Eustler & Janet Rowlands – friends of Mary McGuire; Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith – friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett - friends of Robin and Gary Willis; Jackie Janacek, Bill Ward, and Joyce Freudenberg— friends of Stephen Paine; 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](mailto: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/>) or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

The next edition of the Philip-Eye will be available:

**Tuesday, July 1—Deadline June 26—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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