



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Stuart Douglas, father of Pauline Sexton, had a stroke...In the past week Zella Gordon, Jackie Berry, and Anne Mitchell were hospitalized. Ann requests no visitors.

CONTINUE IN PRAYER: Faculty & Students of KEYS ...Kevin Luper...Matthew MacGregor...Ellis Rogers...Brian Edwards...Paula Flores...Jerry Flippin...Mike Keller...Fran Kliebert...Gail Anderson... Johnathon Ferguson...Brent Croft...John Sneddon...Jan Bowman...Mandy Holtzman...Alma Adrian... Janice Atkinson...Joshua Atkinson...John and Liz MacLennon...Jay Conner...Rose Turner...Leslie Hipp... Marge Caswell...Gloria Carrier...Don Weston...Randy Welch...David French...June Palmer...Nancy Burky ...Shay Corneby...Cindy Simmons...Jennifer Hunter...Shelly Blevins...Sara Brewer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR MILITARY:

Matt & Jennifer Kiser, son and daughter in law of Helene Kiser...Michael Sosuto, grandson of George & Martha Jane Staples...Matthew Simmons, grandson of Ann Simmons...Brian Ellis, son of Ellen and Mike Ellis...Brett Daniel Bostick, grandson of Paula Overton...Cristopher B. Smith, grandson of Betsy Smith...John Cox, grandson of George and Beverly Cox...Joshua Bosworth, son of Curt & Grace Bosworth...Jesse Dean Swanzy, Grandson of Wayne & Pat Swanzy...Zach Saunders, son of Tom & Lynette Mercer...Matt & Cosmo Romo, great-nephews of Liz Hailey...Ben Temple, grandson of Tal & Jaylon Buie...Caitlin Nance, granddaughter of Max and Ann McKee...Nelson Clarke, nephew of Mary and Rick Peters and great-nephew of George and Beverly Cox

WEB PAGE: Get more information about St. Philip at www.stphil.org

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

If you want to keep up-to-date with the latest news and activities taking place at St. Philip—get your name on our email mailing list. The newsletter is emailed monthly.

Other special news and events are sent every Friday. Email our Administrator, Mitzi Cimino at mitzi@stphil.org to get placed on our email mailing list.

"Like" us on Facebook St. Philip in Hurst www.facebook.com/stphilhursttx

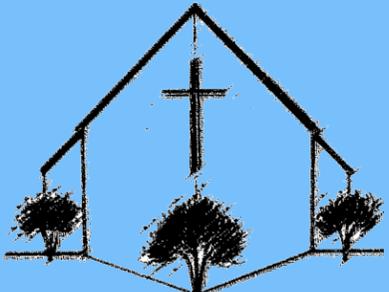
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St. Philip Newsletter

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 Rev. Dr. Greg Garis, Pastor
 Rev. Alissa Conner, Assoc. Pastor

“Welcoming, Growing, Sharing God’s Love, Meeting Needs”



**Peace & Global Witness Offering
 on World Communion Sunday**

On October 4, Presbyterians will join believers around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. On that same day St. Philip, along with many other congregations, will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. For over three decades Presbyterians have been contributing to this offering, responding to the call to be peacemakers.

Christians are called as Christ's people to be God's peacemakers as agents of reconciliation in families, individual lives, communities, churches, the international arena, and the whole of creation. We will share our local portion (25%) of the offering with our ministries to CPS families and KEYS High School since this was the recommendation from St. Philip's Confirmation Class last year and their graduation has been delayed due to covid-19.

Today people continue to struggle with racism. Social media is being used to divide our nation rather than bringing us together. COVID-19 challenges all of God's people. This is a record year for wildfires and hurricanes. As we gather around the Table of the Lord, we unite as sisters and brothers in Christ, children of the God of peace. Together we pray for a world desperately in need of the God of peace.

Since we are still worshipping together in spirit, but in ways that protect each other from COVID-19, you are encouraged to either send a check (marked Peacemaking) to the church office or give online at stphil.org. Click on **Give Now** at the top of the page. Then click on the **“Special Offering for Peacemaking” Donate button**. Please give generously on October 4 to support local and global peacemaking ministries.

Resuming In Person Worship

The Session has approved that in person worship, for a limited number of people, will resume on Sunday October 18 at 11:00 am.

But please be aware that this may change depending on the COVID-19 case counts and the epidemic curve. Please check your emails for any changes in this date and please continue reading below for what to expect when we return to worship.

Details on resuming for worship Oct. 18:

- Live Streaming will continue with the usual worship service at 8:30 am in the sanctuary (this will not be our in-person worship service. Only the live stream team and pastors will be present for this service.) People will be able to watch the live stream anytime by going to our YouTube channel **“St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Hurst TX”**.
- The number attending in person worship will be limited to 50 and will require members and visitors to call Patrice or Mitzi for reservations. (see below for more details on calling for reservations.)
- The in person worship will be different. The Session is extremely concerned for the safety of members as they worship. The order of worship will be similar but will not include singing of hymns or responsive or unison readings.

On what to expect when St. Philip opens for in person worship, [click here](#).

Wanted/Needed

**Volunteers to help on Sunday mornings when we reopen
 for in person worship.**

If you are interested please contact, Rev. Greg Garis at gregg@stphil.org
 or Rev. Alissa Conner at alissac@stphil.org

**The Prayer Gathering has been
 discontinued**

And

**The Pastor’s devotional will now
 be once a week on Wednesdays.**



Anti-Racism Conversation
October 4th, 3:00 PM

Come join us once again for an anti-racism conversation.

Rev. Alissa Conner will lead us with some conversation questions.

Watch your email for the Zoom link.—All are welcome.



Take the Anti-Racism challenge by going to the St. Philip website.

<https://www.stphil.org/anti-racism-challenge>

Feel free to add resources to the resource list, or take a look at what others have added, by clicking on the link on the website.

Message AlissaC@stphil.org if you need any help.



Circling

(or as we have come to call ourselves **Parking Lot Posse!**)

Every Friday morning at

9:30 a.m. we use our lawn chairs and form circles 6 feet apart under the shade of our wonderful old Oak trees, in the garden side and back parking lots of St. Philip. Of course we wear masks and respect each others' space.

The topic of conversation varies, but we have all learned some great household and personal tips! We try to just relay the good things that have happened in each week. It's amazing how much stress is relieved just seeing faces, well eyes anyway.

Come and join us!

Any questions call Judy Boyd or Ann Brice.



Men's Fellowship Under the Trees
1st and 3rd Wednesdays

October 7 & 21

at 8:30 am.

All men in the church and visitors are invited.

Join the fellowship under the trees on the east side of the Church facility (across from the Pre-school office).

Bring a chair, wear a mask, bring a favorite drink, and join the fellowship. (Physical distancing must be maintained during this fellowship)



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Oct. 6, 9:30 a.m. — PW Coordination Team — Fellowship Hall

Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. — Joint Circle Meeting — Fellowship Hall

Oct. 20 — TBD

Oct. 27 — TBD

Please wear your masks and social distance.

Bonnie Brockway
Presbyterian Women 2020
Honorary Life Membership Recipient

Bonnie Brockway was born in Houston to deaf parents. She learned good communication skills early, becoming her parents' ability to sign and verbalize with the outside world. These skills, along with her compassion for helping others, became some of her strongest assets in life. In the 1970's, Bonnie and Carl helped begin Hope Presbyterian Church in Round Rock as charter members. Again in the 1980s, the Brockways helped begin Round Rock Presbyterian Church.

Bonnie and Carl have been married 55 years and have 3 children. Carl said, "Bonnie is the loving glue that holds our family together."

In 2001, they became members of St. Philip. We at St. Philip see her compassion and empathy on a regular basis. Bonnie helps with Jump for Joy, assisting underprivileged students in need. When Bonnie retired in 2016, God said, "Bonnie, have I got a deal for you!" When Charlotte Staples brought children entering foster care to our attention in 2017, Bonnie began St. Philip's Undy Sunday program, providing clothing, toiletries, beany babies to hold, and more to children entering foster care. Often children bring their possessions, if any, in a trash bag from one place to another. Undy Sunday gives social workers size and gender appropriate items to give to children for their first night in their new foster home. Bonnie and Carl's spare bedrooms are now divided between Undy Sunday boy items in one room and girls in another.

Bonnie has served as an elder, deacon, usher, and greeter. She has worked in the church office, as a Sunday School shepherd, Moderator of Presbyterian Women, and most recently as Presbyterian Women publicity chair. An old friend, Pat Reinecker, had this to say, "Bonnie is the first to offer help. If there is a problem, she is the first to contact you, she's the first to show up with a casserole and she is the first to let you know she's here." We have found that to be true also.

Thank you, Bonnie, for being such a wonderful St. Philip blessing!



Calling All Youth
Grades 6th-12th

Welcome to the new school year! Now that many of you are kicking things off at school, youth group is ready to get started again. We will have a hybrid of **Zoom** and some on the lawn activities.

The 1st Sunday of the month we will meet on **Zoom**.

The 3rd Sunday of the month we will meet up at the church on the church lawn (with masks and social distancing). We will work out some 6 feet apart greetings! Things may shift and change as the year goes on, but this is how we will begin. Looking forward to seeing all of you again!

If you need the zoom link, more information, or help getting connected to email AlissaC@stphil.org

10/4 5-6:00 PM Meet on Zoom

10/18 5-6:00 PM Youth Lawn Games, St. Philip lawn. Don't forget your masks.

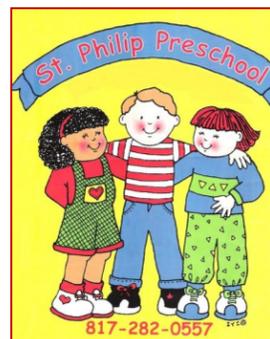


COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have had very productive gardens so far this year. For the last couple of weeks, our gardeners have still been harvesting okra, peppers, cucumbers, watermelons, arugula, and Japanese cucumbers! They have also been busy planting their fall gardens. Fall gardening is a lot of fun. Stop by and take a walk around the gardens to see what is coming up. You are always welcome here.

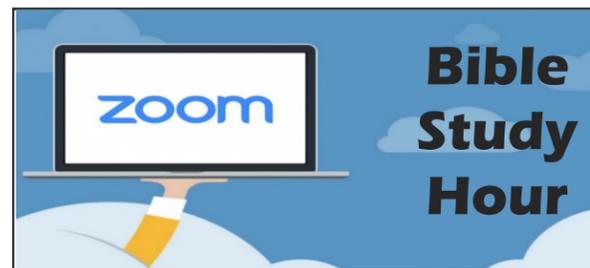
Our church can be very proud of the gardeners. This is our third year and the most productive so far. At the end of last year, our total produce was 1386 lbs. We are already 233 lbs ahead of the end of the year total for 2019! Our gardeners are very close to giving twice as much of their produce to NEED as what they take home. That is a Job Well Done!

As of 8/22/2020	Gardeners Took Home	562 lbs
	Gardeners Took to NEED	1057 lbs
	Total Produce	1619 lbs



St. Philip Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year, which has been approved to begin on October 5, 2020.

We have created a new Facebook Page where we will be sharing videos, story time, and some fun ideas for parents to use while they are home. Like our new Page so that you may see some of the fun things we will be doing this year. Staff training was held August 5th and 6th and Elise is in the office preparing for the school opening. We are excited about being back in school with the kids again and doing our best to provide a safe environment.



First 3 Sundays of each month from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Facilitators will be Donna Jowell and Rick Patterson alternating leadership. The Zoom link will be sent to you via email.



Earth Care Corner

St. Philip is now officially certified as a **PC (USA) Earth Care Congregation**

by the Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2021!

This title is designed to recognize churches that make a commitment to take seriously God's call to care for the earth. The goal is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life and encourages others to follow their example. Our congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into our worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Some examples of earth-care projects we accomplished were as follows: building and maintaining our organic Community Garden which is reusing waste from community members though composting, providing recycling bins on Oak Terrace, leading two programs on reducing plastic in the environment and recycling, leading an earth-care focused worship service, and being mindful of environmentally friendly ways to maintain our building. St. Philip will continue working on earth care projects in order to renew our certification for 2022!

SESSION APPROVED:

- The Foundation Fund request to purchase new PC's for the office staff.
- Recruiting some volunteers to help in the office. Mitzi is going on vacation the week of 9-21-2020.
- Moving SPPC to Phase I of reopening (limited activity).
- The PW Circles and the coordinating Team moving their meetings indoors if there is inclement weather. They will clean up after themselves.



Mid-Cities Care Corps

The past couple months we introduced you to our Transportation and Helping Hands Programs. This month we'd like to highlight our Social Outreach Program. This program was implemented to break the cycle of isolation that many of our seniors' experience. Within this program we provide the following services:

Visiting Friends: A volunteer shares quality time with a senior by visiting or going to lunch, visiting with a phone call, or other activities once or twice a month. Clients are matched with a volunteer so they have a sense of security and familiarity by seeing or hearing from the same volunteer each month.

Phone Friends: We put seniors together to connect with one another by phone from the comfort of their own homes.

Senior Socials: MCCC hosts a themed senior social event each month in the main hall of St. Philip, where we provide lunch and play games that represent the theme for that month. We are very blessed to have different groups sponsor many of these socials. MCCC also provides transportation to and from these socials.

Goody Bags: During this time of COVID 19, we've had to cancel our socials for the remainder of the year and we hope to be able to start scheduling them after the first of the year. However, we've been blessed by many organizations offering to prepare "goody bags" for our seniors, and our volunteers have personally delivered them to our clients. The overall response has been amazing. We've received many thank you notes from recipients letting us know how much they appreciate these "surprise packages".

Staying Connected: The purpose of this program is to bridge the generation gap between students and MCCC senior clients by helping to break the isolation that so many seniors feel.

Families or youth groups (private group, church, scouts, school) make a monthly card to send to our seniors. The student makes 12 cards, one for each month, and returns the cards to their leader/teacher who then turns them into MCCC.

ROAPS: To ensure we are staying in touch during these times, MCCC has established a program we call ROAPS – Reaching Out and Phone a Senior. Two or three times each week, we have volunteers come into the office and call our senior clients. By making a simple phone call, we can see how our clients are doing and if they have any needs we can fulfill.

Holiday Outreach: Groups and/or individuals donate and deliver food baskets and/or gifts for our senior clients who otherwise might not experience the spirit of the holiday season.

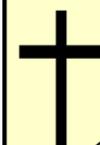
We're always looking for individuals, families, church groups or anyone with a caring heart and willingness to share quality time with a senior. We only ask 3 hours of your time a month, but you can volunteer as much as you like and as your schedule permits. For more information about Mid-Cities Care Corps, please visit www.midcitiescarecorps.org. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Nauman, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 817-282-0531 or at jnauman@midcitiescarecorps.org

THANKS
from the
HEART

We are so very grateful for the prayers, support, and many cards, calls, and messages during our mother's final months, weeks, and days. There is nothing like a loving church family, and we do appreciate you all. St. Philip is the best. Thank you from all of us.

Ruthie, Gordon, Patty, and Barbara

DEACONS' Corner



Greetings and blessings friends, from your St. Philip Board of Deacons.

Teachers are very important in our lives. The Bible references teachers in many verses. One such verse, 1 Peter 4:10, from the New Living Translation, says, "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." We are blessed to have teachers as members of our church. Donna Jowell grew up in Dallas and attended high school in Richardson. She completed studies at Stephen F. Austin State University where she majored in history with a minor in marketing. After graduation, Donna worked in business-human resources, as a recruiter for numerous companies. She met her future husband in Dallas, married and raised their 2 daughters. They lived in Arlington and subsequently relocated to North Richland Hills. But yearning for a change, Donna became certified and worked as a teacher. She taught high school social studies and special education for 17 years before retiring. Donna has been a St. Philip member for many years, and has served as a deacon previously as well as taught Sunday school. She is currently involved in Sunday school again. She is very involved with her family and spends leisure time at Possum Kingdom Lake. Donna follows the scripture in the Lord's work, as well as having served the community and as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

Financial Report

	August 2020	Year to date
	M-T-D	Y-T-D
Pledged	28,480.67	276,196.36
Non-Pledged	4,355.66	41,276.17
Open Plate	0.00	279.56
Beq/Mem	0.00	12,530.00
Building Use	25.00	13,550.00
Interest	0.00	7.24
FF Operating	0.00	14,575.60
From Desig.	0.00	600.00
Other Income	<u>36.64</u>	<u>-103.68</u>
Total Income	32,897.97	358,911.25
Expenses	<u>41,355.59</u>	<u>346,466.86</u>
Gain/Loss	(8,457.62)	12,444.39

Thank you for your continued support of St. Philip Remember you can give to St. Philip through our website www.stphil.org by clicking the donate button.



N.E.E.D. Drive
Curbside drop-off at St. Philip
Saturday and Sunday, October 17 & 18
1 to 3 p.m.
Pull up to the main sanctuary entrance and someone will take your donations.

Food Items Needed: peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups (and any lunch box items), mayo, Hamburger Helper, canned tomatoes

Personal Items Needed: toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, shaving products, bar soap, laundry soap, dish soap

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION.

BABY SHOWER

For Alissa and Jay Conner
It's a BOY,
Wyatt Parker, due Nov. 27th
SATURDAY, Oct. 3rd
between 10:00 a.m. and NOON
In the church parking lot
Drive by to show your love and support.

"Masks and social distancing are required at ALL church activities".

You will be able to enjoy the music of Paul Demer as you parade your car by the couple. You are welcome to park your car by the playground or garden and bring your lawn chair to the shade to watch him perform.

Registry: Target and Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/2XHCCNBZSPDQ>
<http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/alissaandjaybabyregistry>

Gift Cards are Welcome

Hosted by SPPC PW Coordinating Team
Questions - Contact Karen Qualley - 405-206-9635

OCTOBER, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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AOF-Acts of Faith CE-CE Hallway PL-Parking Lot PO-Pastor's Office Sac-Sacristy L-Library O-Office OT-Oak Terrace OW-Office Workroom	A-Room A S-Sanctuary YH-Youth Hall CR-Choir Room FH-Fellowship Hall Conf. R-Conference Room P-Parlor K-Kitcchen			9:30a-Preschool Meet the Teacher, under the oaks	9:30a-Circling Under the Oaks,PL by Garden	10:00a-12:00p-Drive by Shower for Jay & Alissa Conner
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9:15a-Zoom Sunday School Hour 10:30a-Live Stream Worship 3:00p-Anti-Racism Conversation via Zoom 5:00a-Youth Zoom Mtg.	9:30a-Preschool Begins	9:30a-Presbyterian Coordinating Team Mtg., FH	8:30a-Men's Fellowship,PL by Garden		9:30a-Circling Under the Oaks,PL by Garden	9:00a-1:00p-Free Flu Shots, PL 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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- 1st Will Whitehead
- 2nd Berwyn Caswell
- 2nd Vern Boyd
- 3rd Shirley Barney
- 3rd Ashton Haney
- 4th Francisco Andrade
- 8th Vickie Buckalew
- 9th William Scott
- 9th Lee Larkin
- 10th Liz Spybuck
- 11th John Edwards
- 12th Nella Bedford
- 13th Mable Kapyepye
- 14th Martha Jane Staples
- 15th Jennifer Robertson
- 16th Ron Freeman
- 16th Brandi Nixon
- 22nd Cathy Shoop
- 25th Thomas Frempong
- 26th Jaylon Buie
- 26th Cecile Lemmon
- 26th Quinn Dixon
- 27th Lily Belknap
- 28th Bill Evans
- 29th Nancy Jones
- 31st Rose Turner



**Free Flu Vaccines
DRIVE-THRU CLINIC
MASKS REQUIRED**

St. Philip Presbyterian Church
No insurance or ID required

WHO: Adults and children ages 9 and older
OCTOBER 10, 2020, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
or until vaccines run out

- Drive through event: stay in your car and follow instructions
- To receive a flu shot you must wear a face covering, will have your temperature checked, and must not be sick or have had any recent exposure to COVID.
- All Texas Health staff and volunteers will follow the CDC recommendations for infection prevention.