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

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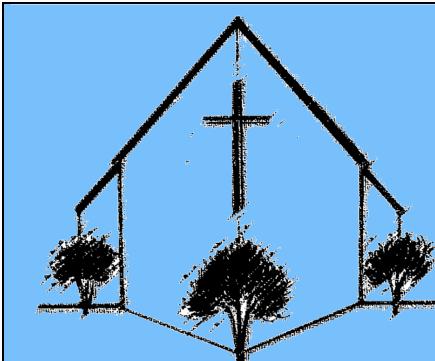
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St. Philip Newsletter

January, 2021

"Welcoming, Growing, Sharing God's Love, Meeting Needs"

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Epiphany 2021

The day of Epiphany is a day in the church calendar. It has been set as January 6 for centuries now. The celebration of Epiphany is older than the celebration of Christmas and it was used to commemorate the manifestation (or the showing forth) of God through Christ. Word for Epiphany comes from the Greek word Epipanosis. The traditional passage that is associated with Epiphany is the story in Matthew's gospel about the wise men. This year St. Philip will celebrate Epiphany on January 3rd.

This year we will again be blessed to have ceramic stars made by artist Jackie Berry. Please come on Sunday, January 3rd, between 1:00 -3:00 PM to pick up your star with a word on it. You may drive by the entrance of the sanctuary of the church and people will assist you in picking up a star.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
January 31, 2021
12:00 noon.
(after the 10:30 worship service)

The Session of St. Philip have called for the annual congregational meeting to be held after church on January 31. The agenda for this meeting is to hear/read and receive annual reports from committees and staff, to receive the 2021 Church budget as information, to vote on the at-large members of the nominating committee and to vote on the financial terms of call for the pastors. Please plan on joining the Zoom meeting. You don't have to have a computer or smart phone to be a part of the Zoom meeting. You may call in on your home phone. Please watch for an email for the Zoom information.

St. Philip Congregation Elects Officers

Congratulations to Missy Calhoun, Bruce Johnson, Phil Gregory, Ann Treleven, Tyler Belknap and Cecil Lawrence who were elected and examined to be active Ruling Elders of St. Philip. Also congratulations to Marilyn Matthews, Elaine Stokes, Marilyn Bowers and Margaret Baker who were elected and examined to be Deacons of St. Philip. These new officers read a statement of faith to the Session after a period of study. The Session has approved that these new Ruling Elders and Deacons will be installed and ordained on January 3rd at our Live Streaming service. A few of these people will have a service of the laying on of hands when it is possible for us to meet. Please keep these new elders and deacons and the continuing elders and deacons in your prayers as they do the work of the church.



Come join us once again for an Anti-Racism Conversation.
January 10, 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Greg Garis 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.



Calling All Youth Grades 6th-12th

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!

1/3 5-6:00 PM Meet on Zoom

1/17 5-6:00 PM Youth on the Lawn, St. Philip lawn. Making care packages- bring masks, a chair, and anything you would like to add to the college care packages.



We have surpassed our 2020 goal of growing a ton of vegetables! And most of that has been given to NEED. Our wonderful gardeners and our church can be proud of this.

As of Dec 05, our gardeners were still harvesting green peppers, jalapenos, eggplants, spinach, turnip and collard greens, rosemary, parsley, lettuce, and even a few cherry tomatoes!

Fresh, organic produce taken-

By the Gardeners 650 lbs.

To NEED 1414 lbs.

Total Lbs. 2065 lbs.

All plots were taken for 2020!



Bible Study Hour
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 on the Weekend Announcements.



Finally, 2020 is about over! Here's hoping we can look forward to a better 2021!

This year of COVID-19 has been a challenge for all of us and especially our clients. However, we have been blessed with staff and volunteers who have continued to operate and serve

our senior neighbors in Northeast Tarrant County. We've been isolated from our family and friends, and many have been out of work. And because of the many challenges we've faced this year, this might be a time to look toward the future and reflect on what we've learned during this unprecedented time. Instead of thinking of all the things we've missed this year, let's think about what we're thankful for this year.

For those of us who've been able to work, be thankful you've had a job.

For those of us who have had the kids home for several months with virtual learning, be thankful that this technology has been available.

For those of us who've missed being with extended family and friends, take time to appreciate the times you spend with them when things get back to "normal".

For those who've been isolated, we're thankful for the many supporters who have donated "goody bags" to distribute to our clients and those who've made phone calls weekly to touch base with those who have been home-bound.

For those who've missed their church family, we're thankful that many churches have been able to live-stream their services for their congregation.

These changes in our lives – some good, some not so good – have made us stronger and shown us that we are survivors. Many people make New Year's resolutions in January and break them within a few days. This may be the year we should make meaningful New Year's resolutions and keep them! Resolutions about being thankful for all we have, and about making time to be with those we love, and letting them know how much they are appreciated and mean to us. If 2020 has taught us anything, it has taught us not to take anything for granted. The Staff at Mid-Cities Care Corps wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year that includes many blessings and good things in the new year!



Urgent Needs

Food items: Mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressing

Personal items: toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, razors

Cleaning items: laundry soap, dish soap

Please take your items to N.E.E.D.

St. Philip Missions OR How You are Helping Our Community Get Through the Pandemic.



What you are doing to help:

More families are hungry, many having to ask for help for the first time.

The number of people seeking assistance from Tarrant Area Food Bank breaks one record after another: repeatedly.

St. Philip donated \$7000 to Tarrant Area Food Bank in 2020.

Food donations were made to NEED as well as financial donations.

Unfortunately, more children were abused and/or neglected after COVID.

Over 400 first night bags were made by St. Philip this fall for those entering foster care.

St. Philip donated 72 boxes of Kleenex and 120 granola bars to the Hurst Department of Family and Protective Services on Pipeline.

When school started again, teachers had to shift plans with completely new Programs, teaching online as well as in school, sometimes at the same time.

Hurst Junior High students, both online and in school students, had a laptop, or a school owned laptop, but they needed power strips for them.

St. Philip donated 60 power strips to Hurst Junior High, 204 boxes of Kleenex as well as twice taking treats with positive notes of encouragement to the teachers and other staff members.

St. Philip donated 20 washable PPE gowns, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to KEYS high school. Walmart gift cards were given to combat truancy, a growing problem during the pandemic, to KEYS high school.

Volunteers also twice delivered treats with notes of encouragement to the teachers and other staff. An anonymous St. Philip donor purchased, through St. Philip, three pieces of kinetic wind art for the KEYS campus.

St. Philip members donated 50 sandwiches and 50+ bottles of water each month to the Presbyterian Night Shelter. St. Philip also made financial donations.

God bless you, St. Philip. You have such huge, generous hearts.

Together we can and we will get through this.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION APPROVED: November 23, 2020

- The minutes of the Session meetings held on October 19 and 26, and November 9, 2020, were approved as presented. The minutes of the Session meetings held on November 15 and 18, 2020, were approved as corrected.
- The church office being closed from December 28-30, 2020, along with one half day on December 31, 2020. (December 31 is already closed for one half day in the SPPC Personnel Policy).
- PDO/Preschool holding another drive-through Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser again on Dec 6 and 7, 2020. These are the same days that we may drop off our gifts for the Angel Tree.
- PDO/Preschool holding a Mustard Seed Jewelry fundraiser in late January 2021.
- Jennifer Stark, Ann Brice, Mary Peters and Wendy Parmelee serving on the Gift Covenant Fund committee for 2021 and 2022.

SESSION APPROVED: December 14, 2020

- The 2021 Communion dates which include the first Sunday of every month except July and September, as well as third Sunday of every month, Easter Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Pentecost, Christmas Eve (two services), Session Retreat and Women's Retreat.
- The Girl Scouts having a multi-troop drive-through cookie booth on the church grounds from 1-3 PM on January 17 and 24, 2021, as well as advertising the event on our electronic sign and two yard signs (pending approval after Sessions sees the signs).
- Holding the SPPC Annual Congregational Meeting virtually at noon on January 31, 2021.

Year End Contributions and Check Requests

This is the time of year when tax considerations are especially important. All contributions to be included for 2020 must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31, 2020. Please designate donations for St. Philip Missions in the memo section of your check.

No checks will be written the first week of January due to year end closing, and no checks will be paid out of the 2020 budget after December 31, 2020.

End-of-year contributions will be accepted and posted as usual when the staff returns and begins the end-of-year closing process.

Online Contributions

You have the option of giving online.

The link below will take you to the St. Philip website online giving page.

Online Giving

The "Donate" button will let you select the type of contribution you wish to make.

Automatic Monthly Contribution

Please call the church finance office if you are interested in setting up recurring payments for your monthly offering.



We will start using a new accounting software program in 2021 after the 2020-year end closing process is completed. With the new program, St. Philip will offer many eGiving options; Online Giving, One-time Gifts, Recurring Gifts, Mobile Giving, Credit & Debit Cards, Text Giving, Multiple fund Gifts. Look for more information regarding these options in January.

Financial Report

November 2020

Year to date

Pledged	31,055.65	372,178.36
Non-Pledged	4,078.06	63,709.61
Open Plate	0.00	279.56
Beq/Mem	0.00	12,530.00
Building Use	25.00	13,625.00
Interest	0.00	10.65
FF Operating	0.00	14,575.60
From Desig.	0.00	600.00
Other Income	0.00	<u>-103.68</u>
Total Income	35,158.71	477,405.10
Expenses	<u>48,631.50</u>	<u>465,176.24</u>
Gain/Loss	(13,472.79)	12,228.86

**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.**



Earth Care Corner

St. Philip has joined "Presbyterians for Earth Care", a national PCUSA program, whose purpose is to connect, inspire, and equip congregations and presbyteries to work for eco-justice for all of God's Earth. Our membership will both support and provide access to a network of Presbyterians, locally and across the country, which is actively involved with environmental issues and concerns within the Church and in society. We will receive monthly newsletters including information on current environmental issues, faith-based educational resources, and ideas and stories of others who have responded to the sacred call to care for the earth. We can all be proud to participate in this journey toward a healthier planet! If you are interested in helping with earth care at St. Philip, contact Ruth Lucas at lucascr@me.com.



Men's Fellowship

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

**January 6th & 20th
at 8:30 am.**

Fellowship Hall

**All men in the church and visitors
are invited.**

Wear a mask, bring a favorite drink,
and join the fellowship.

(Physical distancing must be maintained
during this fellowship)



THANK YOU!

The SPPC Presbyterian Women appreciate the support and generosity of the members who adopted an angel from the Angel Tree Mission. All 55 Angels were adopted; some of you adopted two! You shopped for the gifts, returned them to the church on time and they were delivered to the Presbyterian Night Shelter for parents to wrap. Thank you to all the "elves" who worked behind the scene to make this happen. A SPECIAL THANKS to the anonymous elf who made 55 stockings filled with goodies with each child's name on them and a bag for each parent. Our church building may be closed during this pandemic but the hearts of our members are open. We are blessed!



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Jan. 5 – 10:00 a.m.

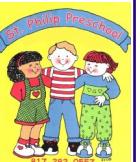
Coordinating Team meeting - FH

Jan. 12 – 12:00 p.m.

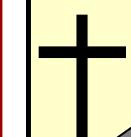
Joint Circle meeting - FH



I want to thank everyone who has supported our preschool with prayers, donations, purchasing cakes, serving on the Preschool Board and just generally showing love for the school. We are on Christmas Break from December 17-January 4th. It is a blessing to be able to have the kids come to school and get to have a few hours of almost "normal". Many of the parents have expressed just how important the school is to their family, we are serving the community in a very meaningful way. It is a blessing to be able to see their faces as they come in the door every morning, full of joy to just be at school. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are enrolling for the Spring semester, so spread the news.



DEACONS' Corner



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

The deacons serve to help others and as the year comes to a close, want to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And what about Christmas, a celebration of the birth of Christ. The news says that a rare "Christmas Star" will appear December 21. This is a rare event that has not been seen in almost eight centuries. As we know, the wise men sought the baby Jesus. "When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

JANUARY, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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-Kitchen				1 	2
3 9:15a-Zoom Sunday School Hour 10:30a-Live Stream Worship 1-3:00p-Pick Up Epiphany Star 5:00p-Youth Zoom Mtg.	4 Church Office Reopens 6:00-Deacons Meeting,Zoom 7:00p-Zoom Session Meeting	5 PDO Resumes 10:00a-Presbyterian Coordinating Team Mtg., FH	6 8:30a-Men's Fellowship,FH Weekly Devotional	7	8	9
10 9:15a-Zoom Sunday School Hour 10:30a-Live Stream Worship 3:00p-Anti-Racism Conversation	11 7:00p-Zoom Session Meeting	12 12:00p-Sheila B/Grace Circle & Life Circle Joint Circle Mtg,FH	13 Weekly Devotional	14 8:30a-Mid Cities Care Corps Mtg.,FH	15 9:30a-Circling,FH	16
17 9:15a-Zoom Sunday School Hour 10:30a-Live Stream Worship 1-3:00p-Drive through Girl Scout Cookie Drive 5:00p-Youth Lawn Games,Church Lawn	18 7:00p-Zoom Session Meeting	19	20 8:30a-Men's Fellowship,FH Weekly Devotional	21	22 9:30a-Circling,FH	23
24 9:15a-Zoom Sunday School Hour 10:30a-Live Stream Worship 1-3:00p-Drive through Girl Scout Cookie Drive	25 7:00p-Zoom Session Meeting	26	27 Weekly Devotional	28	29 9:30a-Circling,FH	30
31 9:15a-Zoom Sunday School Hour 10:30a-Live Stream Worship 12:00p-Annual Congregational Meeting	February 1 7:00p-Zoom Session Meeting	2 10:00a-Presbyterian Coordinating Team Mtg., FH	3 Weekly Devotional	4	5 9:30a-Circling,FH	6



- 1st Bob Cook
1st Karen Qualley
1st Joe Sogan
2nd Julie Norton
3rd Patty O'Brien
4th Melissa Moffett
5th Bobbie Wied
5th Jennifer Stark
6th Beth Williamson
8th Sherry Smith
8th Susan Billings
9th Madison McLain
11th Randy Welch
11th Lindsey Zimmer
13th Hope Garis
17th Louise Scheuchl
17th Donna MacLeod
20th Esther Johnson
22nd Yao Senagbe
28th Pat Swanzey
29th Susan Neal
30th Greg Garis
30th Marian Asante
30th Jake Skodak
31st J.W. Shaunty
31st Jackie Berry

The church office will reopen on January 4th.

