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## Come for Lunch and Conversation About Mission

### Music at St. Philip

MASP presents organist Daryl Robinson in recital on the Fritts Organ, Opus 29, on Tuesday, October 15, 7:30 pm. Recipient of the First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2012 American Guild of Organists National Young Artists Competition, Robinson is a native Houstonian. He holds a Bachelor of Music in organ performance from the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston where he studied with Robert Bates and Matthew Dirst. Currently he is pursuing a Master of Music in organ performance at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, studying with Ken Cowan. Already a seasoned performer, Robinson has performed in venues throughout the United States and Europe.

Robinson will present music spanning the centuries, from Buxtehude, Bach, and Liszt, through 20th and 21st centuries, Litaize, Pärt, Bovey and Conte.

Music at St. Philip (MASP) is very pleased to present this recital in co-sponsorship with the Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is \$10 at the door. There is no charge for AGO members.

The Mission Study Team, charged with determining uses for the Central Presbyterian Church Mission Endowment Fund, is hosting a congregational forum on October 13 in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 am Service of Worship.

Following a free lunch, there will be a brief presentation on the history of this fund and the shape of the Mission Study Team's work to date, then the bulk of the time will be given to moderated conversation around the tables. The intent of the forums is to gather input and insight from across the congregation on possible uses for this remarkable resource. What are the kinds of ministry or mission opportunities that might energize us as a community?

RSVPs for lunch are requested. Call the church office. Children are welcome to participate. Nursery care is available; a call to the church office will help in planning. The event is structured to allow those attending the PrimeTimers 1:30 event to participate.

Your presence and participation is important, so please make plans to join us. For those with scheduling conflicts, a second forum is planned for October 20 during the Sunday school hour. If there is interest and/or need, additional gatherings can be scheduled.

### Glory to God!

The new hymnals are in the pews, but not all of them have been dedicated. For \$15, you can give a hymnal in honor or in memory of someone. A bookplate will be prepared and placed in the front cover. Forms are available in the church office and the narthex.

A complete list of hymnal dedications will be published soon. Many thanks to Ruth Ewing who has beautifully inscribed the bookplates.

## Congregational Concerns:

Healthcare: **Larry Dean** at Westbury Place,  
**Sondra Sullivan** at The Crescent, Sugar Land

Recuperating: **Elizabeth Junkin, Paul Pennington**

At home: **Grayson Anderson;**  
**Barbara Eudey**, no visitors, please

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Jan Fox and family** on the recent death of her mother.

## Check These Announcements

**Presbyterian Men's Weekly Fellowship** encourages all men of the church to meet on Fridays at Noon in the office conference room. Enjoy your own fabulous lunch (BYO lunch) along with lively conversation and book study. We have just begun a study of *Ordinary Words, Extraordinary Deeds. Preaching the Miracles of Jesus*, by John W. Wurster. Get your copy of the book by calling the church office. So grab a sandwich and join us!!

**A flu shot clinic will be held here at St. Philip next Sunday, October 13th** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Dining Room. Medicare Part B and participating health plans will be billed. Please bring your proof of insurance. Cost of flu shot is \$30. and pneumonia shot is \$75. Call the church office to sign up.

**Save the Date:** The Stewardship Committee is planning a presentation of the 2014 Proposed Operating Budget on November 3 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Come for a light breakfast and important information. More details to follow.

**The Philip-Eye will be published** on October 21, November 4 and 18. Please submit information and articles in a timely manner. 10:00 am on the day of publication is the deadline. E-mail to philip-eye@saintphilip.net or leave in the PE box in the mail room.

## Highlights of the September 17, 2013

### Session Meeting

John Lemen, Clerk of Session

- Session approved the motion of the Mission Committee to use a portion of the undesignated funds, not to exceed \$2,000, for the purpose of covering Dr. Jose Estrella, Rev. Pablo Estrella and his wife's travel expenses from the Yucatan to Houston in October.
- The Session approved the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism of Ashton Samuel Fair, son of Jessie and Walker Fair, on Sunday, March 23, 2014, and to invite the Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair to officiate.

## From Your Pastor:

Dear Friends,

I encourage you to participate in one of the upcoming congregational forums sponsored by our Mission Study Team. We are discussing uses for the Central Presbyterian Church Mission Endowment Fund, and your input is important.

The October 13 event will happen following the 11:00 service in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be available for no charge. When everyone is seated, a brief presentation will be made, and then we will have moderated conversations around our tables. Everyone will have an opportunity to speak about hopes, dreams, and fears, as we consider the possibilities for using this fund to expand our mission.

Essentially what we're about in this process is discernment, trying to hear God's call and follow God's direction. Frederick Buechner writes, "The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." What is your sense of the activities that could bring deep gladness to our congregation? What is the deep hunger in our community? I'm not sure any single one of us has the complete answers to these questions. However, as we speak and listen to one another, I believe we will gain a better sense of what God would have us do. In these forums, we are seeking to start a conversation that will necessarily continue.

Children and youth are welcome at this event. Alternative activities will also be available, along with nursery care. Your RSVPs help us in our planning. Please contact the church office. We will also offer another forum on October 20 during the Sunday School hour in the dining room.

Two years ago, when I had the first inklings that there might be an opportunity for me to serve at St. Philip, the possibilities represented by this fund were extremely appealing. That is even more so the case now. It is an extraordinary opportunity for our congregation. As we travel in this uncharted territory, I am eager to see what God has in store for us. I am grateful for your companionship on the journey.

Faithfully yours,



## Welcome New Members...

**Bonnie Moore** has recently become a member of St. Philip. She grew up in Hillsdale, MI; and attended Michigan State and the University of Michigan. After migrating to Texas, she attended University of North Texas and Texas Women's University. She is currently Vice President of Certification and Support at Personalysis Houston. She is married to Greg Moore, and they have three grown children. In her spare time, Bonnie enjoys reading, travel, music and Mission work. She was invited to visit our church by Elizabeth Duerr, and cites our friendly congregation, staff, and music program as great attractions for her. Her music and Mission interests make her a perfect fit for St. Philip. Please welcome Bonnie into our family.

We are also excited to welcome **Andrew and Kate Henderson** to St. Philip. They have transferred from First Presbyterian of Ann Arbor, Michigan (so they may have something in common with Bonnie Moore, above!) Andrew attended St. Stephen's in Austin, and later Williams College, MA, UT-Austin and University of Michigan. He is currently an Assistant Professor at UT School of Public Health. He enjoys soccer, guitar, biking, reading, and crossword puzzles in his free time. Kate attended Albion College and Indiana University for her MPA. She is a Grant Administrator for University of Texas. She enjoys outdoor activities in her free time. They are new to Houston, and have a new house, so Andrew writes that there is lots of home improvement going on. They were attracted to St. Philip by friends, and enjoy the friendly congregation, the staff, and our worship service. They indicate many church activities where they hope to participate, so they will quickly find their place at St. Philip. Please welcome Kate and Andrew when you meet them.

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## What is Friday Phil-up?!

The committees of Fellowship and Education have partnered to offer a new opportunity for St. Philip folks to share fellowship and fare on the third Friday of each month beginning in October. Childcare will be provided at the church. Children will bring a sack dinner and enjoy their own time together with their church friends.

Meanwhile, grownups will rendezvous at The Canyon Café (Post Oak at Westheimer) to enjoy the company of one another in a casual setting. Childcare will be available from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm in the Education Building's Nursery and Room 105.

Please RSVP to the office if you will need childcare for this event. This helps us to plan for the number of childcare workers we will need!!

## Hallelujah!

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An update from **Mary Mac Johnson**: *My Girl Scout troop has received such incredible art supplies for our project at the Nehemiah Center. The supplies have helped us as we work with the kids in the afternoons, and we are all enjoying making things together. Thanks for supplying us with lots of materials and to all who donated art supplies!!*

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## Can You Hear?

There will be a brief information session about the new Assisted Hearing Loop system after 11:00 worship on Sunday, October 27 in the Church and Society classroom (room 201). Whether you have already been using the system or if you have questions about how you can begin to use the system, this is a great time to get together and learn more about how it works! Please plan to stay for a brief discussion with fellow members and with an Audiologist to learn how this new system can greatly improve your ability to hear and participate in worship at St. Philip.

A light snack will be provided. Please sign up by calling the church office so that we know how many people to expect.

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## The November Communion Offering

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> our monthly communion offering will be dedicated to Community of the Streets Outreach (COTS), which is the outreach arm of Lord of the Streets (LOTS). LOTS is a mission church whose members are all homeless and which holds Sunday services at Trinity Episcopal Church. Sunday worship service averages attendance of 200 to 250 and a breakfast fellowship follows the service. Volunteers prepare and serve the breakfast. St. Philip volunteers, organized by Janet Davis, serve breakfast at LOTS several times each year.

COTS serves as a social service provider and advocate for the homeless and disadvantaged, committed to ministering to their spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs. COTS provides direct assistance in the form of food and clothing, crisis intervention, ID documents, counseling and referrals for other services, such as shelter and job training. COTS has carefully designed programs that address the critical needs of those less fortunate and strives to treat them with dignity and to instill hope. COTS serves thousands of homeless Houstonians each year at a facility half-way between downtown and the Medical Center.

Please give generously to programs of this outreach mission.

## Kids Against Hunger Fall Activities

Fall at Kids Against Hunger is off to an energetic beginning. Two local Methodist churches joined St. Philip members in September to package more than 11,000 meals. The packing sessions planned through 2014 should allow us to reach our goal of half a million rice casserole meals assembled since we began operation in 2009. All St. Philip members are encouraged to help host and work alongside these groups.

Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am. until noon  
St. Philip Young Adults

Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am until noon  
Volunteers from Comerica Bank

Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> after church  
Youth from St. Philip, First Presbyterian Pasadena,  
and Christ Church Presbyterian

Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am until noon  
First Presbyterian School

## CCSC Employment Opportunity

The Sunshine Resale Shop is a retail store selling donated goods. The shop is a source of revenue for Christian Community Service Center's programs and also provides quality merchandise to community shoppers.

The Sunshine Resale Shop Manager is responsible for the overall retail management, marketing, and sales strategy of the shop. This full-time position also manages a part-time Assistant Manager and a workforce of volunteers. Requirements include a college degree, at least five years of retail management experience, solid organizational skills, and excellent interpersonal skills. Volunteer management experience is desired, but not required.

Additional details regarding CCSC may be accessed at [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org).

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to: Kelly Finkenbinder, Development Director at [kfinkenbinder@ccschouston.org](mailto:kfinkenbinder@ccschouston.org)

## CanCare Volunteer Training

CanCare is offering an October training session for cancer survivors and care givers of cancer survivors. The training will be at Congregation Beth Yeshurun Oct 13, 16 and 20, 2013.

As your CanCare St. Philip Representative, and care giver of two cancer survivors, I can tell you that the training is informative, intensive, affirming and most likely the best three days of training I have ever received. CanCare does an outstanding job of preparing its volunteers for the service they provide.

If interested, please call Hope Wilmarth: 281-376-7878 or contact CanCare: 713-461-0028 for details.

## Lectionary Readings

October 13, 2013

21st Sunday after Pentecost  
*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 20, 2013

22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 27, 2013

23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Reformation Sunday  
Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

November 3, 2013

24th Sunday after Pentecost  
*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thessalonians 4:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10, 2013

25th Sunday after Pentecost  
*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 *or* Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17, 2013

26th Sunday after Pentecost  
*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

## 75th Anniversary of "The Night of Broken Glass"

November 10, 2013 marks the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht. Ruth Brown, a Houston area Holocaust survivor and docent at Holocaust Museum Houston, will speak to the Church & Society class and tell the story of Kristallnacht and how it affected Ruth and her family when they lived in Deusseldorf, Germany.

During the two days of Kristallnacht, Hitler's Third Reich burned over a thousand synagogues; seven thousand Jewish businesses were trashed and looted; dozens of Jewish people were killed; and Jewish hospitals, cemeteries, schools and homes were looted. All this while police and fire brigades stood by and did nothing. After Kristallnacht, thirty thousand German Jewish men were sent to concentration camps.

## Sunday School Classes for All

### Classes for Children

#### Nursery (Birth to 3 yrs old)

in Room 106

Children learn about God and creation through a method based on "Bible Babies".

#### Preschool (3yrs through 1st grade)

in room 105

"Godly Play"

#### Elementary Age Children

Room 105

"Feasting on the Word"

### Youth

Room 206

"Feasting on the Word"

A lectionary-based curriculum.

### Adult Classes

#### Parenting with Love and Logic

Beginning October 6

Room 202

For parents of children of all ages,

this class will use Foster Cline and Jim Fay's book,

*Parenting with Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility.*

Readings and discussion will combine with time for sharing personal experiences.

Explore how our faith impacts our parenting style and how to bring church "home".

led by Judith Northrop.

#### The SPa (St. Philip Adults)

Room 200

Uses Peter Gomes, [The Good Book](#), as the curriculum for a discussion-based class.

#### The Bible Study Class

Room 204

a study of Deuteronomy led by Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop.

#### Church and Society

October 6 and 13

"In the News – Trayvon Martin, The Christian's Response"

Explore questions raised by the shooting death of 17-year old Trayvon Martin in February 2012

and the subsequent trial and acquittal of George Zimmerman, the shooter.

We will look at factors that caused the case to garner national attention,

the meaning of racial profiling and its part in the events leading to Martin's death,

the role of neighborhood watch organizations and the firearms laws that apply to them,

what role the criminal justice systems, state and federal, should exercise in the wake of similar incidents,

and what social actions, if any, Christian citizens should take in response to the issues raised.

The classes will be part lecture and part questions and comments by class participants.

led by Mary Sinderson.

October 20

How religion and spirituality influence the process of grieving - led by Dr. Jim Lomax.

October 27

Characters of the Reformation - led by Deb Burks and John Wurster.

November 3

The Seven Deadly Sins in Art: from their inception to the to the Renaissance

led by Linda Neagley, PhD, Assoc. Prof., Art History, Rice University.

November 10

The Story of Kristallnacht (see page 4) - led by Ruth Brown, Holocaust survivor.

November 17

Alternative Christmas Market - No class.

All classes begin at 9:30.