

St. Philip Newsletter

April 2022

St. Philip Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Dr. Greg Garis, Pastor

“To be a welcoming and growing church, as we share God’s love in the community and meet the spiritual needs of our members. Together we embrace the truth that in God there is no inequality among people.”

Please plan to join us for:

Maundy Thursday service April 14 at 7:00 PM

Easter service April 17 at 10:30 am.

Lenten Studies

Watch the author talk about this book by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyN250puTkg>

Also a Special 3 part Lenten Journey will also be available through Grace Presbytery, titled “The Power of Diversity and Blessedness of Inclusion with Rev. Ray Jordan. The classes will continue via zoom on April 5th and April 12th from 6:30-8:00 PM.

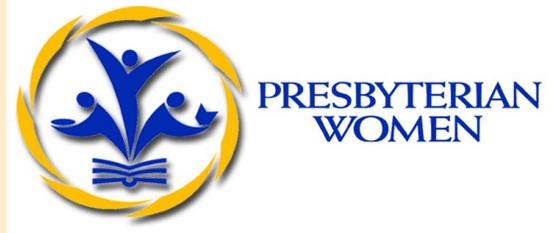
Weekly Themes will be: Inclusion Matters • Now What? • Gratitude & Trust: The Secret Sauce to Diversity.

Pastor Ray Jordan is a trailblazing preacher, teacher, speaker, workshop leader, and consultant to churches, corporate entities, and institutions of higher education. He is the lead pastor at First Community United Church of Christ in Dallas. Ray also teaches courses for the Graduate Liberal Studies program at Southern Methodist University.



Session Retreat Saturday, April 2, 2022

The Session will participate in a Retreat on Saturday afternoon, April 2, with theme ***Renew, Reconnect, & Rejoice: The Journey***. The purpose of the retreat is to look at the work of our church how we can better connect the Session with our important committees that ensure that St. Philip is focused on continued service to our community and to our congregation. We are renewing our bonds after being apart for two years and reconnecting with each other. We are ready to open our eyes to our successes and failures, ready to open our arms to look at new ways to inclusively minister to our congregation and community, and ready to rejoice in this renewed opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder together. Restart your engines! It’s time.



Apr. 5	PW Board	10am	Library
Apr. 6	Life Circle	11am	Library
Apr. 12	Grace Circle/Sheila Bradley	10am	Library
Apr. 19	Fellowship	TBD	
Apr. 26	Mission	TBD	
Apr. 30	Women’s Retreat		Youth Hall

SAVE THE DATE!!



All the women of SPPC (and their friends) are invited to save Saturday, April 30, 2022, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., for our annual women’s retreat! This year’s retreat theme is Grace Under Fire! The Reverend Laurie Wirth Palmer will lead the retreat. Laurie was our interim associate minister just before Greg came. She is now the Stated Clerk for Mission Presbytery.



Books for St. Phil Book Group 2022
January — July

We meet the 4th Tuesday at 1:15 in the church library

January 25	The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dari
February 22	A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
March 22	Leaving Lucy Pear by Anna Solomon
April 26	The Water Keeper by Charles Martin
May 24	The Known World by Edward P Jones
June 28	West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge Stephenson
July 26	The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict aka Heather Benedict Terrell

Communion/The Lord's Supper Will Be April 3rd



Communion at this time will be done with pre-packaged individually wrapped cups of juice with a wafer. A gluten-free wafer will be available. These pre-packaged cups will be available for pick up as people enter the sanctuary. Please hold this cup or place it in the pew rack until the communion part of the service. Also, you may leave the used cup in the pew racks after the service.

Men's Coffee Fellowship



1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

April 6th and 20th, 8:30 a.m.

In the Narthex

All men of the church and visitors are welcome.

No age limits or requirements.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP!

Donuts will be provided. Bring your own coffee.

ADULT Sunday School

We have options!

Two classes, **Seekers** and **Alpha**, that meet each Sunday morning.

The **Seekers** class meets in the Library from 9:15 – 10:15. It is led by Cathy Shoop, and the material studied is *Imaging the Word*, a lectionary-based material that uses art and literature in combination with each week's scriptures.

The **Alpha** class meets in CE Room 5 (formerly called Martha's Vineyard) and is a combination Zoom and in-person class. Currently the study is based on a video series "Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple". This class has social time from 9:00 – 9:15 and the lesson from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The Zoom link is available through Donna Jowell at 817-343-5032 or leave a message at the church office (817-282-9181).



**NEED COLLECTION =
First Sunday – April 3**

NEED is grateful for your generous donations!

As always, they need MAYO, MUSTARD, KETCHUP AND JELLY and COOKING OIL. Side dishes such as Mac and cheese and Hamburger Helper, etc. All the soaps: dish, laundry, bath and shampoo

THANK YOU for your continuous support of this mission.

If you prefer, checks can be written to St. Philip. Please note NEED in the memo.



April 24th at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Conversations on Racial Equity group will continue discussions of the book, Caste: the Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson.

The participants should read pages:

1 - 96 of Caste and come prepared to discuss what they learned or insights they gained. Through compelling stories, Isabel Wilkerson talks about our system of racial oppression, which she describes as a caste system. Ms. Wilkerson compares it to the caste system in India and the oppression of the Jews in Nazi Germany. Caste is a compelling, disturbing but ultimately hopeful book. Join us for a lively discussion.

One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday



Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world.

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression and injustice in society.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

You can visit the OGHS website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your gift helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the people and projects who receive this support.

While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. You'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 17, and you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing. Please give as generously as you can online or by check to support One Great Hour of Sharing.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL /NURSERY

All children in grades K-5 are invited to attend Sunday School in Room 8 every Sunday morning at 9:15am. Senior High Youth meet each Sunday morning in the Youth Hall. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, or friends! If you have a child 2-4 years old or a Junior High Student who wants to attend Sunday School, please call the Church Office (817-944-4549) or contact Ruth Lucas (817-480-6178).

We are ready to begin those classes as needed.

Our Nursery meets in Room 3 and is provided every Sunday morning during worship.

SPPC Preschool Reminder

Please remember that our Preschool is in session Monday through Friday from 8:30 – 2:30. Per our state licensing agency and for safety of our children, no adult may enter any populated preschool classroom unless they have had a formal background check through SPPC. Further, please let Kimberly Johnson, our SPPC Preschool Director, know if there is a work crew, repair person, or meeting scheduled in the Christian Education Wing of the church campus.



Thanks for Our Wonderful Women!

Tuesday, March 23, twenty women of our church met in the library to fill 10 buckets with their donations of cleaning supplies. These Going Home Buckets will be given to the families moving out of the Presbyterian Night Shelter into their own homes. We could have filled another 10 buckets! All the buckets and supplies filled the back of an SUV to the max and were delivered that afternoon.



Session Highlights- March 2022 meeting

SESSION RECEIVED or APPROVED the following:

Financial report for February 28, 2022

Monthly report income \$47,541 expenses \$117,155 difference - \$69,613
\$70,000 of the expense was due to roof repair. These monies will be repaid by our insurance company.

The election of Bill Evans as signatory. (other signatory is Edith Vaughn)

The recommendation from the Interim Personnel Committee that Sheryl Duvall be hired for Office/Admin/Digital Specialist.

The Foundation Fund Committee's recommendation was approved of the Revised text for the last part of F.1 (after input from Session and Congregation.)

The Action Team's work on events and committee structure is underway with Session's approval.

The curriculum for Jr. High and High School age kids for Sunday School was selected - PCUSA curriculum "Follow Me". Specifically "Practice Spiritual Disciplines" and "Honor God's Diversity" sessions. To start March 6th with Ruth Lucas and another adult teaching. Church Membership is at 288, with 81 in attendance in-person weekly in February. Rick Peters is to serve as the elder for the class of 2024, and Kim Cleveland to serve as the elder for the class of 2022 on the Foundation Funds committee.

Rev. Laurie Wirth Palmer will lead the Presbyterian Women's retreat on April 30th. (Laurie was a former Interim Associate Pastor 11 years ago and got married at St. Philip in 2011) Mable Kapyepye's two-year old daughter, Tupochele Rose Kapyepye will be baptized March 27th.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

In-person & Live Stream

Directions for Live Stream Worship

You will be able to see it by going to our website www.stphil.org. Click the link at the top of the page and you will see a countdown timer until the service starts at 10:30 a.m. On the right hand side of the live stream page you can jump to Facebook where you can watch in full-screen mode or jump to our YouTube channel and watch the live stream.

Betty Rogers Pastoral Care Fund Opportunities

When Mrs. Betty Rogers allocated this fund, it was aimed at helping our homebound members and friends of SPPC. Her wish was that we could improve the quality of life for those of us who are no longer able to move easily throughout the community. Here are some examples of items that can be covered by the fund: positioning transfer sheets, lift chair recliners, walker storage bags, grabbers, universal build-up handles for flatware and toothbrushes, and walking gait belts. There are many other tools and gadgets that may be helpful – so please contact the church office at 817-282-9181 or office@stphil.org, or tag a Deacon if you know one of our homebound members who could use assistance. We would be delighted to help acquire and deliver devices that make life easier for our beloved friends!



THIRD SUNDAY = UNDY SUNDAY!

APRIL 17TH – EASTER SUNDAY

In January 2017 a church member brought to our awareness a needy population of neglected/abused children entering foster care. Our hearts embraced this need and UNDY SUNDAY was born. We assemble **First Night Bags** with underwear, socks, sleepwear, toothbrush, stuffed animals and flashlights (because first nights are scary). These bags of comfort are distributed directly to Presbyterian Night Shelter, MHMR – Homeless Outreach, and CPS’s Rainbow Room for their very first night of care. We are in the process of rebuilding our inventory.

We still need Sleepwear for Boys and Girls – Newborn to 18 months and pacifiers

If you have a collection of beanie babies in your attic you would like to get rid of, we will be happy to take them off your hands.

If you prefer, checks can be written to St.Philip. Please note CC's Carry Ons, UNDY or Foster care in the memo. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions regarding UNDY SUNDAY, please contact
Bonnie Brockway – 817.360.5472

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The Garis family as they travel to Georgia and back to lay to rest their dear friend and mentor (Jean) ... Tupochele Rose Papyepye (our newly baptized child of the Covenant) and her family ... The family of Dean Shipp (passed away March 24, 2022).

CONTINUE IN PRAYER: The Family of Warren Schneider ... Sally Sirkis ... the people of Ukraine, the surrounding countries, and all the soldiers involved in that war on both sides.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR MILITARY: Brett Daniel Bostick (grandson of Paula Overton) ... Nelson Clarke (nephew of Rick and Mary Peters and great-nephew of George and Beverly Cox) ... Colton Jack David (grandson of Jack and Karen David) ... Garrett Cox (grandson of George and Beverly Cox) ... Brian Ellis (son of Ellen and Mike Ellis) ... Matt & Jennifer Kiser (son and daughter-in-law of Helene Kiser) ... Cristopher B. Smith (grandson of Betsy Smith) ... Michael Sosuto (grandson of George & Martha Jane Staples).

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