

## Lenten Events at St. Philip's

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL LENTEN EVENTS!**

**Sundays in Lent Sermon Series "Journey to Jerusalem"**

**Lenten Series "Take My Yoke" at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

**Every Wednesday through March 28**

Join us for a Soup Supper, Music and a Lenten message

March 14 "The Yoke of Humility" Leader: Bob Ellis

March 21 "The Yoke of Forgiveness" Leader: Joe Little

March 28 "The Yoke of Sacrifice" Leader: Rev. Lisa Callaway

### Passover Feast

**Saturday, March 31 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall**

Please RSVP by March 25 at 713-666-2175

### Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 1 at 8:45 am & 11:00 am

Holy Thursday, April 5 at 7 pm

(A service of music, reflections and communion with

Choral music presentation "Colors of Grace")

### Easter Sunday, April 8

Youth led Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Resurrection Breakfast (immediately following sunrise service)

Contemporary Service at 8:45 am

Traditional Service at 11:00 am

**Don't Forget! Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 11 at 2 a.m.**

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#### Sunday Schedule

- 8:45 am Praise & Celebration Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- Nursery Opens at 8.30 am located in the Preschool Bldg.

## Words From the Pastor

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### EXPANDING THE CIRCLE

At a recent church growth retreat, the leader asked participants to form a circle. After the circle was formed, the leader noted that the group formed the circle with everyone facing each other. The leader posed this question: "Why is it that when we are asked to form a circle, we always look inward, at each other? What would happen if the circles we formed looked outward, toward the people who are not a part of our circle?"

"Our circles would grow!" one person replied. "Our church would not remain the same," another answered. "Why would we want to change?" still another asked. These questions, and our answers to them, are crucial to defining the role and mission of the church.

Which way do we choose to draw our circles at St. Philip's? Do the circles we form reflect our desire to be open, or do they reflect a desire to preserve that which we hold dear and exclude that which threatens? Do the circles we draw reflect our fear of those who may be different than us, or do they reflect God's grace which is open to all.

As we journey together through this time of Lent and beyond to a glorious Easter, may we expand our circles of hospitality so that all the people we touch might know the touch of God's wonderful, welcoming, inclusive grace.

*Lisa Callaway*

## You're Invited!


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### **PASSOVER FEAST SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

As our faith is descended from the Jewish faith, it is always good to go back and look at our roots. The Passover Feast, celebrating the Angel of Death passing over the Jewish homes during the 10 plagues of Egypt, is one of the Holy times of the Jewish year. Come and join us for a full Kosher meal, a good learning experience, and a wonderful spiritual opportunity. We will gather at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall and should be done before 8 pm. Please call the church office 713-666-2175 to RSVP by March 25.



# Gifts, Attendance, and Prayer Requests

<p><b>Your Prayers Are Requested For:</b></p> <p>Cathy Davis                  Ron Bradford                  Dillon Cannon                  Debra Wallace</p>  <p><i>If you have a prayer request please call                  Dotty Herfurth 713-771-5021</i></p>	<p><b>Your Generous Gifts:</b></p> <p><u><b>Sunday, Feb. 25</b></u>                  Total Offering \$ 4,312.05</p> <p><u><b>Sunday, March. 4</b></u>                  Total Offering \$9,833.50</p> <p><i>Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving.</i></p>	<p><b>Your Faithfulness in Attendance</b></p> <p><u><b>Sunday, Feb. 25</b></u></p> <table> <tr><td>8:45 am Service</td><td>59</td></tr> <tr><td>11:00 am Service</td><td>131</td></tr> <tr><td>Sunday School</td><td>115</td></tr> </table> <p><u><b>Sunday, March. 4</b></u></p> <table> <tr><td>8:45 am Service</td><td>47</td></tr> <tr><td>11:00 am Service</td><td>121</td></tr> <tr><td>Sunday School</td><td>93</td></tr> </table> <p>Bring a friend to church with you.</p>	8:45 am Service	59	11:00 am Service	131	Sunday School	115	8:45 am Service	47	11:00 am Service	121	Sunday School	93
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## Food Pantry Gives

Here's what you gave on Feb. 25.

- 45 Macaroni & Cheese
- 36 Canned Vegetables
- 46 Misc. Items and \$68 Money

Church Pantry Needs on Sunday, March 25:

- Canned Juice
- Apple Sauce

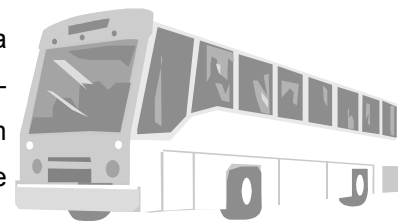
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## Precinct 3 Bus Trip

### **TOUR THE SAN JACINTO MONUMENT SUNDAY, MARCH 18**

We will depart St. Philip's UMC at 12:30 pm to go to the Monument Inn for a Sunday lunch. Lunch is on your own. Afterwards we will tour the recently renovated San Jacinto Monument. Cost is \$6.50. Your ticket will include a view from the top of the Monument. Call Tana Wilkinson at 713-772-6645 to sign up. (age 50+, please.)



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## !Attention Young Adults!!

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After a large amount of discussion and re-working things, we have finally set our Small Group Sharing time for Tuesdays, from 7-8:30. We will spend that time talking about our Bible readings for the week, talking about the struggles and joys we have had recently, and praying for each other. The idea is to keep this group growing, and split it into several more as it gets too large to keep the small group feel. I look forward to growing, learning and sharing with you all!

Don't forget 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch after the 11am service on March 25<sup>th</sup>!



Ben Hinshaw

## Youth Upcoming Events

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We have met, planned, and slaved over a calendar for many hours, but have our next several months, and part of our summer already planned. In case you have not heard, these are our upcoming dates:

March 9, Friday: Game Night from 7-10pm

March 12-16: Spring Break (will be doing service projects)

March 18, Sunday: Next Youth Council Meeting (3:30, in the youth room)

March 24, Saturday: Guy's/ Girl's Night Out

March 31, Saturday: Passover Feast at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

As always, feel free to email me for more information! Ben [bhinshaw@spumc.com](mailto:bhinshaw@spumc.com)

