



Holy Week Services at St. Philip's

EVERYONE IS INVITED

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

Procession of the Palms

(Children's Choir will bring Special Music in both services)

Holy Thursday, April 5 at 7 pm

(A service of music, reflections and communion with a Choral music presentation "Colors of Grace")

Easter Sunday, April 8

*We invite you to join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior at one of the following services. We will also **Flower the cross at all three services. If you wish to participate please bring flowers with you.***

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

*Special Easter Music and an Inspiring Message of Hope
in both 8:45 am and 11:00 am services*

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA, SUNDAY, APRIL 1, AT 2 PM

All children are invited to come and have some bunny fun!. We'll have an Easter egg hunt, crafts, and snacks, too! Join us in the Fellowship Hall



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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

GOD PROVIDES



During Superbowl 37, FedEx ran a commercial that spoofed the movie "Castaway", in which Tom Hanks played a FedEx worker whose company plane went down, stranding him on a desert island for years. Looking like the bedraggled Hanks in the movie, the FedEx employee in the commercial goes up to the door of a suburban home, package in hand.

FedEx

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When the lady comes to the door, he explains that he survived five years on a deserted island, and during that whole time he kept this package in order to deliver it to her. She gives a simple, "Thank you."

But he is curious about what is in the package that he has been protecting for years and asks her what is in the package. She opens it and shows him the contents, saying, "Oh, nothing really. Just a satellite telephone, a global positioning device, a compass, a water purifier and some seeds."

Like the contents of this package, so often the resources we need for growth and strength are readily available, but go unused because we fail to open them. If we will risk opening the gifts God offers, we will discover that even amidst life's pressure, confusion, failure and daily living, God provides a way. May we each find "the way" God offers as we continue this journey of Lent.

Lisa Callaway

Trustees Report!

Bet you're wondering what's happened to Fellowship Hall!

Back in December, a repairman working on the furnace above the Overflow area in Fellowship Hall (FH) made some faulty repairs, resulting in the building being filled with smoke and doing some smoke damage to the interior of the building. Some cleanup work was done right away, but the major stuff such as painting the ceiling had to be cleared through the insurance company (the furnace company's insurance, not ours!). We were dealing with the insurance company/repair company for several months. Finally, everything is done! If you haven't already done so, go to FH and take a look. The new white ceiling really looks great.

We are still getting bids on the sanctuary heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) work. Proposals that we have received are very different in what they cover. Some companies just want to replace the a/c compressors on the roof. Others want to do that and also replace air handlers and the boiler in the sanctuary balcony. The Trustees are confident that we will do what is right for our congregation, but, sorting out the differences in the proposals will not be easy. The current proposals we have received range in price from \$44,000 to \$144,000. We are waiting on three more proposals. We'll keep you posted. Unfortunately, all of the HVAC work has put our roofing project on hold (we want the HVAC and roofing people to work together). As soon as we select an HVAC contractor, work will begin on the sanctuary and FH Overflow roofs AND the ac/heating systems.

Other issues in progress: parking lot, sidewalk repair, parsonage fence, maintenance crew checklist, leaky fountain and others.

One other thing: If you are the last one of your group leaving our campus, please check to make sure the doors that you used are locked (including restrooms). We are having too many instances where doors are not locked or the doors are locked but not pushed all the way shut. Also, make sure faucets are turned off and toilets aren't running. (A\$900 water bill makes you check on those things!) And, of course, turn off the lights when you leave. And, pick up trash when you see it. Although the Trustees are doing their best, there are only 9 of us and we need your help to keep SPUMC looking good. This is your church, too.

Contact me if you want to bring something to my attention: wilkinsonsword@sbcglobal.net or 713-772-6645.

Tom Wilkinson

Gifts, Attendance, and Prayer Requests

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Family of Janell Bosch

Mariana Lee

Nita Dawson

Justin Smallwood

Cathy Davis

Myrtis Lindsey

Sarah Estep

Paul M. Smith

Jasmine & Victoria Hart

If you have a prayer request please call Dotty Herfurth 713-771-5021



Your Generous Gifts:

Sunday, March 11

Total Offering \$ 6,654.87

Sunday, March 18

Total Offering \$ 5,511.00

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving.

Your Faithfulness in Attendance

Sunday, March 11

8:45 am Service 52

11:00 am Service 112

Sunday School 94

Sunday, March. 18

8:45 am Service 86

11:00 am Service 121

Sunday School 89

Bring a friend to church with you.

Soup for the Lenten Soul

We have just completed our third week of the **Soup for the Lenten Soul**. Once again we had a very successful turnout (in spite of tornado warnings, hail and rising water, and construction issues in Fellowship Hall over the past weeks). During the past three weeks we have had many helpful hands in the kitchen preparing soup, cookies, bread and beverages. Also important have been the hands used to set up before and clean up after the program. Wednesday night we had four varieties of soup: taco, pasta fagioli, potato & onion and potato & ham. Our first three speakers, Ben Hinshaw, Trina Williams and Bob Ellis, did fantastic jobs talking about the Yokes of Obedience, Service and Humility. We look forward to hearing Joe Little speak about the Yoke of Forgiveness on March 21 and Rev. Lisa Callaway tell us about the Yoke of Sacrifice on March 28. Please join us on Wednesday at 6 pm. An additional thanks to Brenda Robinson for the publicity and first-class handouts for the congregation.



Give it a try!

HANDBELLS START WED., APRIL 11TH



Glenn Foster, our Director of Music, will begin working with the handbell ensemble on April 11th at 6 pm in the sanctuary. If you have played an instrument (even if it was 2 years of piano or violin) you qualify to play the handbells. Everyone works together as a group in handbells, so, if you have any anxiety of playing an instrument in public, you're not alone. If you aren't sure about having enough time to do this on a regular basis, consider being a substitute. Please attend our first meeting so Glenn can meet and work with you.

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Spring Garage Sale

The Youth are sponsoring the **Spring Garage Sale**. It will be held on **Saturday April 21, 2007**, from 8:00 am until 3:00 p.m. The Youth will be selling parking spaces. The cost of the space is 25.00 for one and 40.00 for two. This sale is open to the general public and will benefit the Youth's Mission Trip. For more information, please contact either the church office at 713-666-2175 or Deanna White at 713-981-9326. Rain Date will be April 28th. If you have any items for the youth to sell please bring them the week of the sale.

Reminder!



W A H O O !

VBS 2007 will be July 16-20. Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Avalanche Ranch for a wild ride through God's word.

PASSOVER FEAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 AT 6 PM (FH)

Join us for a feast of remembrance of one of the Holy times of the Jewish year. Call the office for reservations.