

The Campanile

Sail with St. Philip's



As we celebrate 50 years in ministry
You will see..... (from the past to the future)

Week-end, Sept. 29—30

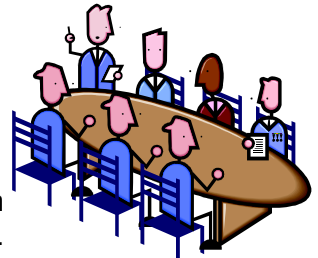
We need your help to get ready for this adventure with the following items for our big fun night, Friday, Sept. 29 at 5 pm. Old life preservers, rope, old lanterns, sea shells, barrels, wading/fishing boots, fishnets, twinkle lights—small white, beads (long rope type), gold fabric pieces or gold tablecloths. Please contact Linda Wooten or Carol Newman for pick up or leave in the church office.

Sunday, Sept. 30 will have a special service at 10:30 with exciting music . Our Bishop, Janice Riggle Huie will bring the message.

ALL MEN INVITED!

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 6:30 PM -
DINNER & PROGRAM - COST \$5**

The United Methodist Men will host guest speaker, Martin Hinshaw, Regional VP of the Conference Methodist Men. Sign up after the worship services or call the church office.



WANTED! VIP'S FOR VIP'S

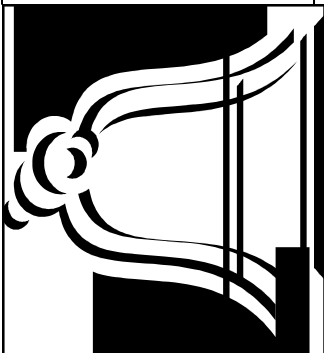
That's Very Important Volunteers for Very Important Positions at St. Philip's. We need some additional Sunday School teachers for the coming Sunday School year, Sept. 2. If you love children and the Lord, consider volunteering for this important ministry. We are looking for someone to work with children 2-3 years old, and alternate teachers in Elementary age classes. Please call Carol Newman, Education Chairperson for more information.

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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

In the Potter's Hands

Saturday a small group of us from the church attended a workshop on Transformational Evangelism as part of the "transformation process" in which our church is participating. The bottom line is transformation requires change, for us and for our church. And change is sometimes difficult, sometimes painful, sometimes requires re-making.

The idea of transformation brings to mind for me Jeremiah 18:1-12, which speaks of God's word to Jeremiah. In this passage, he is told to go to the potter's house. As Jeremiah watches the potter form a pot from a lump of clay, God says, "Can I not do with you...just as this potter has done?"

A wet lump of clay spins on a wheel. Hands shape it, form a depression within it, smooth it, round it...and then it happens. An edge slumps. The whole piece goes out of balance. The wheel slows. The shape is pressed and pounded back into a lump again. Kneaded. Rolled. Molded. And the process begins again.

The allegory of humanity as clay drives home the point that clay in the hands of a potter can become a vessel that sustains and enriches life. Jeremiah's words

speak to individuals who, for whatever reason, balk at having their lives reworked. It may be due to comfort with how things are, a desire to control whatever might come to be, fear of the new or untried. (Feel free to jump in and add your own objection to being placed on the potter's wheel.)

Reworking the clay into another vessel seemed good to the potter. Does God's reworking of the clay that is your life seem good to you? What about God's reworking of the church? Let us be willing to put our lives and our church on the potter's wheel and trust God, the master potter, to re-make us into the people and the church God envisions.



If you will enter into this transformation process with your church, pray with me in the next months: *Soften me to your touch, Creator God. Fashion me, rework me, as seems good to you. And in the midst of such change and even stress, may I find it good as well. Amen.*

Lisa Callaway

Ben's Business

Ok, as the summer is closing up, it is time to really start planning for the fall. Here is what we have so far:

Fall Kick-Off: On Sunday, September 9th, from 4-7pm, the youth will be doing a fall kick-off. We want to start our fall off with a big push to get more youth involved. We will be having snacks, games, Jesus and more. Letters will be going out soon, so let us know if you have some youth that may want to join us!

On Monday evenings, beginning Sept. 10, we are going to be starting a new children's ministry. We will be meeting from **6-7pm and having music, crafts, games, drama, cooking lessons, and Bible Stories for the kids**. This is a community outreach event, but we also want to bring in all of our regular attendees. If you are interested in helping with this, or know of some children in your area that could use a good Christian activity, let us know in the church office, and we will get them information!

On Tuesday nights, Sept. 11, the youth will be gathering for studying from 7-8:30pm. Sometimes, in the midst of all the things going on, we forget our commitment to academic responsibilities. We will gather, have a short devotion, then hit the books. The idea is that anything you may be struggling with, someone else has taken. We will also be advertising this through the community to encourage other youth to attend.

Ben Hinshaw



Gifts, Prayer Requests, Calendar Events and News!

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Barbara Peterson
Martha Muncrief
Anita Amorosa
Gloria Andrews
Jesse Pryor
Carol Schmidt



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

Your Generous Gifts

Sunday, July 29

Total Offering \$ 4,362.71

Sunday, August 5

Total Offering \$11,428.00

*Church Pantry Collection Needs by
August 26 are:*

*Canned Green Beans, and
Canned Green Peas*

Here's What You Generously
Gave to Braes Interfaith Min-
istries:

76 Toothpaste, Bar Soap,
Shampoo, Laundry Detergent

9 miscellaneous items

\$121 Donations.

Thank you for your generous
support!

August and September Calendar

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| 12 Heifer Project begins (ends Aug. 26) | 26 Confirmation Sunday at 8:45 am |
| 13 Finance Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103 | 27 Education Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103 |
| 14 UMW Holiday Workshop at 9:30 am in FH | 28 UMW Holiday Craft Workshop at 9:30 am in FH |
| 14 Worship Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103 | |
| 15 Youth DVD Day with Ben at 2 pm (FH) | SEPTEMBER |
| 16 50th Anniversary Cmte. Mtg. at 6:30 pm in Room 103 | 2 Communion Sunday |
| 16 Ministry & Mission Team Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 104 | 3 Labor Day Holiday/Church Office Closed |
| 18 Sat. Morning Book Club Mtg. at 9:30 am in Room 103 | 4 Day School Starts |
| 19 Youth Council Mtg. at 6 pm in FH | |
| 20 UM Men Dinner Mtg. at 6:30 pm in FH | |



Heartfelt Thanks!



To all my St. Philip's family,

Thank you very much for your cards, flowers, food and prayers during our illnesses. Your support made the difficult time much easier for Philip's injury and surgery, and my back injury.

Ximena Townsend, Philip Arismendi, and Elizabeth Arismendi

To my church family,

Thank you for your love and care you have expressed through your cards, notes, phone calls in the loss of my sister.
Marilyn Lacour

Touching Lives...Making Disciples for Christ

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PAPER CONTEST ENDS AUGUST 31!

We're on the web!

www.spumc.com

How's Your Grass?

On one of those days when the rain stops, you (or your lawn service) will probably run outside, start up the lawn mower and get your grass cut and edged before the next shower starts. With the weather so wet, it's pretty difficult to keep up with all the outdoor chores at home, isn't it?

Imagine, if you will, the upkeep (and difficulty) on a 6+ acre facility that everyone expects to be looking neat and welcoming to all. St. Philip's has had the same problems with grounds maintenance as you have at your home. The only difference is that our teams have soooo much more to do. When the rains come, it makes it really difficult to stay on schedule and keep things under control.



SPUMC grounds maintenance is a very large task for our teams of volunteers. When we have problems regarding weather, equipment, people going on vacation, etc., the difficulties get magnified. This summer has been especially difficult, and the season is not close to being over. Also, when some of the cutting, edging and trimming is skipped because of weather or other things, it makes the following week's volunteer team's tasks harder to complete.

If you are on the grounds and notice something that needs done—the prayer garden or other beds need weeded, the sidewalks need edged and/or swept, the playground grass needs cut, hedges need trimmed...you get the idea—by all means take the effort and help out. Even if you can only come up and work for an hour it will make the grounds maintenance teams' job easier. These volunteers are saving the church \$850 a month. Please help where and when you can.