

**Sunday, Sept. 9
Youth Fall Kick-Off Day
at 4 pm until 7 pm**

All Youth are invited to an exciting fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have a great time with water games, snacks and some fun-spiritual activities. If you are looking for a local youth group to plug-in to, we are a small, yet active group who are searching for God's Will in our lives. Come and discover how God is working in your life!

Children & Youth Ministries at St. Philip's

MONDAY NIGHTS

JAM Time

Junior Arts and Music Time!

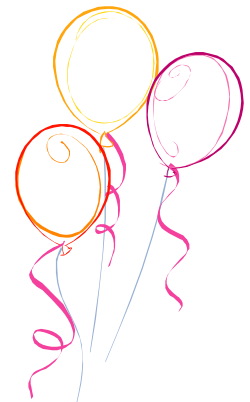
6 PM—7 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

GRADES K-5

TUESDAY NIGHTS

7 PM-8:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

SCHOOL STUDY NITE FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12



For more information please read , "Ben's Business" , page 2.

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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

Most of you are aware by now that our church is participating in the Transformation process of the Texas Annual Conference. It involves coaching by a professional consultant along with visits to our church. The first thing we were told is that the greatest challenge will be a call for change, and most of us don't like change. This process calls us to look honestly at our churches, and most of us will discover we have room for improvement. As I think about the change needed for transformation to take place this story comes to mind:

The abbot of a well-known monastery went deep into the desert seeking guidance from a hermit. The once-thriving monastery had become dry and lifeless as brothers died and others served with heavy hearts. He asked the hermit: "Is it because of a sin that the monastery has been so diminished?" "Yes," came the answer, "the sin of ignorance. One of your members is the Messiah in disguise, and you are ignorant of this." Who could it be? How could this be? The Messiah in his midst and he did not recognize the Christ? Marveling the whole way home, the abbot thought of each member of the order. All had flaws. Yet one was the Messiah. On his return he assembled all the monks, telling them with amazement of the Messiah in their midst. Such an incredible honor! The Messiah in their midst, in disguise? They began to serve each other with great respect and consideration, knowing that one was the Christ. Soon their monastery glowed with grace and peace, goodness and joy. And countless were the seekers who came to their doors for guidance and admission.



Will you honor all whom you meet as the Messiah in disguise? Who knows what transformation might result from such action. Lisa Callaway

Ben's Business

Monday, September 10th from 6-7 PM - JAM Time-Junior Arts & Music Time!

On Monday nights, we will offer a program to help enrich the lives of children in our community ages K – 5th Grade. Each week will be something different -- singing, drama, cooking lessons, crafts, games, with every week ending with a Bible story. Come experience the fun in following Jesus!

Tuesday, September 11th from 7:00-8:30 PM - School Study Night Kick-off;

Youth in Grades 6 –12 are invited to join us every Tuesday evening for snacks, fun and study time. If you need help with any class, there will be people to help or to explore answers with you. We will open and close each week with prayer and inspirational thoughts to help us get through the week.



YOUTH NEWS Two Words! PUERTO RICO

Gifts, Prayer Requests, Calendar Events and News!

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Victor Meek
Herk Wotkyns
Carol Schmidt



Sympathy is expressed to Walter Boyd in the loss of his wife, Dorothy.

Funeral services were held at St. Philip's on Thurs., at 6 pm.

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

Your Generous Gifts

Sunday, August 12

Total Offering \$ 6,134.65

Sunday, August 19

Total Offering \$8,570.25

Church Pantry Collection Needs by August 26 are:

Canned Green Beans, and Canned Green Peas

WE NEED FLOWERS

**FOR THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE,
SUNDAY, SEPT. 30**

AT 10:30 AM

We would like to decorate the altar with flowers. If you wish to contribute flowers for this day please contact Barbara Kile at email: Barbara@bkdd.com or 713-668-1362.



August and September Calendar

AUGUST

- 27 Education Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103
- 28 UMW Holiday Craft Workshop at 9:30 am in FH
- 29 Philip's Joy Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 30 Orientation Day at Day School at 9 am

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Communion Sunday
- 3 Labor Day Holiday/Church Office Closed
- 4 Day School Starts
- 5 Philip's Joy Rehearsal at 7 pm
- 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm
- 9 Confirmation Sunday

More to come



50th Anniversary Week-end News!

Saturday, Sept. 29th at 5:00 pm Dress is casual. Food is free and expect lots of laughs and giggles. Sign up sheets are available on Sundays at the Narthex area.

On Sunday, Sept. 30th at 10:30 am everyone is invited to a celebration worship service as our Bishop will bring the message. A catered luncheon will follow with special events. To make your reservation for the luncheon, you must purchase ticket(s). The tickets are available through Sunday, Sept. 9 and the cost is \$12 per adult, \$5 for children under 12 years of age. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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PAPER CONTEST ENDS AUGUST 31!

We're on the web!

www.spumc.com

Music Notes!!

Chancel Choir:

Interested in singing? Our Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Chancel Choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. church service every Sunday. They also will be presenting a Christmas Cantata in December. Singing experience is helpful but not necessary.

Hand Bell Choir:

The Hand bell Choir will begin Thursday, September 13, 2007, 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The Hand bell choir will be playing for the 50th anniversary of the church on Sunday, September 30 as well as other Sunday's throughout the year.

Music reading is mandatory to become a member of the Hand bell Choir. If you are interested please contact Barbara Jennings, Director of Music at 281-437-3552.
