



Words From the Pastor



What are your dreams for St. Philip's United Methodist Church? Can you see the church filled with children and youth. Can you imagine the parking lot full 24/7 with people who are participating in Bible Study, music ministry, recovery groups, JAM time for children. Youth study night, maybe even a mid-week worship service, a vibrant young adult program. We have all heard the statement, "If your mind can conceive it and your heart can believe it, then you can achieve it." A major problem with so many of us is that we have no confidence that those things can be a reality in our church. This statement not only speaks to this issue of confidence, it also challenges us to have some dreams. It challenges us to keep dreaming in spite of setbacks or disappointments. To dream is to grow, not to dream is to atrophy. To dream is to live, not to dream is to die. Dreams inspire us to reach upward, outward, onward, and inward. Dreams give us a holy discontent. Holy discontent is not anxious restlessness, self-consuming ambition, and greed that never allows us to be thankful or at peace. Holy discontent inspires and stirs our spirits to keep reaching because God is not finished with us yet. Let us keep dreaming no matter how far-fetched or impossible our dreams may seem. With God's help all things are possible.

Lisa Callaway



Open House at St. Philip's

October brings exciting events at St. Philip's as the church family gets together to embrace visitors with Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors to the community.

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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.

Trustees Report

Your Trustees have been very busy over the past few months and the next couple of months look even busier. Our roofing projects are getting started, so you will be seeing a lot of activity in and around the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Because of these projects, be prepared to have a few inconveniences over the next six weeks or so. Please understand that we are encountering these difficulties on our path to upgrade our facilities and make St. Philip's a place you want to invite your friends to.

Sometimes it may seem as though no progress is being made. And sometimes that is true. It turns out that occasionally, as we are working on one project, another more critical problem arises and the original project has to be tabled temporarily. Nonetheless, we are proceeding to address our campus upgrades as fast as we can.

Here is brief summary of some of the projects Trustees have worked on and are currently working on (and approximate costs):

- Sidewalk Repair (\$1,500)
- Sanctuary Ladies Restroom-repainted (\$175)
- Day School Building-roof replaced, ceiling repaired and repainted (\$12,000)
- Volunteer Day Projects-too numerous to mention, saved SPUMC a lot of money
- Administration Building-new air conditioner (\$5,000)
- Fellowship Hall-two new air conditioners (\$10,000/partially paid by insurance)
- Fellowship Hall-new roof (\$15,400)
- Fellowship Hall-new insulation & ceiling (\$3,500)
- Sanctuary-asbestos abatement and certification (\$4,600)
- Sanctuary-new roof and lightning abatement (\$45,000)

Sanctuary-three new air conditioners, new boiler and associated systems (\$120,000)

So you can see we are well on our way to spending the Miracle Sunday money you so generously donated. Trustees are very appreciative of the recent renovations to Sunday School rooms made by the Sunday School classes themselves. These are wonderful upgrades to our facilities.



Recently, a new problem has arisen that will need our attention quite soon. The stained glass windows in the sanctuary are deteriorating. One chunk of glass has already fallen out and a couple window sections are bowing out. If you want to see how bad the situation is, stand by the second window from the front on the Renwick side of the sanctuary, then look up at the sailboat. Because of the tremendous expense to repair these windows (\$15,000 per window!), Trustees are looking at all options for dealing with the window problem.

One piece of good news: Janet Wendel remembered St. Philip's in her will and SPUMC has received a generous donation from her estate. Trustees will be deciding on the best use for this money from among numerous projects.

Keep St. Philip's in your prayers.

Tom Wilkinson, Trustees Chairperson

Gifts, Prayer Requests, & October Calendar

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Jane Walker
Jennie Donnell
Min Oliver



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

Your Generous Gifts

Sunday, Oct. 7

Total Offering \$ 4,807.00

Sunday, Oct. 14

Total Offering \$5,035.00

Church Pantry Collection Needs by Oct. 21:

- *Canned Sweet Potatoes*
- *Cranberry Sauce*
- *Jello*

Young Adult Gathering

On Saturday, October 27th, the young adults will be gathering at the Mueller residence for games, food, fun, and an exploration time to see what kind of ministry the young adults of St. Philip's UMC would like. We have tried various models in the past, and need some new ideas to help us look to the future of the church, and this ministry. For more details, contact Ben in the church office.



October and November Calendar

OCTOBER "Open House Month"

- 20 Annual Holiday Bazaar at 9 am—3 pm FH
- 21 Women's Winter Clothing Drive Sunday
- 22 Christian Education Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm Room 103
- 27 Chancel Choir Xtra Rehearsal at 9am-Noon
- 28 Halloween Happening at 4 pm-5:30 pm
- 28 Pumpkin Mania for Youth 5:30 pm (Grounds)

NOVEMBER

- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 All Saints' Day
- 5 Youth Stockholder's Lunch (FH)
- 6 UMW Gen. Mtg. at 9:30 am Overflow
- 10 Xtra Choir Rehearsal at 9am
- 11 Charge Conference at 3 pm

Think About This!

Just checking! Would you have any interest in learning some Greek, eating Greek food in the month of January? If so, call the church office and express your interest as to whether Sunday evening or Wednesday evening would be best. Call the church office to register your interest.



Come, Browse & Buy!

Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Oct. 20

9 Am—3 Pm

Fellowship Hall

Lots of Handmade Seasonal Gifts, White Elephant Sale, and a Silent Auction.

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Ben's News

Study Help!

There are actually two different things that we have going on that we need some help with.

1. The youth study night is going well. The biggest thing we need is a couple of extra adults willing to rotate in to cover a week or two. We have had some wonderful volunteers so far, but do not want to burn them out. If you are interested in helping, please let me know!
2. The other thing is information on college students, but near and far. We are attempting to expand our ministries and would like to start sending out care packages for finals, mid-terms, and special holidays, just to remind them that we are here and still praying for them. If you know of any college student associated with the church, give me the contact information, and I will see that they are taken care of.



Pre-Stockholder's Dinner!

Sunday, November 4th, 12:00pm: This is a free dinner (donations welcome!) to show the church what we will be doing in Puerto Rico, and to help kick-off our selling of stock. If you are interested, please RSVP so we know how many to expect.

Menu: Tacos, Salad, Sopapilla Cake (like cheesecake with cinnamon),
chips and salsa, tea.
