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SUNDAY

SCHEDULE

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 4 pm Youth Fellowship
- Everyone is Welcome!



November Happenings

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Day

We will remember our members that passed this year in both services.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Ally Jurden Concert at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Come and hear Ally as she inspires us with her gifted voice and makes music come alive in our hearts.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Wesley Toy Drive Collection

Please bring unwrapped gift for boy or girl ages infant to older teenager to the service you attend as they will be placed on the altar and blessed. This will help Wesley Community Center minister to the surrounding area North of downtown.

Seafarer's Boxes Kick-Off Sunday

A list of all the items will be available at the Narthex area. Bring a Christmas wrapped shoe box on Sunday, Dec. 14. You do not have to purchase all of the articles on the list as they are many to choose from.

FIRST ADVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM: HANGING OF THE GREENS

and

Family Advent Time at 3pm—4:30 pm

All parents and children are invited to begin the Christmas season by making a nativity scene, sing music and enjoy refreshments.

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Can I not do with you...just as this potter has done?

Jeremiah 18:6



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, now out of shape, finds itself pressed if not pounded back into a lump once more. Kneaded. Rolled. Molded. And then the process begins again.

In Jeremiah, resistance to change and transformation makes Israel its own worse enemy. How often have God's purposes to rework our lives been thwarted by heels dug in, minds set, or spirits closed? Jeremiah wrote to such a community. Comfort with how things are, a desire to control whatever might come to be, fear of the new or untried led to all kinds of objections to being placed on the potter's wheel.

So often we can become complacent and fail to see the "more" God is calling us to become. We, too, become resistant, dig in our heels and do anything we can to stay off the potter's wheel. We are satisfied as we are. We know our lives as they now are, and we are not real excited about having our lives reworked. Re-working 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? Can we trust that God's best for us may be yet to come?

Lisa Callaway

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

SAY WHAT?

Theme: In this series, we look at some of the hard sayings of Jesus, and find in them, important and relevant teachings for us today.

Nov. 2	"Out With Your Eye"	Matthew 5:27-30
Nov. 9	"Curse a Tree, Move a Mountain"	Mark 11:20
Nov. 16	"It's Good to be Shrewd?"	Luke 16:1-15
Nov. 23	"The Unforgivable Sin"	Matthew 12:22-32



PRECINCT 3 HOLIDAY EVENING BUS TRIP



The fellowship Sunday School Class invites all senior adults to take a trip to Hobby Center and see "White Christmas" on Wed., Dec. 17. Bus leaves at 5pm and the tickets are \$27.50 each and dinner is on your own.

Contact Sallie Waheed 713-771-3315 or Peggy McGowan 713-774-7351. Deadline is Nov. 3. Must be 55+ yrs.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Your prayers are requested for the following:

- Tom & Edith Price
- Eldon Saul
- Ava Duncan

If you have a prayer request, please call Bernice Galloway at 713-729-2096

OFFERINGS

Offerings Given:

Sunday, Oct. 26 2008
\$ 3,521.52

Thank you for your Faithfulness in giving.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

November Book Selection

“The Camel Bookmobile”

By Marsha Hamilton

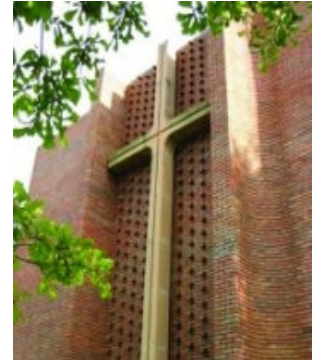
Meet with us on Saturday,

November 15 at 9:30 am

In Room 103 (library)

Everyone Welcome!

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| 2 All Saints Sunday | 16 Wesley Toy Drive Sunday |
| 3 Trustees Mtg. 7 pm (103) | 16 Seafarer's Boxes Kick-Off Sunday |
| 4 UMW Gen. Mtg. 9:30 am (FH) | 17 UMW Men Dinner Mtg. 6:30 pm (FH) |
| 8 Extra Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9am-12 | 24 Daytime Bus Trip to Rockport, TX |
| 9 Recital of Ally Jurden 2:30 pm Sanctuary | 27 Thanksgiving Day |
| 10 Finance Cmte. Mtg. 7 pm (103) | 28 Church Office closed |
| 11 Worship Cmte. Mtg. 7 pm (103) | 30 First Advent Sunday-One Worship Service: Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30 am |
| 12 Fiber Artist Mtg. 7 pm (101) | Family Advent Time at 3pm FH |
| 15 Book Club Mtg. at 9:30 am (103) | |
| 15 Church-Wide Clean Up Day 8 am (FH) | |

FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you for your generous monetary food donations to Braes Interfaith Ministries.

On Sunday, Oct. 19 we collected \$142.00.

Our next collection date is Nov. 16 during the Sunday School hour at Room 101.

THANKS FROM THE TRUSTEES

I want to thank the Trustees for their work last year and this year. Last year, Tom Wilkinson did so much to bring new air conditioning and roof repair to St. Phillip's.

This year, we have more work to do including air conditioning, walkway roofs, ladders, windows, and ceilings to replace, repair, and paint. Some people who are not trustees have helped. Francelle Ward got Communion rail cushions repaired and re-sized to properly fit the rails. Louis Ward has mended our lawn equipment and kept us rolling each lawn maintenance day.

Many thanks to our church members who work hard to make our church look good throughout the year. We have a lot to be proud of here at St. Philip's.

Ed Trustees Chairperson

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GENERAL CHURCH WORK PARTY

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

8 AM UNTIL 12 NOON

We plan to clean windows, dust and clean as needed inside our buildings.

On the grounds we plan to trim shrubs and low hanging crepe myrtles, weed flower beds, edge and clean weeds under crepe myrtle trees.

Look for the sign-up table in the breezeway Sundays, Nov. 2 and 9 to select the job your prefer.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 8 am for coffee and donuts (not breakfast). Meet with your team leader and let's have a great day working together.

We will have some materials and supplies available, but it would be helpful if you brought some of the items you will need to work with such as tools, rags, small ladders, etc. Don't forget to bring your GLOVES.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Saturday, Nov. 1

Africans across Borders:

The emergence of a New Type of Leadership

One of the Key Note Speakers is Rev. Phoebe Wabara, who was our guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 6 at both services. Other Key Note Speakers are: Julius Ananura, team leader, reach the un-reached ministry, ministering to hospitals, prisons and African nations.

Program: at St. Philips at 10:30 am until 2pm

Dinner at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church

At 6 pm until 8:30 pm.