



ST. PHILIP'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE CAMPANILE

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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
- 4:30 PM  
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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# Coming Up!



**Saturday, Oct. 31 at 7pm**

All trick or treaters are invited to come by our parking lot for fun and treats.

**Sunday, Nov. 1  
at 8:45 am & 11:00 am**

Please join us on this day. We will remember all those that have passed away in the past year that were members of the church. Each person's name is called out and then a prayer is offered.



**Saturday, Nov. 7  
At 9 am—Noon**

Help make a difference at St. Philip's by joining others in cleaning where needed and sprucing up the church for upcoming events: Open House, Thanksgiving, Advent Sundays and Christmas.

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Let me share with some exciting things that are happening in our church. First, we have new, young families visiting – and joining – our church. Second, those new folks are getting involved in leadership. Third, we are seeing greater diversity among our guests and that is essential if we are to be a reflection of our community. Fourth, over 30% of the leaders we will elect at our charge conference in November will be serving in their positions for the first time and they are excited (and it is exciting to be around folks who are enthusiastic about our future.) Fifth, our children's Sunday School classes and our nursery are growing in numbers. Sixth, we have children in our 11:00 service. Seventh, we have just hired Joshua Richards as our program director to support all our ministries, but especially to reach out to young adults and families with young children. He is going to be a great asset to our church and hope you will support him as he gets to know our congregation and our community. Since the number 7 is a symbol of wholeness, I'll stop there. I hope you get the picture that while we may not be seeing great growth in numbers yet, we are in a great position to move forward. Let's not forget to celebrate our small "successes" along the way.



### WORSHIP SURVEY

Your worship committee works very hard to ensure our worship services glorify God and provide spiritual growth and renewal for all who worship with us. In order to help that happen, the committee is requesting your feedback. If you have access to the web, you may go to the following link:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9oFR6Pu08I4gkVe6xdz\\_2f8g\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9oFR6Pu08I4gkVe6xdz_2f8g_3d_3d) and fill out the worship survey. If you don't have access to the web, you may pick up a copy of the survey questions in the church office. We need your feedback as we work to offer worship experiences that honor God and touch the hearts of God's people.

### Mentoring Opportunity

If you can give one hour of your time, once a week, Benavidez Elementary School needs you. Tana Wilkinson has been in touch with the new principal at Benavidez to plan ways to continue the relationship with students that was begun last year with the Kid's Hope program. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact the church office.

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## New Staff Member



Please welcome Joshua Richards, as St. Philip's part-time Program Director. Joshua is currently working on a Masters Degree at UH Clear Lake. He previously worked as Youth Director at Sunset UMC. We welcome Joshua into our church staff.

Greetings!

I want to thank all of you for the warm welcome I received from the church last Sunday. For those who don't know, my name is Joshua Richards and I am the new director of programs. I am transferring from Sunset UMC where I was director of youth for two and a half years. Currently, I'm pursuing an MA in Philosophy & Ancient History at the University of Houston. It is my hope that in the coming weeks we will be able to provide new programs such as small groups and Sunday school classes for those in the College and Career age range. I look forward to serving with all of you here at St Phillip's.

Joshua Richards

**GIVING****Giving on Sundays****Sunday, Oct. 4**

\$ 6,955.00

**Sunday, Oct. 11**

\$ 5,156.01

*Thank you for your  
generosity in giving.***PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember persons on our prayer list in your regular prayers.

**For Healing:**Doug Welch, Janet Mott, Don Alexander,  
Cecil Lanier, and Jeff Spargo**For Our Homebound Members**

List available at Narthex



Have a prayer request? The Prayer Ministry Team wants to pray for your needs. Please call the church office with your request 713-666-2175.

**October & November Calendar****Change of Time****October**

- 17 UMW Holiday Bazaar at 9am-3pm (FH)
- 19 UM Men Dinner Mtg. at 6:30pm (FH)
- 27 UMW Circle Mtgs. At 9:30 am
- 31 Halloween: Trunk or Treat at 7 pm (Grounds)

**November**

- 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 2 Trustee Mtg. at 7 pm (103)
- 3 UMW Gen. Mtg. at 9:30 am (FH)
- 3 Evang./Welcome Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm (107)
- 6 Parents Night Out at 7pm
- 7 Church-wide Clean Up Day 9am-Noon
- 10 UMW Circle Mtgs. At 9:30 am

- 9 Finance Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm (103)
- 10 UMW Gen. Mtg. 9:30am FH
- 10 Worship Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm (103)
- 15 Wesley Toy Drive Sunday  
& Seafarers Box Kick-Off  
**Charge Conference at 4pm**
- 16 UM Men Dinner Mtg. at 6:30 pm FH
- 20 Youth Movie Nite & Dinner 6pm
- 21 VeggieTales Event for kids at 9am
- 21 Extra Choir Rehearsal at 9-11am
- 21 Book Club Mtg. at 9:30 am (103)
- 29 Hanging of the Greens Service  
10:30am / SS at 9:15 am

**ENGLISH CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER**

Our daytime English as a Second Language beginning class (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11 am) began on September 15, 2009. And a spectacular beginning it was! After we had borrowed chairs from the adjoining room and the classroom had filled up completely, class began. The room was so full that everyone had to breathe in just to make room for the teacher to turn around. Really! That's how tight it was. There were 28 students—and then three more came, and were turned away. This is a very popular class!

Our students (in the first two weeks of class) come from ten countries. Luckily, there are only four languages, besides English, spoken: Spanish-41%, Russian-41%, Chinese-13% and Korean-6% (results are over 100% due to rounding). Students range in age from 29 to 88 and have been in the United States from 2 months to 28 years.

We have an evening class, too: Tuesdays, 7-9 pm. The evening class is more advanced and students really enjoy reading and discussions and talking about American life. The teacher is Mary Johns, a volunteer from the ExxonMobil Company.

If you have an interest in helping with either class or even giving teaching a try contact me, Tom Wilkinson, at 713-772-6645 or email at [wilkinsonsword@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wilkinsonsword@sbcglobal.net). This is a good opportunity to share your gifts and have fun at the same time!

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  
**(An Eight-Part Series, Part One)**

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" – 1 Peter 4:10 NIV*

The meaning of stewardship has long been debated with definitions surrounding time spent focusing on the Lord, building relationships with others, and using the gifts God has given. The meaning of Christian stewardship has focused many times on tithing, but this is not the priority definition when discussing stewardship. The priorities involved are how time is spent, how relationships are retained, and then how money is spent. There are a lot of things that have to do with this responsibility of which many people have never been made aware. Most agree that a good idea is to spend time studying ways to become a responsible steward. The Lord gives a few thoughts on the subject in the Bible, i.e., "but those who were good stewards, were incredibly blessed". The meaning involves how the precious gifts that God has given to all of us are cared for and used. The good steward is someone who is doing the best he can with the things that God has given him. The reality shows up in how a person reacts in situations and how much he or she is willing to sacrifice to retain that inherent responsibility.

Throughout the upcoming weeks and months, we will touch on what stewardship is - a reminder of why each of us needs to give back to our church (giving of one's time, talents and abilities, and financial resources). As God has given us a "lease" to life each and every day, we need to reinforce our Christ-centered life by giving back to St Philip's and its members rather than being self-focused. As we move forward and do our part, let us continue to rely on His promises, trust in His timing, and believe in His miracles.

God bless,  
Marc De Rome and Mary Pena  
*Stewardship Campaign*  
*Coordinators*