



**Thank You to Leaders of 2011 -  
Welcome, Leaders of 2012!**

We wish to extend a warm thank you to all who have chaired and served on committees this past year. St. Philip's United Methodist Church is richly blessed by the time, thought, effort, and energy of its members and their dedication to the ministries of the church. We deeply appreciate all you do for Christ and His Body!

We also appreciate those who will be chairing and serving on committees in 2012. Here are the committee members for the coming year:

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| Administrative Council Chairperson | Allen Grant                    |
| Administrative Council Vice-Chair  | Marsha Smith                   |
| Recording Secretary                | Betty Grant                    |
| Lay Leader                         | Allen Grant                    |
| Lay Member, Annual Conference      | Marsha Smith                   |
| Staff Parish Relations Chair       | Mary Peña                      |
| Treasurer                          | Deanna White                   |
| Financial Secretary                | Doug Greenhill                 |
| Finance Committee Chair            | Deanna White                   |
| Trustee Committee Chair            | Robert Tupper                  |
| Church School Superintendent       | Ed Knight                      |
| United Methodist Women President   | Martha Alexander               |
| United Methodist Men President     | Larry Walker                   |
| Day School Board President         | Cheryl Little                  |
| Education Ministry Team Chair      | Shelly Straub/Jane Walker      |
| Evangelism Ministry Team Chair     | Monna Rector/Heidi Toft        |
| Worship Ministry Team Chair        | Lynne Tupper                   |
| Missions Ministry Team Chair       | Trina Williams/Jeannie Johnson |
| Community Relations Chair          | Kathy Greenhill                |
| Prayer Ministry Chair              | Marcie Gruetzmacher            |
| Caring Ministry                    | Diane Hollingsworth            |

Administrative Council Members at Large: Brian Drozd, Marilyn Lacour, Feng Sun, Gary Wright, Joyce Wright, Joe Little, Doug Burchfield, Francelle Ward  
 Board of Trustees: Marilyn Lacour, Robert Tupper, Bernice Galloway, Bob Ellis, Mike White, Alfred Jefferson, Martin Myers, Hans Crump, Jeff Spargo  
 Staff Parish Relations Committee: Janis Norman, June Kitchens, Mary Pena, Sallie Waheed, Joe Little, Jane Walker, Ed Johnson, Becky Edmonson, Carol Newman  
 Finance Committee: Andy Straub, Deanna White, Dick Mott, Heidi Toft, Marcie Gruetzmacher, Larry Walker, Carol Newman, Brenda Robinson  
 Lay Leadership Committee: June Kitchens, Bert Hall, Tana Wilkinson, Diane Hollingsworth, Jane Walker, Joe Little, Janis Norman, Charlsie Groom

There will be a New Leadership Training workshop on January 7 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Overflow Room. Committee chairs are expected to be in attendance, and all others are welcome. The district Local Church Leadership Event is January 29 from 2-6:30 p.m. at Houston First United Methodist Church-Westchase Campus.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as they serve you and our church, and feel free to thank them the next time you see them. St. Philip's is blessed to have so much going on at our church. If you would like to get more involved in any of the programs or ministries here, feel free to contact a committee member, the pastor, or the church office.



**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:45 a.m.  
Contemporary  
Worship Service

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School for All

10:45 a.m.  
Youth "S.P.Y.R.I.T."  
Program

11:00 a.m.  
Traditional Worship

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## The Pastor's Perspective



As we end 2011, I want to take a moment to say thanks to all who gave of your time and resources to make this a great year for St. Philip's in spite of a struggling economy. We have been able to reach out to our community in amazing ways – truly touching lives and making disciples for Jesus Christ. Manna bags have been distributed as soon as they are made. That means the homeless are being fed. People are getting out of debt with the help of our Financial Peace classes. Those suffering from addictions are finding encouragement through our recovery ministry. Spirits are lifted through the beautiful and moving music of our Chancel Choir, Philip's Joy and Kid's Sing all year long, but especially during the past few weeks during our Christmas season. The Christmas story was experienced through "An Evening in Old Bethlehem" and our Christmas Eve worship. People far away have found hope through your gifts to the Heifer project and other mission activities. This doesn't begin to account for all we have offered – through Bible studies, Sunday School classes, UMW and UMM programs, fellowship activities, ESL, and many other programs. These things don't happen without the hard work and effort of our congregation, our leaders, and our staff.

So thank you, and get some rest when you can, because it is time to start it all over again. With your commitment and servant's heart, 2012 will see even more lives touched and more disciples made for Christ through St. Philip's.

*Rev. Lisa Callaway*

### UPCOMING SERMON SERIES: BUILDING A CHRISTIAN LIFE

**January 1**  
**January 8**  
**January 15**  
**January 22**  
**January 30**

**A Firm Foundation**  
**A Solid Structure**  
**Finishing the Inside**  
**The Keys to the Building**  
**Moving In to Move Out**

**Genesis 1:1-28**  
**John 6:1-14**  
**Mark 12:41-44**  
**Malachi 3:6-12**  
**Acts 22:6-16**

For 50 years Boy Scout Troop 197 and Cub Scout Pack 197, sponsored by St. Philip's UMC, have served countless young men who have grown into responsible community leaders.

COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
 OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY

Monday, January 2, 2012, 2—5 pm  
 in the Fellowship Hall



We will be sharing old memories, a slide show of today and yesteryear's scouting in the troop, and honor all the Eagle Scouts who came up through Troop 197. Boy Scout Troop 197 and Cub Scout Pack 197 are celebrating this major milestone together. All past scouts and leaders of Troop 197 are welcome. We would really like to hear from members from the beginning years. Please contact Scoutmaster Ken Groue at 713-965-6774 or email [sm197@comcast.net](mailto:sm197@comcast.net).

Light refreshments will be served. Please come and visit with old friends and make new ones!

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### A Unique Giving Opportunity

As a reminder, this is the last year that the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is available for people over the age of 70 1/2 who own one or more IRAs.

Here is how it works: if you are required to withdraw money from your IRAs this year, you can direct your investment advisor to send all or part of that amount to St. Philip's. The church gets the contribution and the amount you directed your advisor to send becomes a tax-free event for your 2011 Income Tax Return. In other words, you do not have to pay taxes on the amount directed to the church.

Here is where it is most helpful: if you no longer find it advantageous to itemize your deductions on your tax return, but instead take the standard deduction, you still have the same deduction and you avoid paying taxes on the directed contribution.

Remember, if you do itemize your deductions, the amount you have directed to the church cannot be used as a tax deduction, as it is a non-taxable income.

Discuss this opportunity with your investment advisor soon because the broker needs time to process the necessary paperwork. The transaction must be completed by December 31.

GIVING	PRAYER REQUESTS
<p><b>December 2011</b></p> <p><b>\$37,130.25</b></p> <p>You can donate through our website. Look for the word <b>DONATE</b> at <a href="http://www.spumc.com">www.spumc.com</a></p> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity in giving.</i></p>	<p>Please remember these persons on our prayer list in your regular prayers.</p> <p><b>For Healing:</b> Cynthia Gregory, Lorraine Miller, Dorothy Komar, Ron Bolin, Bill Behrends, Taylor Wright, Jacque Lavallee, Brisa Dougan, Tom Price, Kathy Quimby, Katie Griffen, Eddie Valverde, Cynthia Ford, John Dooley</p> <p><b>For Comfort:</b> Brenda Millstead, the family of Dael Campbell</p> <p><b>For Protection:</b> Angelina Silbilco, Members of our Armed Services: Austin Meyer, Andy &amp; Danielle Greenhill, Ann Behrends, Kirby White, Jennifer Barentine, and Thomas Tomaini</p> <p><b>For Our Homebound Members:</b> List available in the Narthex</p> <p><i>Have a prayer request? The Prayer Ministry Team wants to pray for your needs. Please call Prayer Ministry Chairperson Marcie Gruetzmacher at (713)664-1437 or call the church office with your request at 713-666-2175.</i></p>

## Activities Calendar — January



- 1 One worship service, 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
- 2 Church office closed  
Trustees Committee Meeting, 7 pm (103)
- 3 ESL classes resume; God Opens Doors Bible Study resumes
- 6 Parents Night Out, 6:30 pm (FH)
- 7 New Leadership Training, 9 am (O)
- 21 Book Club, 9:30 am (103)
- 29 District Local Church Leadership Event, 2—6:30 pm at First UMC-Westchase



### 2012 ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

The 2012 altar flower calendar is ready to accept reservations. Please contact the church office at (713) 666-2175 or drop by to fill out a form if you would like to donate altar flowers.



### “An Evening in Old Bethlehem” was an Evening to Remember!

Many thanks to all who helped with St. Philip’s United Methodist Church’s “An Evening in Old Bethlehem” on December 18. Many people deemed it “the best year yet.” Our Fellowship Hall was transported into the village of Bethlehem at the time of Christ’s birth, with booths where young and old could try their hand at a number of trades, from candle making to metal working. Stepping outside transported sight-seers to the stable where Jesus was born and the countryside where the shepherds heard the good news of the heavenly host. Choir members, actors, and live animals presented the Christmas story in vivid detail. The evening was completed by “snow” and cups of hot chocolate.

Hours of hard work went into this event. Many thanks to Marilyn Lacour, coordinator, and all who helped with costumes, set design and construction, food and beverage preparation and distribution, booth manning and helping with the overall ambience of the evening, acting and singing during the live nativity, special effects such as the “snow,” and all the other myriad touches that made the night so wonderful.



## Touching Lives...Making Disciples for Christ

DATED MATERIAL— Dec. 27, 2011

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January 6th

Parents can enjoy a grown up evening while the youth and their leaders treat the kids to an evening of fun.

Cost: \$10 per child  
(children must be toilet trained)  
Time: 6:30—10:00 p.m.  
Place: Fellowship Hall  
Reserve a Space: (713)666-2175

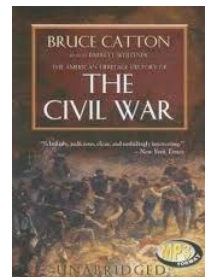
### Saturday Book Club Meeting – January 21

“The Civil War”

by Bruce Catton

Everyone is welcome to join us  
for a discussion of the book.

Meeting time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in room 103.



### Thanks to our Music Ministry!

On December 18, Philip's Joy presented “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” at the 8:45 a.m. service. What a joyous celebration of our Savior and His birth!

Many thanks to Philip's Joy, the Chancel Choir, Kids Sing, Barbara Jennings, and all involved with our music ministry for going above and beyond this holiday season to help us celebrate the reason for the season!

### New Leadership Training

January 7, 2012  
9 a.m.

Fellowship Hall Overflow

Committee chairpersons are expected to be in attendance and all other church leaders are invited to this event to learn more about our committees and how to be more effective leaders in their roles for 2012.



### District Local Church Leadership Event

January 29, 2012  
2-6:30 pm  
First UMC-Westchase  
Campus  
10570 Westpark Dr.  
Houston, TX 77042  
(713)868-1800

2 pm Check-in  
2:30 pm Worship  
3:45 pm Workshops  
6 pm Commissioning

### CAMPANILE DEADLINE

If you have announcements or articles for the next Campanile, the deadline for submissions is Friday, Jan. 6th.