

PHILIP-EYE

INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS

The Mission Committee is making plans to collect items for Seafarer's Christmas Boxes. Bins will be available in the Gathering Area each Sunday during the month of October for your donations.

Ship crew sizes average 22 Seafarers to gift per ship. In 2022, the Seafarer's Christmas Gift program received and distributed 9,173 gifts on-board 403 ships which represented Seafarers from more than 61 different countries! These gifts had been donated to the Seafarers by over 179 churches, organizations and individuals! The Christmas shoeboxes are personally carried to each ship by Houston International Seafarer Center Staff, Port Chaplains, and Ship Visitors, as the ecumenical ministry is funded by all denominations. They begin delivering boxes after Thanksgiving and continue gifting Seafarers until all the gifts have been distributed! Chaplains are gratefully prepared to receive the gift boxes that we pack and wrap.



News of these boxes reaches far and wide with great anticipation. Sailors from all over the world hope to be in port in Houston during the Christmas season to receive the famed Christmas Boxes. One such Captain was so excited with his box, that he video taped himself opening his box while talking to his family online. His daughter was so moved by the gift, that she started a campaign to give Christmas Boxes to underprivileged people in their hometown in Ukraine.

Thank you for participating in this meaningful mission project.

Items on the Wish list:

Toothbrush/Toothpaste	(NEW)	Texas Magnets
Band-Aids	Light Weight Work Gloves	Texas Key Chains
Cotton Swabs	(M, L and XL)	Earbuds/Headphones
Lip Balm	Small Bibles (NIV, RSV)	Playing Cards
Nail Grooming Kit	Bible/Devotional materials	Stress Ball / Games
Hairbrush/Comb	– Daily Bread, Open	Small Flashlight w/ batteries
Mini-First-Aid Kit	Door, etc.	Texas Souvenirs
Multi-Vitamins / Fish Oil	Ballpoint Pens	Small Whistle
Sewing Kit	Pocket-sized Notebooks	Signed Personal note
Socks	2024 Pocket Calendar	Popcorn / Snacks
T-shirts (NEW)	Gum & Hard Candy	NESCAFE Instant Coffee
Cold Weather Caps and Balaclavas	USB Flash Drive	
Baseball Caps/Beanie's	Word Search/Sudoku/Fill-in books	

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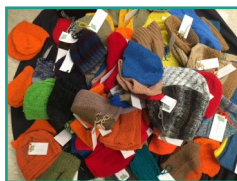
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SEAFARER'S KNITTED HAT PATTERN

One of the items needed for the seafarers are cold weather caps. Here is a basic knitting pattern for a hat provided by Sue Howard. If you make a hat or two, place it in one of the seafarer collection bins this month.

Needles:

Size 10 or 10 1/2 - USA needles
or Size 7mm needles



Cast on 62 stitches (sts)

Row 1 - (RS) - right side [K2,P1] to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2 - (WS) - wrong side [P2, K1] to last 2 sts, P2

Repeat 6 or 7 times until you reach 4"

Then on the RS knit the complete row

On the WS pearl the complete row

Repeat the above 6 or 7 times until you reach 4"

Shaping Crown:

Row 1 - (RS) - [K4, K2 together (tog)] ten times then
knit last two stitches together 51 sts

Row 2 - (WS) - Pearl the complete row

Row 3 - [K3, K2tog] 10X, K1 41 sts

Row 4 - (WS) - Pearl the complete row

Row 5 - [K2, K2 tog] 10X, K1 31 sts

Row 6 - (WS) - Pearl the complete row

Row 7 - [K1, K2 tog] 10X, K1 21 sts

Row 8 - (WS) - Pearl the complete row

Row 9 - [K1, K2 tog] 7X 14 sts

Row 10 - (WS) - Pearl the complete row

Cut the yarn about an arm's length and
thread through the 14 remaining sts.

Pull them up and sew cap together on WS

Adapted pattern from Weekend Hat
by Sue Shirley Howard

SAVE THE DATE: NOV 12, 2023

The Mission Committee is once again hosting the ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET for St. Philip Mission Partners. We invite participation in the market from the congregation as well, and look forward to hearing from you. Wendy Stewart, the St. Philip Youth, the St. Philip Stitchers, and many donations for our live auction have all enhanced the marketing experience that Sunday. Participants can select the mission partner the proceeds of any sales should go to.

Please let us know by **October 15** if you plan to participate and need a table or have an auction item by calling Hope Wilmarth: 281-744-8540 or the church office.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October 8 at 9 a.m., there will be service outside. The service will include a "blessing of the animals." Here's your opportunity to bring your dog or cat or other pets to worship with you and to have them included in a special prayer of blessing. Animals should be appropriately leashed or otherwise contained! The 11:00 a.m. service will be in the sanctuary as usual.

October 17—watch your mail for your 2024 Stewardship packet. Thank you to everyone who submitted stories.

October 22 will be our Fall Picnic following worship service.

OCTOBER 29—at 9:00 a.m. — Worship on the Lawn with the bagpipers of the Houston Highlanders. 11:00 a.m. service will be in the Sanctuary as usual.

NOVEMBER 12 — The Mission Committee is once again hosting the ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET and Mission Forum for St. Philip Mission Partners.

IN SEARCH OF AUCTION ITEMS

The Mission Committee is seeking donations for our live auction at the Alternative Christmas Market on November 12.. How about a day at the ranch? Or a weekend use of a Galveston Beach rental? Sports and entertainment tickets, museum passes? Contributors can select the mission partner they wish the proceeds to benefit. Please let us know by **October 15** if you plan to participate and need a table or have an auction item by calling Hope Wilmarth: 281-744-8540 or the church office.

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 104

ELEMENTARY—Grades 1-5—Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 6-12—Room 205

CHURCH & SOCIETY -Room 201—Join us from **9:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. Rally Day - October series focusing on the Presbyterian denomination. **October 8**—*Children at the Lord's Table* - Local church educators' response to the 1983 reunion policy regarding children taking Communion - On June 10, 1983, 14,000 Presbyterians gathered to hear the Declaration of Reunion. After 122 years of separation, the Presbyterian Church in the US. (PCUS) and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), came together. As a result of reunion the Presbyterian Church (USA) would welcome children to the Lord's Table. Presbyterian Educators on the Westside (PEWS) worked together to write a study to find ways to make the worship experience and the sacraments more meaningful and inclusive for the variety of ages in the worshipping community. We will look at the ways St. Philip is teaching children about worship and the sacraments. Presented by Mickey Meyers - co-author of *Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!* A Resource for Including Children in Worship for Pastors, Educators, Parents, Sessions and Committees. **October 15** - "Priesthood of All Believers" - The priesthood of all believers is a cornerstone of Reformed Theology, which should change how we live our lives each and every day, including how we pursue our daily vocations. Presented by Rev. Omar Rouchon. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

FAITH & LIFE - Room 200—*New Class*—An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. Using the short stories in *The Gift of Hard Things: Finding Grace in Unexpected Places* by Mark Yaconelli, participants will read a short text in class and then engage in conversation as a group. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—We will resume our study of the Kingdom of Judah at 2 Kings 18 with the story of King Hezekiah in Dr. Robert Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us from **9:30 a.m. - 10:40**

a.m. to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Children will be able to participate in this during the worship service.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **October 12** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *American Cartel: Inside the Battle to Bring Down the Opioid Industry* by Scott Higham and Sari Horwitz. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that He has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philipians and their families—Denise Ferrell; Pat Lindsay; Susan Estill; Mark Takayama; Stewart Coffman; Ben Dees; Shirley Coffman; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Sonia Laureano – sister of Ruena Wood; Lindsay Aldrich – daughter of Melissa & Guy Aldrich; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and her partner John Bonica; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes—brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson.

Homebound—Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philipians— Mary Watters – friend of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach– friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email deacons@saintphilip.net.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Pledge payments, communion gifts and other gifts to support the Church can be made anytime through our website (<http://saintphilip.net/>), text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

Next edition: **Tuesday, October 17; Deadline October 12—3:00 p.m.**

Stay connected with regular emails from the pastors until then.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Philip-Eye, please send them to:

philipeye@saintphilip.net or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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