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Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell will deliver the summer lectures at St. Philip Presbyterian Church brought to you by the Education Committee. Her lectures—Conspiring for Justice: History, Conspiring for Justice: Theology, Conspiring for Justice: Call—will be Saturday, **August 11**. They will explore the intersection of social justice and Christian faith.

Dr. Craigo-Snell explains of her research and scholarship: “One of the blessings of being part of a tradition that spans 2,000 years is that contemporary Christians do not have to rely on the best we can think up on any given Sunday. We have a rich repository of wisdom to turn to as we navigate current issues. We have historical guideposts, as well as multiple examples of theological routes that went badly astray and caused great harm. The discipline of systematic theology helps locate resources, cautionary tales, and inspiration for living faithfully today. It is also vital in creating spaces for people with quite different understandings of the world and of the holy to engage in conversations that are marked by respect, curiosity, and delight in learning.”

For more information about Dr. Craigo-Snell see <https://www.shannoncraigo-snell.com>. More details to follow.

SUMMER BASICS

Beginning **July 15**, John Wurster will offer a series of classes on the basic features of Christian faith and practice. *Summer Basics* is a course designed as both an introduction to and a refresher on the essentials of the Bible, worship, sacraments, and doctrine. It's a time to learn, remember, and reclaim the core elements of Presbyterian identity. Why do we do it the way we do it? Why do we believe that? Why do we say that? What do we mean by that? The class meets in Room 201 of the Education Building. Here's the schedule:

- **July 15:** Bible Basics – Old Testament
- **July 22:** Bible Basics – New Testament
- **July 29:** Basic Worship – the Service for the Lord's Day
- **August 5:** Basic Worship – Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- **August 12:** Basic Doctrine – Creeds and Confessions

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COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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- ★ Send an email with one tap on the email address.
- ★ Make a mobile contribution to SPPC securely.



Need help setting up any of this? Call the office and Lorrie will be glad to help you.

Come by and join us for...

ICE CREAM

Location:
GATHERING AREA

SUNDAY, JULY 8

[AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE AT ST. PHILIP] **INTERGENERATIONAL ALL AGES WELCOME!**

THROWBACK ST. PHILIP

See page 4 for information about these pictures. If you have any pictures from activities, including Central Presbyterian Church, please contact Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.



LET US PRAY FOR...

St. Philipians and their families—Don Truxillo—brother of Wayne Truxillo, Casey Lambright, Roderick James, Carolyn Vestal, Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers, Toto McGehee, Cathy Truxillo—sister-in-law of Sandra Truxillo, Ralph Arlinghaus - father of Paul Arlinghaus, T.E. “Joe” Keever, Ian Pearce, Rusty Howard, Phillip McDaniel, Ruth Weber, Carol Paine Kendrick, Erica Stokes, Joe Ann Berwick, George Helland, Alice Pennington, Joyce Randolph, Van Rathgeber, Penny Vieau, and Darnell Burks—father of Deb Burks.

Friends of St. Philipians—Derek Nusbaum & family – friends of Cameron & Heather Highsmith; refugee family from Iraq—Hassan, Enas, Dima and Ahmed; Trudy Smith Alexander—of Robin & Gary Willis; and Grady Reed—of Stephen Paine.

FELLOWSHIP FUN

CO-ED PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Join us for friendly competition and exercise through pick-up basketball in the gym at Bellaire United Methodist Church (4417 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401). For the summer we will play on Thursday nights. All skill levels are welcome. For more info or questions contact Henry Owen-henry.owen@gmail.com or 704-975-4005.

EDUCATION

NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Infants and children through 4 years old 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 are on Summer Recess
until September. Below are the classes you can
look forward to.

ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:30 A.M.

Godly Play (Age 3 to K)—Room 104

Grades 1 & 2—Room 105 Grades 3,4 & 5—Room 103

Grades 6-8—Room 206 Grades 9-12—Room 205

BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—The Adult Bible Study Class has recessed for the summer. We will resume in September with our study of The Psalms, primarily from the NRSV and Dr. Robert Alter's *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary*. Al Waldrop will lead the discussion, and all are welcome.

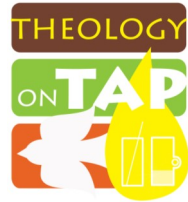
CHURCH & SOCIETY— Room 201 – **Fall Semester 2018 Highlights -Sept. 9** - Rally Day - Church & Society class reunion and preview of the 2018 fall semester. The focus of our speakers for the fall will be *The Class of 2036 - children born in 2018 who will be 18 yrs. old when Houston celebrates its 200th birthday in 2036. Sept. 16* - *The Class of 2036* - Rev. Cassandra Dahnke, cofounder of The Institute for Civility in Government and Dr. Bertie Simmons, Furr Senior High School. **Sept. 23** - *The Class of 2036* - Joel Goza, visiting scholar of race, religion and politics at the University of St. Thomas. **Sept. 30** - *The Class of 2036* - Laurence Payne, Educational Excellence Resource Group - Interfaith Ministries and author of *The Heart of Houston: Lessons in Servant Leadership. Oct. 7* - *The Class of 2036 at St. Philip* - Rev. Omar Rouchon, Associate Pastor for education and spiritual formation at St. Philip. **Oct. 14** - *The Class of 2036 - Immigrant and Refugee Health*—Dr. Padma Swamy and Mehdi Vasigh - Children at Risk - Doctors for Change.

SPa—Room 200—The SPa (Saint Philip Adults) class is a fellowship of adults from all walks of life who gather for learning and community. It is a conversation/dialogue-based/interactive class. Sharing leadership is easy and fun and, as you probably can tell, we're not a group that is shy about asking questions! During the summer break, we invite your input as we consider topics to discuss in the fall. Contact: Omar@saintphilip.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—Room 203— The children's chapel meets the second and fourth Sunday. Children in pre-K through first grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel with our Associate Minister, Omar Rouchon and a parent helper following the conversation with children during the 11 o'clock service on the second and fourth Sundays. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing 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.

WEEKDAY CLASSES



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join a community of people in their 20s and 30s for compassionate conversation regarding all matters of the life of faith. We meet monthly at different restaurants in Houston and pose questions for group reflection and discussion. Bring a friend or your partner, your questions and ideas, and your thirst for knowledge! Next meeting is **July 10** at 6:30 p.m. Cleburne Cafeteria, 3606 Bissonnet St., 77005.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

A monthly interest group for women who like to read books, socialize, and have a night out meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting on **July 12**, will be a social at Local Foods 2555 Kirby Dr., 77019. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information contact Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

PUB CLUB

Pub Club is a group for men in the church who like to enjoy fellowship, stories and spirited discussion once a month at a local pub. Pub Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is Tuesday, **August 28** at 7 p.m., location to be determined. Men interested in attending may eat beforehand or order food from the pub. For more information or questions, please contact Tim Burgess at TimRB1987@gmail.com.



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

RETURNING IN THE FALL John Wurster leads this study Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in the Dining Room.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

RETURNING IN THE FALL Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in the Conference Room at noon. The book we are using is "Preaching The Women of the Old Testament; Who They Were and Why They Matter" written by Lynn Japinga. Please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com if you have any questions.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP



Everyone is welcome to the meetings of the Monday evening study group when we reconvene in the fall! Our next meeting will be **September 10**, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Join your fellow St. Philippians for refreshments and a brief devotional as we open our discussion of our next book (still TBD). We gather in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus).

MISSION

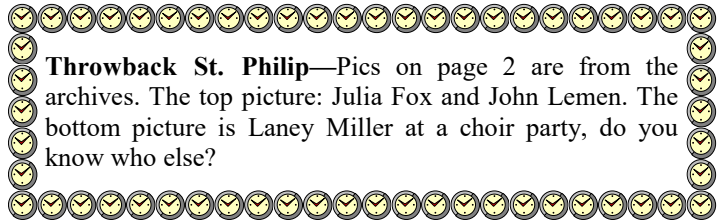
CCSC BACK TO SCHOOL

It takes 700 volunteers to make Back To School a success! You can contribute your time and energy to this worthy cause or help inspire others to volunteer.

LOCATION: Bellaire United Methodist Church, 4417 Bellaire Blvd. 77401

-  Sort & Set-up: **July 28**—7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Help prep and organize supplies.
-  Distribution: **Aug. 3 & 4**—7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Help distribute school supplies, vouchers and “bonus items” to clients.

Sign up in the Gathering Area today!
For more information visit www.ccschouston.org/volunteer.



Throwback St. Philip—Pics on page 2 are from the archives. The top picture: Julia Fox and John Lemen. The bottom picture is Laney Miller at a choir party, do you know who else?

HEALTH YOUR WAY

St. Philip welcomes the return of a program sponsored in part by AARP to meet **Wednesdays** in Room 16 from 2:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. beginning **July 11**. This class includes topics like Balance and Stability, Everyday Movement, Stretch and Release, Memory Fun and Games, Heart Health Discussions, Strong Muscles, Healthy Bones for seniors. St. Philip members and friends are welcome to attend. A complete schedule is available at www.healthyourway.com. If you would like to know more, ask Nan Schissler; she really enjoyed the classes last year.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 2018

STATED SESSION MEETING – JUNE 19, 2018

- Session approved a request for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism on **July 8** at 11:00 a.m. worship service, for Alexa Rebecca Stevenson, born November 18, 2016 in Houston; daughter of Phil and Idalia Stevenson.
- Session approved a request for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism on **July 15** at 11:00 a.m. worship service, for Cohen May Carlin, born March 5, 2018 in Houston; daughter of Nathan Carlin and Keatan King.
- Session approved Cecilia Duarte teaching Summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) on June 30.
- Session approved St. Philip sponsoring the Houston screening of the documentary *Out of Order* at the Christ Church Cathedral Hines Center on Saturday, **September 15**, at 2:00 p.m.
- Session elected Anne Wilson, Rhonda Sands, Jane Lee, Peg Palisin, and Kate Cray to serve as Ruling Elder Commissioners to Stated Presbytery of New Covenant Meeting on Saturday, **July 21**, at Pines Presbyterian Church, Houston.
- Session endorsed Margaret Fair to represent St. Philip for her third and final year of PYCC (Presbytery Youth Connection Council) leadership.
- Session approved the minutes of the June 17 Congregational Meeting on behalf of the congregation.

Committee Actions:

- Communications and Technology Committee has approved moving the responsibility for audio equipment from Property Committee to Communications and Technology Committee.
- Mission Committee has approved two \$300 Scholarships for summer campers at John Knox Ranch funded through the Restricted account for Prior Year Mission.
- Freeman Scholarship Committee has agreed to award five scholarships in the total amount of \$90,000.

John A. Lemen, Clerk of Session

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP  SUMMER SEASON

2018 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

(with ice cream afterwards) **ALL FREE!** (contributions welcome)

Nicole Simental

SUNDAY | JULY 22, 2018 | 2:00 p.m.

Nicole Simental is organist and associate director of music at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio, where she presides over the world-renowned Paul Fritts organ, Op. 25 (2006). Join us for this thrilling **one-hour program** featuring a wide variety of repertoire displaying Nicole's profound talents, and the glorious sounds of our own magnificent Paul Fritts organ, Op. 29 (2010).








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