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THE SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

DR. SHANNON CRAIGO-SNELL
AUGUST 26TH 2017

CONSPIRING FOR JUSTICE

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 26**. 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>.

Lunch will be available on Saturday. Please RSVP for lunch and/or child care at www.saintphilip.net or call the church office at 713-622-4807. Dr. Craigo-Snell will conclude her weekend in Houston by presenting the sermon at worship on **August 27**.

Registration will be in the Choir Room Lobby from 8:45 —9:15 a.m.
The lectures will be presented in the Choir Room (second floor of the Administration Building)
Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for \$5
The lectures wrap up at 1:30 p.m.

The Young Adults are invited to Keatan and Nate’s home Saturday Night at 7:00 p.m. for light refreshments and one-on-one conversation with Dr. Craigo-Snell. Complete the online form at: www.saintphilip.net

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This October marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We will celebrate this milestone in a variety of ways in the coming months in worship, in classes, and in concerts. My Wednesday bible study, which resumes **September 13**, will explore the biblical texts at the heart of the Reformation, utilizing a new study guide prepared by the Presbyterian Church (USA). On **September 17**, Eric Wall, professor of sacred music at Austin Seminary, will lead a hymn festival during the 11:00 service. He is using Reformation themes in organizing the tunes and the texts for that day. October and November will see further offerings and opportunities for us to learn, relearn, and engage with different aspects of the Reformation. I invite you to participate as you are able.

A key motto for those of us on the Presbyterian side of the Reformation has been “The church reformed, and always being reformed.” (It’s a little more catchy in Latin). Behind this phrase is a belief that the church is continually being changed by God’s Spirit. Through the Spirit, we are brought to fresh interpretations of Scripture and new understandings of our place in God’s world. Accordingly, we don’t simply celebrate the Reformation as something that happened long ago; rather we acknowledge that reformation is an ongoing process, the result of a God who continually creates and who continually makes all things new.

I pray that we will open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts to what God may be seeking to do in our midst. Where is God’s Spirit leading us as a church? Where is God leading you on your journey? Who is God bringing to join us at St. Philip? How is God’s reforming work reflected in our ministry – and in our plans?

I’m grateful for the opportunity this coming anniversary gives us to look back on the historical significance of the Protestant Reformation. I am even more grateful for the ways this anniversary might encourage us to extend the bold and faithful legacy we have received to this world, in this time.

Yours in anticipation,




LET US PRAY FOR...

Melanie White and sons Luke, Zachary, and George upon the death of their father-in-law and grandfather, Gov. Mark White
Elizabeth Keene—hospitalized at Memorial Hermann Southeast from a heart attack

Dick Howard—preparing for surgery the week of August 21

Trudy Cleveland—preparing for surgery the week of August 21

Philip McDaniels— hospitalized at St. Luke’s

Gary Gardner—recovering from back surgery at home

Mark Clemmons—recovering from spinal surgery at home

Rusty Howard—hospitalized at M.D. Anderson

Ruth Weber—moved to Belmont Village, Hunter’s Creek

Bebe Burns—receiving cancer treatments

Forbes Baker—Presbytery staff, recovering from cancer

Barbara Rathgeber—receiving dialysis

James Thacker—Terri Clemmons’ father hospitalized at Memorial Hermann Medical Center for heart issues

Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers, health concerns

Diane Boddington Nahajzer—Laura Burgess’ aunt receiving cancer treatments

Steve Smith—Shelley Smith’s brother receiving cancer treatment

Grady Reed—friend of Stephen Paine receiving cancer treatment

Barry McCarthy—friend of Wayne and Sandra Truxillo recovering from a stroke

Jack Wetmore—friend of Wayne and Sandra Truxillo is receiving treatment

Greg Scalapino—friend of Stephen Paine suffered a stroke

Recuperating at Home

Joe Ann Berwick, Larry Dean, Gail Gonsoulin, George Helland, Donna Host, T.E. “Joe” Keever, John Lemen, Carey Murphey, Alice Pennington, Van Rathgeber, Penny Vieau, Mary Waggoner

WORSHIP & MUSIC

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

The next service of healing and wholeness will be **August 27**. In this service, we claim God's promise of well-being and seek God's healing touch in body, mind, and spirit. The service includes individual prayers with the laying-on of hands and anointing with oil, along with scripture readings and hymns. Those seeking healing in their own lives or in the lives of others are encouraged to attend, as well as those who feel called to pray with those who suffer. In gathering for this service, we acknowledge that all healing is from God and we affirm that in the midst of illness, pain, and suffering our relationship with God in Christ sustains us.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, **August 27** during both worship services. Please bring your backpack, briefcase, etc. to be blessed as we look forward to a new school year and more formal work schedules.

Just released — a magnificent new recording of the **Paul Fritts** organ here at St. Philip! **Congrats** to organist **Joby Bell** and recording producer **Keith Weber**! The recording features music by Joseph Jongen, Johannes Brahms, and Julius Reubke, and is available now world-wide, on CD, mp3, or streaming:



- Naxos Direct

<https://naxosdirect.com/items/sonatas-variations-412532>

- iTunes

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/sonatas-variations/id1266919352>

- Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/Sonatas-Variations-Joby-Bell/dp/B074J5FYFQ>

FELLOWSHIP FUN

Join us for the Annual BBQ! The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, **September 16**. We will provide drinks and meat. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share: A-F salads/veggies, G-P side dishes, Q-Z desserts. Also, bring your best home-made ice-cream for the annual ice-cream contest. All ages are welcome. We'll see you there! Also, if you enjoy grilling please sign up to help on the grill team in the Gathering Area before or after church.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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Presbyterian Women (PW) offers a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community beginning with bible study at St. Philip.

August 19 PW Event at St. Philip: Mary Marcotte and Patti Nannie present 2017-2017 Horizons Bible Study Guide Overview Training for *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier.

- ✦ Pre-registration requested one week prior to the event
- ✦ A light breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m., and the training will begin at 9:30 a.m.!
- ✦ Register with Lorrie Castle at 713-622-4807 or welcome@SaintPhilip.net
- ✦ There is no charge to attend the training overview

PW CIRCLES

The Presbyterian Women will begin 2017-18 Bible Study on Sunday, **September 17**, with a joint circle meeting and luncheon after worship service. 2017-2018 Bible Study Guides will be available for purchase at the luncheon. Regular print guides are \$12 and large print guides are \$17. The price increase is due to an increase in materials and shipping costs.

PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 10th Annual Concert for Peace

October 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

at St. Philip Presbyterian Church at 4807 San Felipe Houston, Texas 77056

Featuring Mercury, the Orchestra Redefined | Poets: Henk Rossouw and Fareena Arefeen

The Concert for Peace had its genesis in discussions between the Mission Commission and the Peace and Social Justice Committee at St. Philip. The Concert for Peace combines poetry, music and meditative silence in a serene setting designed to inspire individuals to become active Peacemakers in their homes community and the world.

The Concert for Peace is free and open to the public.



UPDATES FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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 ARE ON RECESS FOR THE SUMMER.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Godly Play (Age 3 to K)—Room 104

Grades 1 & 2—Room 105 Grades 9-12—Room 205

Grades 3,4 & 5—Room 103 Grades 6-8—Room 206

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) - 4:30—6:30 Youth Room

BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – The class is engaged in a study of the book of 2 Samuel which tells of the rise and survival of David as their leader, revealing throughout the very human traits of the people involved in the narrative. The Bible study class utilizes the insights of a variety of scholars to expand our understanding of God's message of faithfulness to His people. Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop lead the discussions. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

On the second and fourth Sunday of each month, children in Pre-K through first grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel with Omar Rouchon and a parent-helper following the conversation with children during the 11 o'clock service. 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. Please contact Omar Rouchon if you have any questions.

CHURCH & SOCIETY - Room 201- Church & Society will resume classes on Rally Day, **September 10**, with a class reunion and preview of the presentations for the fall semester.

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! Contact Greg Han at greg@hanmail.me.



WEEKDAY CLASSES

PUB CLUB—New Men's Group

Pub Club is a new 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 22** at 7 p.m. at Around the Corner - 1510 Hutchins St., 77002. 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.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

The Monday evening study group is on vacation in July and August. We will kick off our next selection on **September 11**. Join the discussion then, in the Dining Room (in the Administration Building, at the south end of campus). Besides conversation, our meetings include fellowship, refreshments, and a brief prayer. We meet each second and fourth Monday, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Come even if you haven't done the reading; the discussion is always timely and thought-provoking.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join persons in their 20s and 30s who engage heart and mind in exploring the mystery of faith through worship, theological conversation, and mission within an inclusive, supportive community that is committed to serving our neighbors with compassion and humility. Next meeting is **September 12** at 6:30 p.m. at Velvet Taco, 4819 Washington Ave., 77007.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

This fall we mark the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with a study of the key biblical texts behind this historical movement. We will also look at the various streams of the Reformation, including Lutheran, Reformed (Presbyterian), Anabaptist, and Anglican traditions. A study guide is available for all participants. Beginning **September 13** join John Wurster as he leads this discussion. The class meets at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Dining Room.

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 is **Sept. 14** we will review *Sisters in Law* by Linda Hirshman. We will meet at Deb Burk's home. This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. For more information go to <http://saintphilip.BookGroup.html> or contact Sarah O'Dell at sarah.odell6@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in the self-led group, the Men's Weekly Fellowship each Friday. They will meet in the Conference Room at noon beginning **September 15**. The men who wish to participate should bring a bag lunch; refreshments will be provided. The group wraps up promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Robert Estill at reestill@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

CCSC is pleased to report that they accomplished their 2017 Back-To-School program goal: 6,573 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through

Eighth Grade received new, grade-specific packages of school supplies and vouchers for new uniforms/shoes. Thanks to the support from hundreds of volunteers, generous community donors and a dedicated leadership committee, these local students are better equipped for academic achievement. Thank you for supporting our Back to School program!

- St. Philipians who volunteered included: *Orlean Anderson, Lee Ardell, Ginny Camfield, Kay Cash, David Castle, Emily Estill, Angelina Fonseca and Gabe, Omi, Isabella, and Try Ford, Mary and Kay Hayes, Janet Hess, Walter and Margaret King, Tom Lewis, Nancy Lomax, Connie Mayfield, Lori and Fiona Murphy, Todd Murphy, Jenilee Simmons, Shelley Smith, Wendy and Coby Stewart, Mary Ann Thomas, Julie and Sid Wells.*

THANKS ON BEHALF OF KIDS MEALS:

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, \$1,143 was raised in support of Kids Meals, Inc. through the July Communion offering. Kids Meals are the primary recipients of our Kids Against Hunger program, and we are very proud to be able to contribute to the effort to ensure that all children have enough to eat.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING

The Women's Home is a multi-ethnic, non-denominational, non-profit United Way agency that serves women who have experienced homelessness because of mental illness, abuse or addiction. They have been helping women for 60 years. Their program addresses six areas of wellness – emotional/mental, physical, fiscal, social, vocational and spiritual. Nearly 90% of women who participate in the program for six months or longer leave with income and housing, for a success rate that is almost double the national standard. The Women's Home is also a training site for psychiatric residents from Baylor, U of H, UT, TSU, and Our Lady of the Lake.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Alternative Market is looking for anyone who likes to sew, craft, build or arrange works of crafted art. Sell your items to benefit the mission partner of your choice or you can ask the Mission Committee to choose one for you. We encourage crafts of all scales, from small to large, including single or multiple items. Are you interested? For more information, please contact Lori Murphy via email at lmurphette@gmail.com or 713-447-5320.

Save the date and be sure to plan and attend the Alternative Craft Market on Sunday, **November 19** before and after each service.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are still looking for the items listed below for the Seafarers Christmas Box program. Please place in the marked boxes in the Gathering Area and in the church office.

Empty Adult Shoe Boxes	Sewing Kits
Knitted Caps	Gum
Address Books	Hard Candy
Band Aids	Popcorn (microwave)
Toothbrush	Hot Chocolate (mix)
Toothpaste	USB Flash Drive
Dental Floss	Pens
Deodorant	Mechanical Pencils
Deodorant Soap	Paper Clips
Gold Bond Powder	Rubber Bands
Lip Balm	Playing Cards
Q-tips	Pocket-sized Notebooks
Shampoo	Texas Souvenirs
Hotel Samples	Sudoku Puzzles
Disposable Razors	Word Searches
Shaving Cream	Key Chains
Combs	Baseball Caps
Nail Clippers	Socks
Small Kleenex Packs	Wash Cloths

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(CONTINUED)

You are cordially invited to attend

ST. PHILIP RALLY DAY

September 10 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Room 201

*when the Church and Society Class
recovers from summer vacation
and gets a preview of coming attractions in the fall
semester*

- ✦ *Come to Rally Day to get acquainted with new class members*
- ✦ *Enjoy swapping summer stories with old friends*
- ✦ *Savor kolaches and Aunt Jane Larkin's coffeecake with orange juice and coffee*
- ✦ *See a preview of the presenters for the fall semester for Church and Society*
- ✦ *Learn about the topics they have in store for us*

FALL SEMESTER 2017

- ✦ **September 17 and 24**—*Science and Religion*
- ✦ **October 1**—*Fortieth Anniversary of the 1977 National Women's Conference in Houston*
- ✦ **October 8, 15, 22, and 29**—*Observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation*
- ✦ **November 5, 12, 19, and 26**—*We Were Strangers, Too – Theology, Justice and Refugees*
- ✦ **December—3, 10, and 17**—*Advent Art, Music, and Media*

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St. Philip Choir

For singers of high school age and above.

Enthusiastic singers in all voice parts are welcome and invited to join the **St. Philip Choir**, focusing on sacred music from 12th-century chant through great choral music of our own time in a warm, welcoming and engaging atmosphere. In addition to singing amazing choral music every Sunday, highlights this season include a **Hymn Festival** in September, **Lessons and Carols** in December, and a rousing special service for **Music Sunday** in May. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights, and the complete 2017-2018 St. Philip Choir schedule is available online. New members are always welcome — come join us!

Questions about singing in the choir?
randall@saintphilip.net • 713.622.4807 x110

VISIT US ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.saintphilip.net/music.html

Bell Canto Handbell Choir

For adults and high school age youth.

The handbell choir is open to both experienced and rookie ringers. Some music reading ability is helpful, and there's room for a sizable number of players! Smaller ensembles of ringers are also formed as needed, providing a unique opportunity for experienced ringers to develop their musicianship by playing in small groups. **Bell Canto** rehearses on Monday evenings **beginning September 18**, and plays for worship services approximately once a month. Come ring with us!



**NEW Ringers
WELCOME!**

If you've never rung handbells or handchimes before, don't worry, we'll teach you how!

Questions about handbells or handchimes?
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2017-2018 Concert Series

World-class performances right here at St. Philip!

Saturday | **September 30** | 7:00 p.m.
Ronn McFarlane, LUTE

Saturday | **October 21** | 7:30 p.m.
Concert for Peace
 with Mercury Chamber Ensemble and
 Music of Handel and Corelli

Sunday | **November 5** | 3:00 p.m.
Jonathan Ryan, ORGAN
 Bach's great German Organ Mass — *Clavier-Übung III*

And more in 2018!



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