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# PHILIP-EYE

## St. Philip Day School

Many people joined the **conversation about the St. Philip Day School** this past Sunday with John Wurster, Keatan King, and Omar Rouchon. The school is a mission initiative on our campus benefitting families lacking access to quality early childhood education. Everyone learned about this new chapter in St. Philip's service to our community.

The documents linked bellowed were shared for the discussion Sunday: introductory information in an FAQ format, a flow chart indicating the many steps needed to open the school by next June, and a floorplan showing the modifications being made to the first floor of the education building. A link to the recording is also available. If you wish to have a copy of the documents printed and mailed to you, please contact Lorrie Castle at 713-622-4807.

[St Philip Day School FAQ](#)

[Flowchart](#)

[Floorplan](#)

[Link to recording](#)

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning **July 5** and continuing through **August 9**, the church office will be closed on Fridays. This schedule helps us conserve energy and better cover staff vacations. We will return to regular Friday office hours on **August 16**.

**Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster**  
Pastor, Head of Staff

**Rev. Dr. Keatan King**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Omar Rouchon**  
Associate Pastor

**Dr. Justin Langham**  
Director of Music

**Dr. Matthew Dirst**  
Organist

**Diana Weiss**  
Art Director

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Facilities Supervisor

**Dimas Parada**  
Custodian

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Bookkeeper

**Lorrie Castle**  
Office Manager  
Newsletter Editor

**Susan Estill**  
Editor Emerita

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**SUNDAY, JULY 7**  
AFTER 11 AM WORSHIP  
IN THE GATHERING AREA

INTERGENERATIONAL ~ ALL AGES WELCOME

## MISSION COMMITTEE

**KIDS' MEALS**—St. Philip mission partner Kids Meals will host a group from St. Philip on Monday, **July 8**, from 12:30 - 2:30 PM, to prepare sack lunches for children at home from school during the summer. Sign up now through July 7. **YOU MUST REGISTER VIA THE LINK PROVIDED BELOW FOR THE EVENT DATE OF JULY 8, 2024 REGISTRATION LINK:**

<http://stphilip.kidsmealsinc.volunteerhub.com/>

**CCSC BACK TO SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**—Join the St. Philip group of volunteers to distribute school supplies to children on Saturday, **August 3**, from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. Sign up in the Gathering Area during the month of July or email [mision@saintphilip.net](mailto:mision@saintphilip.net) if you can attend. If you are not available **August 3**, there are other volunteer opportunities you can sign up for to support the Back to School event. July 27 is the supply bag assembly day where children aged 5 and up can attend as well. Friday, **August 2** is the first distribution day and teenagers 15 and up volunteer as well. See the additional days and times to volunteer. You must register here to attend: <https://bit.ly/3URRkgH>. Finally, if you are not able to attend the volunteer days but wish to support the students, CCSC has a Sponsor a Student program. For a \$75 donation, that purchases new clothes and shoes, a backpack and the grade level supply package for one student. You can sponsor a student here: [Back To School | Christian Community Service Center \(ccschouston.org\)](http://BackToSchool|ChristianCommunityServiceCenter(ccschouston.org))

**OPERATION IMPACT delivers hurricane kits to hundreds of homebound Houstonians**—On June 1 and June 8, Julie MacLemore Wells and Sid Wells and Angelina Fonseca-Grewal joined hundreds of Houstonians who picked up medium sized boxes of hurricane kits filled with canned food and dry non-perishable food. Sid and Julie delivered meal to eighteen people, and Angelina delivered to 5 people across Houston and Galveston counties to deliver the boxes to home bound citizens. Meals on Wheels for Greater Houston believes in preparation for Hurricane Season. To prepare our seniors and not require Interfaith Ministries staff or volunteers to be on the roadways when conditions are not safe, we deliver these hurricane meal boxes each year. Meals on Wheels for Greater Houston was able to deliver hurricane meal boxes on Saturday, June 1st to over 800 Meals on Wheels seniors in Houston. With 5 meals per box, that totals over 4,000 emergency meals now in the hands of our older, homebound neighbors. Our seniors need our help all year round - not only during Hurricane Season. The need for Meals on Wheels is greater than ever, at a time when donations are down. Please consider making a summer donation to Meals on Wheels or Animeals on Wheels at <https://www.imggh.org/donate/meals/>

**PLANT IT FORWARD Celebrates World Refugee Day and Introduces New CEO**—On Thursday, June 20, Al and Ruthie Waldrop, Jenny Towns and Matt Laughlin and Angelina Fonseca-Grewal attended the World Ref-

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



**MONDAY,  
JULY 8  
12:30 - 2:30 PM**

**HELP PREPARE SACK  
LUNCHES FOR CHILDREN**



[KIDS MEALS VOLUNTEER]

**VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER AT:**

[HTTP://STPHILIP.KIDSMEALSINC.VOLUNTEERHUB.COM](http://STPHILIP.KIDSMEALSINC.VOLUNTEERHUB.COM)

ugee Day dinner hosted by Plant It Forward's new CEO Nirjhor Rahman. Over 75 guests from the restaurant industry, faith groups and supporters of urban farming gathered to listen to the farmers' stories of arriving to America and starting their own business farming. A three-course menu was served by Craft Pita head chef and the head chef of Jun Evelyn Garcia. The chefs used in-season vegetables and herbs grown by the Plant it Forward farmers. Later this fall, volunteers will be needed to help the farmers at the Community Work Days. Thank you to St. Philip for your support through the Mission grants that fund farming education and initiatives for these refugee owned businesses around Houston.

### **LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL students graduate, prepared for college with help from St. Philip members—**

On Tuesday, June 4, Angelina Fonseca-Grewal dropped off all the school supplies the St. Philip congregation donated to the graduating seniors as well as 14 shoe boxes filled with travel size toiletries, notepads, pens, and hygiene products the students are also in need of. Thank you to the St. Philip congregation for donating college supplies to the graduating high school students. Thank you for your offerings during the month of May that totaled \$2,296 to support the senior activities. Students taking summer school will also be graduating later this summer. You can still sponsor school supplies for the students starting college at the following Amazon wish list and the supplies will be mailed directly to the graduation coordinator Patsy Pina: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3OR6AXNQ6AKCK>

### **CLOTHING FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS—**

Lord of the Streets (LOTS) is an Episcopal Church in Midtown Houston, and whose primary congregation is people who are experiencing homelessness. You can help serve their congregation by bringing clothes and shoes to 3401 Fannin St., 77004, during the week (Mon-Fri, 8:00-Noon); clothes are distributed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They have an immediate need for men's shoes. Contact Thania Hernandez ([info@lotshouston.org](mailto:info@lotshouston.org)) for more information. [lotshouston.org](http://lotshouston.org).

**VOLUNTEER WITH LOTS—**Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church needs your help. Because they serve people who are experiencing homelessness, LOTS needs many volunteers. Office tasks, mail distribution, serving food, helping in the clothing room, leading Bible studies and prayers, are some of the ways you can serve. Contact Thania Hernandez [info@lotshouston.org](mailto:info@lotshouston.org) for more information.



## *June Birthdays*

Name	Date
Sally Alcorn	1
Walker Fair	1
Amye Webster	2
William Rowe	4
Selena Brinegar	5
Allyssa Lewis	5
Abigail Lee	7
Carla Burns	8
Amy Demmler	8
Nolan Arnes	9
Piper Dees	9
John Boone	10
Lorraine Scott	10
Bev Hudson	11
Fairfax Fair	12
Ashton Fair	12
Connie Mayfield	13
Barbara Runge	15
Laura Lomax-Bream	15
Angela Fulcher	15
Cindy Dees	16
Joan Boelens	16
Julieana Nichols-Lawson	17
Gary Gardner	18
D. Fort Flowers	19
Leah Bream	19
Melanie White	21
Robert McHone	22
Austin Lippincott	23
Sydney Benard	23
Olga Piskor	24
Lexey Fender	25
Ken Meyers	26
Sharon Coufal	26
David Itz	27
David Dees	29
Abigail Flowers	29
Arlette Keene	31



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Rev. Dr. Fran Shelton, longtime friend of St. Philip and Omi Ford's mother, is holding a book signing event for her book *The Spirituality of Grief* at Blue Willow Bookshop in Houston on July 27 at 5:00pm. For more information and to RSVP to the event, visit [IN PERSON Fran Tilton Shelton | The Spirituality of Grief | Event \(bluewillowbookshop.com\)](https://www.bluewillowbookshop.com)



2024



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# BACK TO SCHOOL

Since 1986, CCSC has been helping low-income students prepare for the first day of school. This year's program will provide 4,000 students with school supplies, a backpack and a \$50 gift card for clothing. Here is how you can help.

## 1. VOLUNTEER

**July 27: Supply Bag Assembly**  
Package school supplies into pre-K through 12th grade bags. Various tasks for volunteers ages 5+.

**August 2-3: Community Event**

Distribute school supply bags, backpacks and gift cards to clients. Various tasks for volunteers ages 15+. Bilingual (English/Spanish) volunteers needed for some roles.

Please register in advance to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/3URRkgH>. Groups of 10+ volunteers are asked to contact the Youth Services Manager at [shans@ccschouston.org](mailto:shans@ccschouston.org) to ensure a volunteer shift.



## 2. SPONSOR A STUDENT

\$75 provides new clothing/shoes, a backpack and a grade-level school supply package for one student.

Donate online at [ccschouston.org/backtoschool](https://ccschouston.org/backtoschool) or scan the QR code at left.

Mail a personal check to:  
CCSC, P.O. Box 27924, Houston, TX 77227  
Please note "Back To School" in the memo.

Donors, as always, are invited to support Back To School in whatever amount they find comfortable.



[ccschouston.org/backtoschool](https://ccschouston.org/backtoschool)



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**INTERFAITH MINISTRIES FOR GREATER HOUSTON (IM)  
WILL BENEFIT FROM JULY COMMUNION OFFERING**

Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IM) brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration, and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs. Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston believes that, through service and dialogue, it is possible for very diverse people to know one another and find common ground, while still embracing our personal beliefs and cultures. They celebrate the strength of one another's shared beliefs through four areas of service: Meals on Wheels, Refugee Services, Interfaith Relations and Community Partnerships, and the Vic Samuels Center for Volunteerism and Civic Service which includes Volunteer Houston and Serve Houston. To learn more about IM visit: [www.imgh.org](http://www.imgh.org)



**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**

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE  
ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN  
SEPTEMBER 8**

**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. Church & Society will take a summer vacation from June until **September 8**, when we'll have our Rally Day Class Reunion and preview of the fall 2024 C & S presentations. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like join via zoom any of the classes:

[churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**FAITH & LIFE** – Room 200—An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Room 204—We are studying Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). 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 when we have Sunday School classes. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

**ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK**

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**—(Summer Recess)

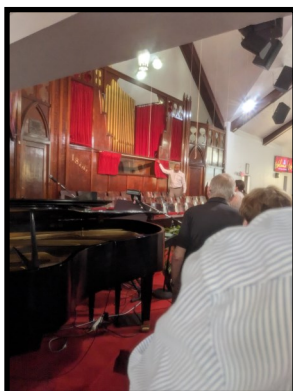
Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**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](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

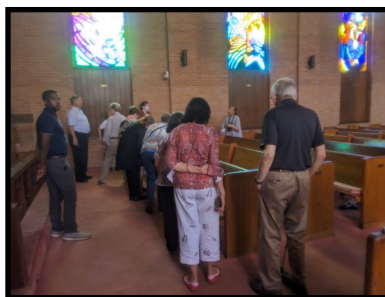
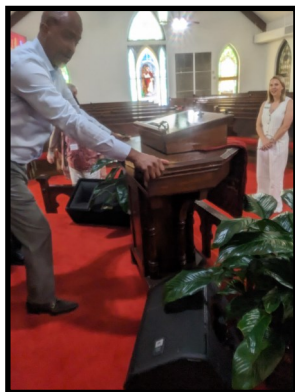
**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **July 11** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP**—(Summer Recess)

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](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

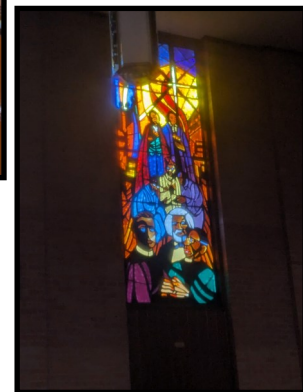


**Primetimers' Historically  
Black Houses of Worship  
Tour - June 24**



Their tour included Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church.

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MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

# 2024 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES



**Sunday July 21 | 3:00 pm**

Grace Roman, soprano

Jim Roman, organist

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Free Admission

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Colleen Nelson, Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and family upon the death of Dorothy Blackwell on June 6. A memorial service will be held on July 13 at 2 p.m. at St. Philip.*

*St. Philippians and their families*—Richard Johnson; Rev. Louise Row; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Roderick James; Susan Estill; Carolyn Vestal; Bill Morris; Diane Clarke; CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Ralph Cherillo; Susan Mitchell; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Tyler Kever-son of Pam & Frank Kever; Raquel Calhoun -sister-in-law of Pam Kever; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud—cousin of Stephen Paine.

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

*Friends of St. Philippians* - Annette Covey—friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters - friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach– friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends 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](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net)

**Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.**

## 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.

You can still turn in your pledge card via mail, dropping in the offering plate, the church office or going online :> **My St. Philip** (icon at top of webpage) > **Sign In** > enter email & password > **Sign In** > **My Giving Summary** > **Pledge Now** > **Add Pledge** > fill in the appropriate information > **Save**. Thank you!

It's summertime—the next edition of the Philip-Eye will be available:

**Tuesday, August 5 - Deadline August 1—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](mailto:philipeye@saintphilip.net) or call 713-622-4807 and ask for Lorrie.



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