



# PRES PRESS

*“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” “I will put my trust in him.” Hebrews 2:12-13*

What exciting times we are experiencing in our church! We are deep into the season of Easter, celebrating the resurrection and waiting for Pentecost. While we have tended to think of Easter as one Sunday; during this season we wait (with the historical disciples) for the stirring, blessed wind of the Holy Spirit. We ponder what it means to live as Easter people.

We are people of hope. We have seen and experienced difficult and terrible realities in this world. We have been through storms, gone through illness, witnessed disasters and yet through it all we have also proclaim stories of reaffirming life. We have seen that Easter is real. God’s presence continues to bless us. Resurrection happens, not only in history, but in this present life. Trials and tribulations will not crush or destroy us, because our God is the creator of New Life, again and again.

Our church is a place where peoples lives are touched and changed for the better. By getting in touch with the love and grace of God, we discover the generous gifts that God provides in our lives and how we can develop them, especially in the context of community. This is a place where our spiritual “gas tanks” are filled so that we can go about our work of the week, more fully charged to accomplish the tasks put before us.

Let us continue on, seeking God’s guidance on our path ahead with joy and confidence.

Peace in Christ,

*Kristin*

Kristin

# Presbyterian Women at a Glance

**PW BIBLE MODERATORS** meet May 2nd at 9:30 AM in Conference Room. *(Every 1st Wed. of the month)*

**PW BOARD** meets May 2nd at 10:15 AM in Conference Room. *(Every 1st Wed. of the month)*

**PW Circle/ Salad Luncheon** meets May 9th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Last meeting of the year.

**HAPPY HANDS** meets May 23rd at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. *(Every 4th Wed. of the month)*

*Info about ZIP trip for May to follow.*



Join us for food and fellowship— 6:00 PM every Wednesday

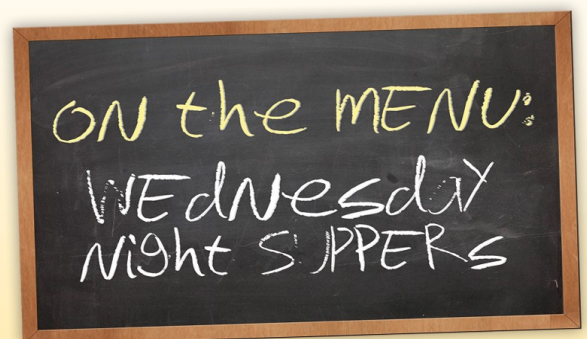
**May 2nd— Hamburgers**



**May 9th—Tacos**



**May 16th—Leftovers from the Freezer**



# The Messy Spread

Spring 2018

## Doing Church Differently

Messy Church is a form of church that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality and enables people of all ages to belong to Christ together. It is designed to be comfortable to those who haven't been to church ever before or who haven't been in a long time. Come with a playful heart!

**Messy Church at SBPC will be held on May 3, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spring Branch Presbyterian, 1215 Campbell Road, 77055. The theme will be God's World!**

**We will have one on the first Thursday of every month in 2018 - and all summer long!**

**Each month, we'll begin with crafts, games, and activities, tie those together as part of a brief celebration service time, and then conclude with a fellowship meal (kid friendly options always available). We plan to be finished by 7 p.m.**

Want to follow us?  
[facebook.com/messychurchSBPC](https://www.facebook.com/messychurchSBPC)

## Summer

Summer is almost here and this summer we'll keep having Messy Church!

### Save the dates:

**June 7th - On the Road with Jesus**

**July 5th - Light of the World**

**August 2nd - Everyday Blessings**

**September 6th - Jesus the Teacher**

If you have family or friends visiting, bring them. There might just be a Messy Church near them when they get home.

## Vacation Bible School

You and your kids are also welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School June 12-15th in the morning. The theme this summer is "Rolling River Rampage!" Watch the Facebook site for registration info!

## Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22. Why not read or tell the creation story while making bird feeders?

You can find the creation story in a Bible in Genesis 1, or it's in just about any children's Bible. Gather some pipe cleaners and Cheerios. Go outside. As you make your bird feeder talk about God's creation. Big bang? Let their be light! Land from the sea? Tectonic plates. Dinosaurs... still working on that one. However you understand it that a day is a day or a day in Genesis is a million years, share the wonder of God's creation and how we can be good stewards of God's creation.

Hang your bird feeder with a simple prayer based on your conversation.

## Enjoying God's Creation

Some places close by:

Houston Arboretum in Memorial Park  
Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary and Terry Hershey Park in Memorial Area  
Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire  
Buffalo Bend Nature Park on the East End  
Armand Bayou  
Cockrell Butterfly Center  
Houston Zoo  
Downtown Aquarium



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# Idea Spring Presents



## Family Yoga Night with Marguerite Priest




### Benefits of Family Yoga

- ❖ It's fun
- ❖ Your energy level improves
- ❖ You might get closer to touching your toes
- ❖ Your whole family is more relaxed!

Marguerite is a trained yoga instructor and has offered Child Yoga classes to the Spring Branch Church Academy for 9 years.

### What to Bring

- ❖ Your friends and family
- ❖ Your smile
- ❖ Your yoga mat (but not required)
- ❖ No experience necessary!

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30  
1215 Campbell Road  
 @SBPC.Idea.Spring  
[www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring](http://www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring)

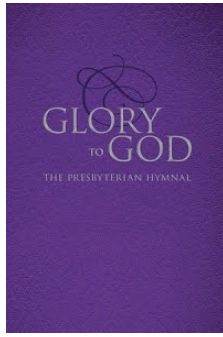
*The Gathering Place –  
Kentucky Derby  
Grab your fanciest hat!*



*The Gathering Place(TGP) will meet again on Monday, May 21, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall. The Gathering Place is an ecumenical partnership with CarePartners® which provides memory care activities, lunch and a respite for caregivers of people with dementia. For more information, please snag a brochure from the pews in the Sanctuary.*

*Our theme this month is the Kentucky Derby. We will have ice tea juleps and stick- horse racing. We will also have a visit from a miniature horse.*

*More volunteers are always needed. If you can spare the third Monday of the month, from 10 AM to 1 PM, we would love for you to join us. It is both a fun and rewarding experience!*



# *Unwind Dinner Group*

*You are invited to gather with*

*The Unwind Dinner Group*

*for fellowship around*

*the dinner table.*

*Please contact Denise Wilborn*

*to let her know*

*if you are attending.*

*Text: 713.725.2816*

*Email: [dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com)*

*Future dates:*

*May 21*

*June 18*

*July 16*

*August 20*

The Worship Team and the Choir is promoting addition of the hymnal *Glory to God* into our sanctuary and worship experience. The digital version was purchased last year and this year copies are being added so that all will have an opportunity to see and use them. This will be in addition to the current hymnals and resources SBPC already has.

The, *Glory to God* hymnal, published in 2013, was developed by a committee of musicians, theologians, pastors, and scholars in cooperation with congregations giving input of their favorites. Music covers all major historical and contemporary sacred genres. Most old favorite hymns are included but it is wonderful that older hymns are also included, some that were not in the last hymnal ("Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling").

There are contemporary praise songs ("Awesome God"), and global music (music from 6 continents, in different languages). In addition, there are more than 20 songs from the Taize community and approximately 35 African American/Gospel hymns (Soon and Very Soon; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, etc.) There are new hymns that include some consisting of new words to old tunes, making it easier to incorporate refreshingly new images into worship that are easy to sing!

The beautiful purple hymnal is printed on thinner, tear resistant paper. Some arrangements have been condensed to take up less room. So, while there are more hymns (853 hymns in comparison to 605 in our current blue hymnal), the hymnal is still the same size to easily fit in our pew racks. Please feel free to ask our choir director, worship team or pastor if you have further questions. We wish to share the excitement of this lovely additional resource!

# COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Share your photos with us!

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- Do you have pictures you'd like to share with the church?
- Would you like an image to be shared on the Church Facebook or Website?
- Have you taken a picture that you'd like added to the #SPRINGBRANCHPRES photo board?
- Do you have pictures that you'd like to add to the Church Archives for Reunions and special events?

These pictures may be shared on the Church Website, the Church Facebook Page, or on the #SPRINGBRANCHPRES picture board in the entryway of the Education Building. Pictures will not be shared anywhere without written consent first.

	SPRING BRANCH Presbyterian Church	SERMONS	CHURCH CALENDAR	FOR GUESTS	CONTACT US
		1215 Campbell Road Houston, TX 77055		713-464-7659	

## ***Spring Cleaning of the Website Continues!***

Minor changes have been happening on [springbranchpres.org](http://springbranchpres.org). If there is something that you see that needs to be updated/refined/added, please contact [communications@springbranchpres.org](mailto:communications@springbranchpres.org) or find Ethan Mitchell in person.

***Take a look around the newly refreshed website!***



The Mission Team wants you to know about some of the benevolences our church supports. The "Mission of the Month" for May is CUPS (Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud).

This organization was founded in 1989. CUPS mission was created to improve the quality of life in rural communities along the United States-Mexico border. All projects are medical, educational or water related.

In 1996, two of our charter church members, Wix and Ferrell Thorpe, were responsible for our church getting involved with the CUPS Border Mission. In past years, some of the projects included building in the Matamoros/Reynosa area health clinics, classrooms, community centers, and digging water wells for safe water. In more recent years, we have donated time, money, school supplies, computers, baby beds, blankets, and many other things.

Our church is donating \$1000 to CUPS this year.

## May Mission Opportunities

- **Birthday Bags** – In May, we are asking you to donate ingredients for a birthday party for a child in a shelter or Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) children. Items we will be collecting are cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles, small paper plates (package of 8), napkins (package of 8), bag of balloons, birthday gift bags, and birthday decorations. Our goal is to get enough ingredients to make 30 Birthday Bags. You can place your donated items in one of the Mission bins in front of the Church Office, the Fellowship Hall, or the Narthex.
- **SBPC Meals-on-Wheels** – The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have 2 routes with about 14 people on each route, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. Please contact Liz Earnest if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month.

## Mark Your Calendars

The Presbytery of New Covenant is sponsoring a Hurricane Harvey Mission Trip for Youth to help with home repairs and community gardening projects in Texas City, Texas. The trip will be held on June 17-22, 2018. If any youth want to participate, contact Patty Blome or Miguel Carlin. Deadline to sign up is May 4, 2018.



# Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering



*Caring for All God's Children*



**Pictured above** is Spring Gathering Coordinator Patti Nanney, SBPC Ministries Coordinator Miguel Carlin, PCHAS Representative Sarah Cleary, and PCHAS Luncheon Speaker Rev. Peter Crouch.

**Pictured below** are some of the cleaning supplies, toiletries and backpacks donations for PCHAS.



About eighty Presbyterian Women (PW) from congregations throughout New Covenant Presbytery attended the Annual Presbytery Spring Gathering on April 14, which was hosted here at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church.

The theme of "Caring for All God's Children" was evident when seeing the table overflowing with backpacks, cleaning supplies, washcloths and sundries were generously donated by the Gathering participants as well as SBPC members. Donated items will be forwarded to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) and will be used to help children and families who have experienced trauma and are seeking shelter and assistance.

The keynote speaker, Candice Twyman, from the Better Business Bureau Education Foundation (BBBEF) was the keynote speaker and educated the women on identifying and avoiding fraudulent business practices including issues that may arise with the new Medicare cards.

Kay Craig and her crew provided a delicious lunch which was donated, prepared and served by our PW members to raise scholarship funds for college students at SBPC.

The lunchtime speaker, Peter Crouch, Senior Vice President of Development at PCHAS, explained how trust-based relational intervention is providing Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need in the Houston area.

The inspiring afternoon worship service was led by our Rev. Kristin Galle and enlightened the attendees on how we are "Surrounded and Supported" by God. The communion solo by Kathleen Holder, "Hand That Rocks the Cradle," again reinforced the Gathering theme. The love offering was dedicated to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

Thank you to everyone that assisted in making the PW Spring Gathering such a success.



# Birth<sup>day</sup> Blessings

Nick Goodrich	5/2	Curtis Stockton	5/15
Bryn Alexandra Fuller	5/4	Rebeca Rivera	5/15
Evan Powell	5/9	Madelynn Ann Turney	5/21
Kendall Crawford	5/10	Thelma Stockton	5/21
Caroline Bik	5/11	Khadija "Kay Kay" Haulcy	5/23
Delilah Holder	5/11	Shaundra Nikki Childs	5/26
Dr. Matthew Dikeman	5/11	Nora Aden	5/27
William "Web" Trevathan	5/13	Thomas Daley	5/29
Sam Craig	5/14	John Lazo	5/12
Elise May "Ellie" Cross	5/14	Pauline Stewart	5/18



## *Happy Anniversary!*

Christopher and Carla Pace	5/24
Mike and Nora Aden	5/27
Brice and Denise Wilborn	5/29
Robert and Sonya Bear	5/31

“ A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person. ”

Church Calendar, **Outside SBPC Reservations**, Youth Calendar

May 2018 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 9:15am - Cong 10am - Flexerc	2 9:30am - PW 10:15am - PW 4pm - WOW 6pm - WNS 7pm - Choir	3 10am - Flexerc 5:30pm - Mess 6pm - Yoga	4	5
6 Communion 9:30am - Sund 10:50am - Wor 12:15pm - Han 5:30pm - Boy	7 9:30am - Adult 6pm - Yoga	8 10am - Flexerc 6:30pm - Fello	9 9:30am - PW 4pm - WOW 6pm - WNS 7pm - Choir	10 10am - Flexerc 6pm - Yoga	11	12
13 9:30am - Sund 10:50am - Wor 12:15pm - Han 5:30pm - Boy	14 9:30am - Adult 5pm - Academ 6pm - Yoga	15 10am - Flexerc 6pm - Finance	16 9:30am - Zip 4pm - WOW 6pm - WNS 7pm - Choir	17 10am - Flexerc 5:30pm - Idea 6pm - Yoga	18	19 8am - Presb.
20 Pentecost PresPress 9:30am - Sund 10:50am - Wor 12pm - Child 12:15pm - Han 5:30pm - Boy	21 9:30am - Adult 10am - The 6pm - Unwind 6pm - Yoga	22 10am - Flexerc 7pm - Session	23 9:30am - Happ 4pm - WOW 7pm - Choir	24 10am - Flexerc 6pm - Yoga	25	26 11am - MOW
27 9:30am - Sund 10:50am - Wor 12:15pm - Han 4pm - Girl 5:30pm - Boy	28 9:30am - Adult 6pm - Yoga	29 10am - Flexerc	30 4pm - WOW 7pm - Choir	31 10am - Flexerc 6pm - Yoga	1	2



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*He is not here;*

*he has*

*Risen!*

*Luke 24:6*