Update from your Pastor Nominating Committee

Your PNC continues meeting weekly to evaluate and discuss Pastor Information Forms (PIFs). To date, we have evaluated 100 PIFs, conducted ten interviews (9 via Skype and one face to face) and have brought two candidates to Houston to visit and preach for us in a neutral pulpit. We appreciate your support and prayers as we continue working together to discern whom God has already chosen as our next pastor and we welcome any questions you may have.

Grace and Peace,

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee,
Jessica Albert, Matt Dikeman, David Fuller, Delia Nix, Chris Powell,
Elizabeth Powell (Moderator) and Denise Wilborn





Questions Answered

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!

When and Where is it?

Messy Church is at 5:30 p.m. on the First Thursday of every month in 2018. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at SBPC. This summer we are still having Messy Church!

Save the dates:
July 5th - Light of the World
August 2nd - Everyday Blessings

So... What is it?

Each month we choose a story from the Bible and a theme. For example in May we did "God's World" and it was all about the world and all of the wonderful things God has made.

- We had Oobelek (slime) for the primordial earth,
- Scratch art to remember light and dark,
- Bubble art to celebrate the sky and sea,
- Sun/moon/stars snowglobes,
- Fruit kabobs to taste God's plants,
- Birds and fish paper chains,
- Marshmallow animals and people to remember God made us too, and
- A worm colony to feed to remind us that God's world works in harmony (and kids love gross)

At about 6:10 we start our celebration for the evening. Extraordinary musician Ms. Kathleen leds us in some fun and possibly familiar songs and then we all—all ages— did a whoosh—an

interactive story telling of the creation of the world. We sang more songs, blessed the food and ate and socialized.

What ages is it for?

Like Legos, Messy Church is for all ages and those both accompanied and unaccompanied by kids. Activities are intended for all and usually have multiple layers so that everyone can get something out of it. That said, it's probably most appropriate for 3-14 year olds and people that like doing things with 3-14 year olds.

I already have a church, don't want to join a church, or well... am not so into the church thing at all

We get it. Messy Church is a chance to play and experience God with a childlike heart along side all ages, rather than separated by ages. It's a great opportunity to engage in an activity alongside our kids and experience it with them –a chance we don't often get. You can have a conversation with your kids about God if you feel like it or just to enjoy the time together. Messy Church stands alone and is low commitment, there's no pressure to join any of the other parts of SBPC or any church, though you might hear about them from people that participate in them, because they like those parts of church too.

so... baths and bedtime?

Messy Church is a little bit physically messy, but we don't dance in the mud every month (and we have super duty smocks for kids and aprons for grownups available for when we do). It's more about being in the messiness of life together. Each messy church ends with a dinner—salad and usually pizza or chicken nuggets—served by 6:30 p.m each week so you can get home. No shopping, no cooking, no dishes.

More questions?

messychurch@springbranchpres.org or facebook.com/messychurchsbpc

Back to School Fashion Show & Pot Luck Dinner

When: Sunday August 5, at 6:00pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Come dressed in your favorite outfit or maybe your school uniform! Anyone who wishes to, may model their outfit on the runway after we all enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner! Be sure to bring a short description of your outfit – why you love it and where you would wear it (to be read by the commentator).

What to Bring: Families bring a main dish and side dish (such as vegetable or salad) or dessert. Singles bring one dish to share (main dish, salad, side or dessert).

What will be provided: Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Rolls and Butter

Sponsored by the Fellowship Group





MAM Back to School Program

Our Mission of the Month for August if the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) Back to School Program.

MAM has managed this program for over 30 years. Also, MAM was ranked the #1 charity in Houston for fiscal

responsibility by Charity Navigator.

There are over 6,000 children that need our help with school clothing. Families living in poverty often have just enough money to spend on food each week so finding extra money for back-to-school costs is impossible. MAM believes children should be focusing on learning and not feeling stressed about worn shirts, tight shoes and clothes that don't fit. 100% of all donations go towards clothing children for the new school year.

How the Back to School Program Works:



MAM teams up with school counselors and nurses to identify which kids need new school clothes.



All year long, MAM collects donations from businesses, churches, and individuals to cover costs for the clothing vouchers.



MAM sends each school shopping vouchers for the families, to be used for school clothing at nearby stores. Just like a gift certificate!



Families use the vouchers to buy new clothes. Kids have the same shopping experience as their classmates. In the child's eyes, Mom and Dad are the real heroes!

\$ 20 = all the extras for one child (socks, underwear, belt)

\$ 50 = school clothing and shoes for one child

\$100 = school clothing and shoes for 2 children

Web Trevathan will be sitting outside the sanctuary each Sunday this month before and after worship to collect donations!



We need your OLD glasses.

How many of us remember playing at the Lions Club parks when we were kids? I do. I watched my brothers play baseball, and we would have outing with my family. Swing on the old fashion swings.

I Love those memories.

Well, for August, let's concentrate a little on this organization that has been around for a long time. The Lion's Club, has been serving the Spring Branch area since 1949, as well as other wonderful organized projects.

How many of us use glasses everyday of our lives? It's the first thing I put on every morning, I know, I can't see without mine. Well, imagine, a school age person, not being able to see the chalkboard, or read their textbook.

Well, in Spring Branch this happens, more often then we think. If you know a parent that needs assistance in buying glasses for a kid they know, help is available. Call the Lions Club. The Lions Club has help for these kids, right here in Spring Branch. So, you ask, how can I help? You can help right now, by donating your OLD glasses. Any shape, any size, and any style.

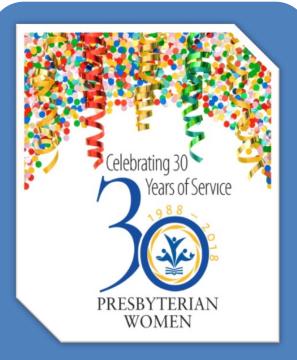
Yes, even those big red Sally Jesse Raphael glasses. (I had that pair). The USA regulations will not allow us to refurbish and re-use for the kids in the USA, but, your OLD glasses can be re-furbished, and re-used for kids outside the USA. Just think, your OLD glasses being worn by someone who needs them in another country. We are asking for the month of August, to bring in your OLD glasses. So, as you are cleaning out your drawers, put those OLD glasses in the bag provided to you by the Mission Team. OR, you can bring them and put it in the Lion's club box.

Our GOAL

Collect 50 pair of glasses.

So, what do you say? Can we collect 50? Sure, we can. Thank you for your attention.





PW CELEBRATION

All SBPC women are invited to be part of celebrating 30 years of Presbyterian Women, which began in 1988 when the women's organizations from the "North" (United Presbyterian Women) & from the "South" (Women of the Church) merged to form our current PW. At this 30th anniversary we will honor women leaders, mission projects, retreats, fundraisers for college scholarships, and other events from PW's past at **Spring Branch Presbyterian** Church.

PW CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 12th, from 3-5pm at The Gathering Place

Learn about the 2018-2019 Horizons Bible study

Learn about the PW circle meeting at SBPC, the Unwind Circle, ZIP and Un-ZIP trips, Happy Hands, PCHAS birthday cards, and College Connection.

Would you like to volunteer to bring food? Contact Kay Craig,
Kay@craig-heidt.com,
713-467-7932.

Would you like to donate items for benefit drawings and silent auctions?

Contact Carol Davis,

<u>caroldavis@entouch.net</u>,

281-725-7830.

An E-vite (an invitation by email) was sent out the last week of July.
Just open e-mail,
click on YES, MAYBE or NO,
then click REPLY.

Mailed invitations will be sent to those without e-mail.

Notify church office or via E-vite by August 6 about nursery needs.

Can You Donate to the Benefit Drawings or Silent Auction for the August 12 PW Celebration??

Q: What's the PW Celebration??

A: We are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Presbyterian Women when the women's organizations from the "North" (United Presbyterian Women) and from the "South" (Women of the Church) merged to form our current PW. On August 12, we will honor past SBPC history such as women leaders, mission projects, scholarship program for our college students, ZIP trips from the past, crismons, a fashion show, and our PW future!

Q: What are benefit drawings and the silent auction?

A: Our primary fundraiser this year will be the benefit drawings and silent auction items. All money will go toward college scholarships for SBPC men and women. You may donate new or gently used items, services, gift cards, themed baskets with collections of items, or come up with a creative idea! Tickets for the benefit drawings will be \$5 each or three tickets for \$10. You can pay cash or check (made to SBPC) for benefit drawings tickets or to pay for a winning silent auction item. Silent auction items will have a minimum bid with increments of at least \$5.

Q: I would like to join other women in pooling donations for a themed basket or collection. How can I do this?

A: Invite other SBPC women to join you for a combined donation (e.g., a birthday party, holiday event, collection of gift cards, services like homemade meal, child care, handyman services by husbands or teens, pet sitting, etc.), or let Carol Davis know what you want to donate so she could combine yours with other donations.

Q: Where do I bring my donations?

A: Arrange with Carol Davis to bring your donations to church on Sundays during July to give to her---or call her to make other arrangements. Baskets or other collections need to have a list of all items displayed in a visible place. If you know the value of the donations, please give them to Carol---important for minimum bids on silent auction items. **If possible, all donations should be made by August 1**

Q: I would like to buy benefit drawing tickets and/or bid on silent auction items, but I can't come on August 12. How do I do this?

A: A list of all benefit drawing items and silent auction items will be sent in e-mail to all SBPC women during the first week of August. If you cannot attend, you could choose a friend to take your place! Give her your money/check to bring on Aug. 12, and let her know what you are interested in winning!

Q: I would like to contribute to the SBPC college scholarship fund in addition or in lieu of participating in benefit drawings/silent auction items. How do I do this?

A: You can contribute money or a check while you are at the PW Celebration on August 12---OR---you can mail a check, made to SBPC, designated for SBPC college scholarships, to Jorida Vakiari in the church office. Your donations will be appreciated!

Other questions or suggestions: Contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net



Check your closets!!!

We're getting ready for the PW Celebration on Sunday, August 12.

Several have volunteered to create tablescapes featuring memories of the many activities of the Presbyterian Women and we need your help to complete the scenes.

Some of the items needed include:

- Pictures and souvenirs from Zip Trips (Marguerite Priest)
- Dress forms or mannequins (Lu Taylor and Doris Wright)
- Pictures from Cookies Galore (Laurie Mitchell)

Let me know if you have any of these items and will be willing to loan them to us or directly contact the hostess listed.

Thanks so much for checking your closets and sharing your memories, too.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Fall Spruce Up!

Bring your team or fly solo!

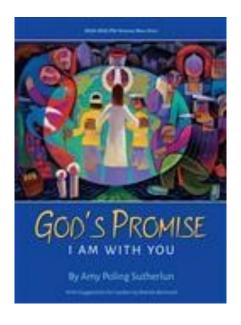
Saturday, September 8th from 10:00am- 1:30pm

Sign up in narthex by Friday August 24th

A light lunch will be provided.



UN-ZIP TRIP!! Bible study overview by Patti Nanney at New Hope PC and lunch at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen in Katy Saturday, August 18



Presbyterian Women of New Covenant Presbytery invite you to an overview of

2018-2019 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

God's Promise: I am With You

By: Amy Polin Sutherlan

Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of SBPC on Saturday, August 18, to car pool to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1350 North Mason Road, in Katy, to hear Patti Nanney give an overview of the 2018-2019 *Horizons* Bible study on *God's Promise: I Am with You,* written by Rev. Amy Poling Sutherlun. She and her husband are co-pastors of FPC in San Marcos, Texas. Chapter titles include God with Us Wherever We Are, God with Us in Our Uncertainty, God with Us in Our Discouragement, and God with Us When We Seek God. The author says "God has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' May studying God's Word empower us to say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' (Heb. 13:5b-6)."

Marguerite Priest has planned this to be an UN-ZIP trip to learn about the Bible study, followed by lunch at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, 21150 Katy Freeway in Katy. Here's the link to see their menu:

https://cheddars.com/wp-content/uploads/images/pdf-menus/EDv1-5-18.pdf

This Bible study overview is for ALL women---not just the ones who lead the lessons in PW circle!!! You also don't have to be a PW member to attend the overview. Please register on the sign-up sheet at SBPC on August 5 or 12---OR----register with Jo Ann Franklin, Office Manager at New Hope PC at 281-492-8520 or office@newhopepckaty.org If you register directly with New Hope PC, let Marguerite Priest know so you can be part of car pool from SBPC and lunch plans at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen. Let's support Patti Nanney, meet women from other churches in this area, and have a good lunch together!!

Let's take a dive under the sea And shower the Mommy-to-be! Join us for a baby shower honoring

Regan Oswald

Sunday, August 19, 2018
2:00pm in the 'Gathering Place' at
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
1215 Campbell Rd, Houston, 77055
(building by playground at back parking lot)

RSVP (call or text) by 8/12/18 to either Anna Austin: 832-317-4120 or Emily Mitchell: 832-577-6823

It's a Boy!!
Registered at Target & Amazon.com

Books for Baby:

One small request that won't be too hard
Please bring a book instead of a card!
Whether 'Cat in the Hat' or 'Winnie the Pooh',
You can sign the inside with a note from you.
Your book will be cherished,
well-loved or brand new!





Bottles, diapers and wipes galore

Stephanie and Thomas

Are having one more!

This is only a "sprinkle" to show that we care,

we welcome your presence and all of your prayers.



Please join us to celebrate before the new baby is due and while big brother Thomas awaits his debut.

Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

Hosted by your friends in Christ

RSVP to 713-808-9888

Mo-Ranch Youth Celebration

A group from our church and from First Presbyterian Church Sugar Land attended Youth Celebration at Mo-Ranch from June 24 – June 29. Those who participated were Josie Henry, Ben Dethloff, and Nicole Feker, who were sponsored by our church, and Jason Davenport and Colby Myers from FPCSL. Patty Blome and Miguel Carlin were the sponsors travelling with the group.

The theme for the conference was "Radical Love" based on the scripture from 1 John 4:7-21. Through worship, the keynote speaker, fellowship, and small group study, the participants explored the meaning of "radical love" in their lives and in the world around them. It was a fantastic week of fun while exploring a deeper relationship with God.









Young Adult Mission & Fellowship Trip





Our young adults have been itching for a mission trip. Their last mission trips together were to Leadville in 2014, and to Dallas in 2015. This July, a group revisited Leadville, Colorado, (home of Dorothy Savage's daughter, Sarah, and Leadville First Presbyterian Church) for a time of work and play. William Stockton, Evan Powell, Emily Mitchell, Ethan Mitchell, Ali Nix, Jacqueline Nix, Lauren Vierling, Riley Fairchild, Elizabeth Powell, Patty Blome, Laurie Mitchell, and Gary Mitchell made the road trip of service and fellowship.

While in Leadville, projects included staining two decks at the Youth Center, staining the outdoor pews at the church, trimming and removing trees at both the church and a church member's home, working on a church member's computer network, visiting the manse where we did yard work. We washed windows, and power washed the back deck, resetting fence posts (knocked over by a bear!) at a member's home. Additionally, we worked to clear weeds and deep layers of pine needles from a section of the Leadville Cemetery, uncovering a rock pathway, and hauling slash and trash to the landfill. Sarah Savage was so organized, and kept us busy! We also managed a couple of breathtaking hikes, a boat ride, and a shopping trip to town. At the end of the visit, Sarah hosted us for dinner and hot tubbing at her home. The trip wouldn't have been possible or as much fun without her.

In order to make the trip affordable, the group was hosted by a variety of folks along the way. In addition to staying at the Church Youth Center in Leadville, they also spent nights and meals with Patty Blome's sisters in Los Alamos and Carlsbad on the way home. We were hosted for lunch and a tour of the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs by former church members Lee and Mary Tatum. The Stocktons had generously offered their home in Junction, Texas, but with the extreme three digit heat, they ended up putting the group up in a hotel for the night! Many thanks for that. Other thank you's go to the sponsors, Patty, Laurie, Gary, and Elizabeth, to the Lawsons (Lauren's parents) for sending the kids on a boat ride, to the Nix family for our care package, to Kay and Charlie Craig for awesome work gloves, and to Luna Lassiter for buying us ice cream in Los Alamos. Finally, thanks to the Academy allowing us to use the 15 passenger van for eleven days, and to the church helping us finance the trip.



More than 750 congregations in the 11 presbyteries of the Synod of the Sun will see or hear the same message:

I am about to do something new. It is beginning to happen even now.

Don't you see it coming? - *Isaiah 43:19*





Connecting - Equipping - Empowering Presbyterians for Mission & Ministry

Join us at 10:50am in the Sanctuary for Synod Sunday!

Top 10 reasons to be "sinfully proud" to belong to The Synod of the Sun!

1. Our Covenant relationships with outstanding institutions of learning.

Austin College University of Tulsa Lyon College Goodland Academy

Shreiner University Presbyterian Pan American School

Trinity University Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

University of the Ozarks

2. Beautiful Camp and Conference Centers that provide space and time for Recreation and Recreation for camps. conferences and more.

Ferncliff Mo Ranch Dwight Mission

- 3. The transformative experience of **Synod Youth Workshop** held annually at University of Tulsa.
- Disaster Response and our partnerships with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- 5. The ministry of **Solar Under the Sun** which equips teams for solar power installations addressing issues of Energy Poverty.
- 6. A commitment to **inclusion and diversity** and the willingness to facilitate difficult conversations.
- 7. Creating **forums and networks** to share best practices for ministry and mission across our 11 member presbyteries.
- 8. **Grants and scholarships** that support vital and vibrant ministry ideas coming out of our presbyteries and congregations.
- 9 **Connections** which we can celebrate in good times and sustain us through tough times.
- 10 The **commitment**, **passion and faithfulness** of Commissioners and Co-opted Members as together we share Christ in prayer, word and deed.

Together, we are the Synod of the Sun.

Together, we are committed to Connect, Equip and Empower our members.

Together we seek to be part of the new things that God is doing in our midst.

Together, we are believe that when we work together across boundaries, we make visible the Good News and find wholeness as the body of Christ. In our common calling we Impact lives together.

Together, we do far more than we can ever do alone.



The Academy Kids are so excited and looking forward to this new school year. We are growing and have added another Prekindergarten classroom.

We are also very excited about our "New Library.". And we are still working to get it ready for this school season. It's going to be an awesome place for our children to enjoy and expand there little minds!



Many of our teachers are enrolled in the Child
Development Associate Degree Program - we are
so proud of their commitment to our school. This
so improves the quality of our school and becomes
a top choice for parents who are looking for a good
school with qualified great teachers.

Thanks to all our friends and families that fully support the Academy Ministry. It takes big hearts to help shape little minds and make a way for a wholesome and wonderful future.



Yours truly, The Academy

BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH

INTERESTED in beautifying the sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The Flowers Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex! **The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Special arrangements vary and should be requested EARLY!** Checks should be written to SBPC and given to Jorida in Church Office.





If you are purchasing something for reimbursal by the church, please take a tax exempt form from the Church Office with you. You can keep it in your car, purse, wallet, etc.! Help us save a few dollars the next time you make a

IMPORTANT PRESPRESS & BULLETIN REMINDER

ALL PRESPRESS articles are DUE no later than the 20th of this month! Please email your articles to churchoffice@springbranchpres.org no later than the 20th.

BULLETIN information is DUE no later than the Wednesday before the service.

FRIDAY EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to receive our weekly announcements via email every Friday? Sign-up by visiting our Church website, www.springbranchpres.org.

CLICK "sign up for our Mailing List."

Church's Prayer Chain List?

A Prayer Chain Email is sent to our "prayer warriors" when we receive word about someone in need. Contact the Church Office or Sarah Dikeman if you'd like to be added.

Do you need AV Equipment for your next event?

Submit an AV Request at: www.springbranchpres.org/av-request.

Hard copy forms are also available in the Church Office.



If you have any questions, please contact Ethan Mitchell at: ethan@springbranchpres.org

BirthdayBlessings

Lee Dudinsky	8/19	Dorothy Savage	8/25
Lane Rouse	8/20	Austin Indy Lanan	8/27
Dr. Rebecca Turney	8/20	Jennifer Fuller	8/28
Jennifer Chehade	8/23	Ron Tremble	8/28
Jim Kunkel	8/23	Stephen Lezon	8/29
Margaret Ford	8/24	Thomas Wayne Premer	8/30
Vincent Boisaulsin	8/24	Steve Nanney	8/31

Happy Anniversary!

Jennifer and Todd Miller	8/3
Mike and Doris Wright	8/5
Robert and Laverne Coller	8/5
Kate and Jeremy Cross	8/14
Dr. Matthew and Sarah Dikeman	8/17
Glen and Barbara Lanan	8/17
Mark and Rebecca Turney	8/21

requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

Church Calendar, Outside SBPC Reservations, Youth Calendar

Aug 2018 (Central Time - Chicago)

	31	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Yoga	4pm - WOW 7pm - Choir 7pm - Property Meeting	10 am - Flexercise (GP) 7 pm - Session (CR)	9:30am - Adult Community 6pm - Yoga	9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Advent Planning 12:15pm - Handbells
11am - Hot Meals	N. 4.	10 am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Yoga	9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 4pm - WOW 7pm - Choir	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Finance Meeting	PresPress Articles DUE 9:30am - Adult Community 10am - The Gathering Place 6pm - Unwind Circle 6pm - Yoga	9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 2pm - Regan Oswald Baby 2:30pm - Stephanie Premer
8am - Presb. Men 9am - Unzip Trip: New	17	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Yoga	Academy Closed 7 p m - Choir	10am - Flexercise (GP)	9:30am - Adult Community 10am - WOW 6pm - Yoga	9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 3pm - PW Celebration
1pm - Presbyterian	10	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:45pm - Mission Team 6pm - Yoga	7pm - Choir	9:15am - Cong. Care 10am - Flexercise (GP)	9:30am - Adult Community 10am - WOW 6pm - Yoga	9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 6pm - Covered Dish Supper
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Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun



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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 12th

Worship Begins at 10:50 AM

"Don't forget to bring your Backpack."

