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Blest Be The Tie That Binds



Missions of the Month

It has been one year since Hurricane Harvey devastated the Houston area. Think of all the threats facing us each year, such as hurricanes, tornados, flooding, winter weather, fire, acts of terror, and many more.

How are you going to handle that disaster? A year after Harvey, what is it you wish you knew then or had done then that would have made it a little easier to handle the chaos?

The Missions Team wanted to make “Disaster Preparedness” the topic for this month’s mission focus because of those very reasons. Therefore, during the month of September, our team would like to share some tips and resources from the City of Houston, the Harris County Homeland Security & Emergency Management, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to assist you in being prepared for the next disaster. PDA is one of the benevolences our church supports.

To begin with, there are **4 steps** you can take to better ensure your family’s safety in case of an emergency.

1. **Make a plan** – Each family is unique. Sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency. We will include one of many samples to use during the first week of September.
2. **Build a kit** – Building a family emergency kit is crucial. During emergencies, you may need to be on your own for a period of time. You may want to consider three types of kits: A Go-Bag, a Shelter-in-Place Kit, and a Pet Disaster Supply Kit. We will include resources for your use during the second week of September.
3. **Stay informed** – Staying informed in an emergency situation may be different than normal, especially when there is no electricity or telephone reception. During the third week of September we will share some resources for receiving emergency alerts, notifications, and other information in the Houston area.
4. **Know your neighbors** – Your neighbors can be a great source of help immediately after a disaster. By knowing your neighbors ahead of time, and discussing any special needs you or they may have, will allow your community to work better as a team when disasters strike. The fourth week of September we will share some resources that may help get you prepared.

We will be posting this information on the church’s website, the Friday emails, and the Narthex bulletin board. We will also be including weekly tips in the Sunday worship bulletins. We hope these tools will help you become better prepared for the next disaster.

FYI... Our own Carol Davis is a Certified Disaster Trainer for New Covenant Presbytery.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



September Mission Opportunities

School Supplies – Thank you to all that donated school supplies in July for CUPS (Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud, which means Communities United for Health) and PCHAS (Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services). We collected a total of 147 items for CUPS and 286 items for PCHAS, which totaled 433 school supply items.

SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends – The 4th 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.

You're Invited...

Fairbees New Home
Spring Branch
Presbyterian Church
Sept. 6th, 2018



Time to
CELEBRATE!



Thursday, September 6th,

Fairbees Ribbon Cutting Celebration
@ New Home Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Rd, 77051



Free Admission on the ribbon cutting celebration nite!
Plus lessons 6:30-7:30pm FREE on this special nite
Includes Club Dance 7:30-9:30 also FREE



Serving:
Sandwiches, Fruit,
chips & dips, cake
and sparkling white
grape juice !

Information:
713-271-0313/713-240-6848

**Special
Note**

**Members of Spring Branch
Presbyterian Church, who
are square dancers, are
welcome to attend.**

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**Spring Branch
Presbyterian Academy**

OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday
Sept 12. 5:30 pm**

**Stop by before
Wednesday Night Supper.**



If you ever wanted to know what



goes on at the Academy, here is

your chance to see the



classrooms, meet the teachers,



and support the Church's

#1 mission.

Hope to see you there!

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Idea Spring Welcomes

“Back to the Bone”

Bellaire Nature Discovery Center



Back by Popular Demand!

- **Live Animals**
- **Bones**
- **Interactive**
- **Fun for all ages**



Thursday, Sept 20th

5:30-6:30

1215 Campbell Road

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www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring

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The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is a ministry for those who are living with memory loss and the people who love and care for them at home. The Gathering Place provides three hours of fun activities and fellowship in a safe and caring environment for persons with memory loss. Programs may include activities such as music, games, chair exercises, crafts, reminiscing, guest performer and a light lunch. Caregivers may enjoy a few hours of free time or they may choose to participate along with their partner.



Join us at 10:00am on Monday, September 17th in the Fellowship Hall for The Gathering Place. Let Sarah Dikeman or Jacquie Ballesteros know if you'd like to volunteer.

Join us for food and fellowship

September 12 — Hamburgers at 6:00pm

Join us for the Academy Open House at 5:30pm!

September 19 — Lasagna

September 26 — Chicken Enchiladas & Tamales



Spring Branch Presbyterian Fall Spruce Up!

Bring your team or fly solo!

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

Sign up in Narthex or at the link below:

www.springbranchpres.org/property-cleanup-day/

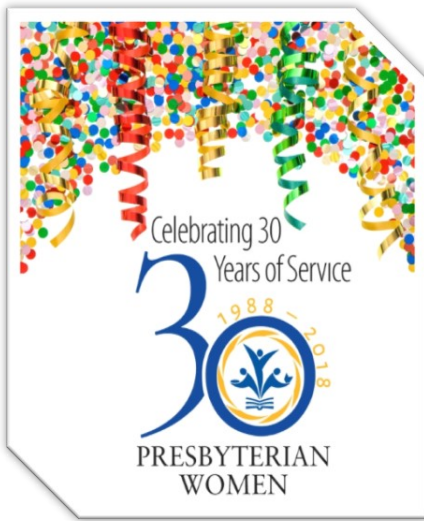


AV Training

An AV Crash Course will be held on Monday, September 24th at 6:00pm. This class will include the Fellowship Hall, Gathering Place, and Sanctuary equipment. If you have ever tried to use a microphone or show a video, this class is a MUST. We employ several part time AV Technicians, but if they are unavailable, it is always good to have back up! Please RSVP to ethan@springbranchpres.org if you plan to attend.



Save the Date for a Full-Scale AV Training from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, November, 10th!



The PW Celebration was a wonderful success thanks to all who participated. A big Thanks to Carol Davis and Doris Wright for organizing the event. To the table hostesses who graciously provided wonderful memories of PW through the years at SBPC: Doris Wright and Lu Taylor, Anne Johnson and Sarah Dikeman, Kate Cross, Barbara Tremble, Laurie Mitchell, Patti Nanney, Marguerite Priest, and Denise Wilborn.

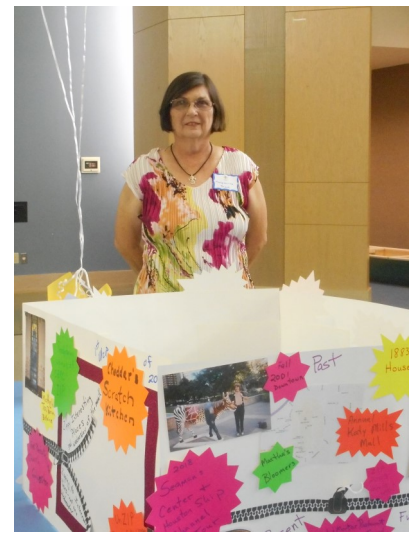
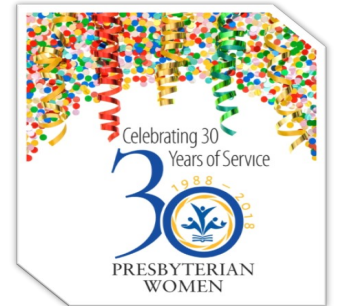
The benefit drawings and silent auction items were donated by many members of PW. The proceeds from the sale of cookbooks, the auction and generous donations to our scholarship/mission fund were a total of \$1530. Money was also donated to our college care package and PCHAS birthday card funds.

Special appreciation and thanks go to Kay Craig and Betty Magnuson who planned and carefully made most of the delicious array of food for the PW Celebration! We enjoyed delicate sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and Lois Henry's recipe for punch---elegantly arranged on the buffet tables by Kay and Betty.

In addition to the money raised from the benefit drawings/silent auction items for the SBPC college scholarship fund, Kay Craig collected 59 favorite recipes of the late SBPC member, Lil Drago, and compiled these into a recipe book, *Lil 'Book of Lil's Recipes*. These are from her metal 3" x 5" recipe box, her many cookbooks, and from copies in her computer. Some are in her own handwriting and/or with her notes. These were sold at the PW Celebration and are still available. Each recipe book costs \$5, with the proceeds going to the SBPC college scholarship fund. This is a real "collectors' item" that you will want to have for yourself and for gifts! Also available throughout the year are PW Cookbooks number 3 and 6 for \$5 each.

PW will begin its new Bible Study on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The first one will be on Sept 12 in the fellowship Hall with a salad luncheon to follow. If you can not attend but are interested in a monthly Bible study contact Carol Davis regarding a ZOOM Bible study. Or if some are interested in beginning a night time study group at the church or in homes, contact Sarah Dikeman.

Zip trips will begin this fall on third Wednesday and Unzips POP UP at different times and days throughout the year. Happy Hands is a year round activity on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the conference room, sewing and stuffing pillows for hospitals through out the city. PW cooks Mission Soup several times of the year for Wednesday Night supper with the proceeds going to the Scholarship/Mission fund.



Presbyterian Women at a Glance

PW BOARD meets 9/5 at 10:15 AM in Conference Room. *(Every 1st Wed. of the month)*

PW CIRCLE meets 9/12 at 9:30 AM *(Every 2nd Wed. of the month)*

ZIP TRIP on 9/19 at 9:30 AM to The Printing Museum.

RSVP to Marguerite Priest if you plan to attend! *(ZIP Trip Every 3rd Wed. of the month)*

HAPPY HANDS meets 9/26 at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. *(Every 4th Wed. of the month)*

INTERESTED IN A BIBLE STUDY USING ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL ONCE A MONTH??

Can't attend the PW Circle meetings on the second Wednesdays of the month at members' homes or at church? Here's an alternative:

Interested women may join a Zoom conference call to discuss the Bible study lesson each month using their computer or phone! A computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone with a camera and mike are needed in order to see all those in the meeting and any documents shown on the screen. If a participant does not have this, she can join the meeting using her regular phone. She will be able to talk and hear everyone, but would need printed materials that will be discussed. Zoom provides video and audio in conference calls that include screen sharing, e.g., documents, video.

The 2018-2019 "Horizons" Bible study is *God's Promise: I Am With You* by Amy Poling Sutherland, Co-pastor of FPC in San Marcos, TX. She also made the companion DVD to go with this study which can be used in the Zoom meeting. This study is readily adaptable for discussion of the focus of the promise and how it speaks into particular circumstances---and into *our* circumstances. There are nine lessons on topics such as God with Us Wherever We Are, God with Us in Our Discouragement, God with Us When We Seek God, God with Us When We're Powerless, etc.

Are you interested in finding out more about a new way of approaching Bible Study? Through the use of an on-line program called ZOOM we will be able to do a bible study online. The group can determine when meetings will be each month, depending on availability of participants for that month. No driving to the meeting, no child care needed, can be scheduled at times for the working women. If you are using your camera with your computer. all you have to do is comb your hair and straighten up what is directly behind you since it will show on the screen to others!!

You are invited to a informational meeting of potential Zoom participants on Sunday September 9th at 10:30 AM in the Parlor. The purpose of the meeting will be to demonstrate Zoom and plan the first Zoom Bible Study Meeting. The first ZOOM session will be the first lesson in our Horizon Bible Study and will be facilitated by Patti Nanney later in September. Please RSVP to Carol David at caroldavis@entouch.net so that we can plan for the first ZOOM meeting.



Messy Church is an alternate worship experience. It is primarily for people who may not have a regular church or who feel uncomfortable in a traditional church setting. The worship is all ages together and is inclusive for those from different backgrounds and beliefs. Together both children and adults join in experiencing fun and faith-forming activities focusing on creativity, celebration, hospitality and centering ourselves in Christ.

- Messy Church is a church. It does not feed in to an existing congregation nor is it a church plant, but a congregation in its own right.
- Messy Church is an alternate worship experience for the host church.
- Messy Church is for adults and children to enjoy together. Every element is relevant and accessible to all ages.
- Messy Church uses hands on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together.
- Messy church reflects a God of joy who wants all of God's people to have life in all its fullness.
- Messy Church reflects a God of unconditional love and is a church for people outside of a traditional church, providing an oasis of welcome and a safe place to thrive.
- Messy Church is about hospitality, expressed by eating together and sharing a table with others to help build relationships.

Training in Texas

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:30 registration

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

1215 Campbell Road

Houston, TX 77055

Trainer: Leyla Wagner, five year Messy Church leader, Messy Church Regional Coordinator, and founding board member of Messy Church USA

Registration includes “Getting Started with Messy Church” training, a sample mini-Messy Church experience, lunch, and a copy of Get Messy! Magazine.

Church Group registration—\$70 for 1-5 people, more than 5 is an additional \$30 each

Individual registration—\$30

Register at <https://messychurchusa.org/events/>

Current Messy Churchers are invited to a Friday Night Dinner at a local restaurant (TBD)

Questions? Contact Kate at kate@messychurchusa.org

PW Unwind September 17 - Save the Date

Unwind Dinner group will meet on September 17th for food, fellowship, friendship, and did I say food? We gather the third Monday of each month throughout the year at 6:00. If you have missed a few Unwind dinners, come join us. If you have never joined us before, why not this month? If you want to invite a friend, please do so. Watch your email, the church's Friday e-mails, and the church bulletin for this month's restaurant location in the Greater Spring Branch area. If you have questions or want to RSVP contact Denise Wilborn via text (713-725-2816) or by email (dwilborn55@gmail.com). Hope to see you Monday, September 17th, at 6:00 for a time to relax and catch up with old and new friends.

It's time to prepare to pack Seafarer's Boxes on November 25th!

November is just around the corner! Please be mindful of our annual seafarer's mission to fill, pack, wrap, and deliver shoeboxes full of toiletries and goodies for seafarers who find themselves far away from their families and homes at Christmas time. As you are out and about over the next few months, put something extra in your shopping cart at the grocery store or drug store each week or month, save the toiletries from hotels as you travel, and look for ladies sized shoeboxes. Our goal is always to pack 100 boxes each year, and our greatest challenge is finding enough of the correct sized shoeboxes. Here is a list of suggested items:



Address Book	Band-Aids (fabric)	Baseball Caps	2019 Calendar
Comb	Dental floss	Deodorant	Disposable Razors
Flashlight w/ batteries	Kleenex	Lip Balm	Lotion
Nail clippers	Gold Bond Powder	Gold Bond Cream	Hot Chocolate
Q-Tips	Needle & thread	Shaving Cream	Soap & Shampoo
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Gum & Candy	Key Chains
Pocket-size notebooks	Mechanical pencils	Pens	Playing Cards
Popcorn	Socks	Sudoku	Texas Souvenirs
T-Shirts	USB Flash Drives	Word Search Books	

HELP WANTED

Presently, the Stewardship Committee is a committee of one, me, Dick Slover. I am wrestling with how to put together a Stewardship campaign that moves away from the historic form. Our church is a blend of Millennials, Baby boomers, and whatever the generations were named before that. How to speak to a diverse population with different insights and tell the story of the finances of the church will require the imagination of a group representing that diverse population. Ideally someone from each generational group would be on it.



Will you help me create a program that tells the story of the give and take of stewardship and the benefits of a new broad look at who we are? If you are interested in serving on the committee please drop me an e-mail or give me a phone call.



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Presents an offering of Solo Piano

November 18, 2018

4:30 PM

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

1215 Campbell Rd

Houston, TX 77055

Featuring

Eanju Lee-Davis, piano

Donations will be greatly appreciated in order to help with the purchase of new Glory to God Hymnals.

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 the Church Office.



If you are purchasing something for reimbursement 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 purchase for the church.



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?

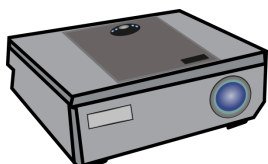
A Prayer Chain Email is sent to our "prayer warriors" when we receive word about someone in need.

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



Happy
 Birthday
 To you

Kaylee Ann Earnest	9/1	Del Kennedy	9/16
Mike Wright	9/1	Beverly "BJ" Cook	9/17
Donal McRoberts	9/4	Dylan Mancilla	9/17
Colleen Lanan Rust	9/4	Daphne Holder	9/18
Lisa Merritt	9/7	Joseph Vaden	9/18
Garth Heitshusen	9/12	Steve Blair	9/19
Sara Lanan	9/12	Warren Ballesteros	9/20
Carol Davis	9/13	Frances Millar	9/22
Liam Rust	9/13	Grace Daley	9/24
Lindsey Craig	9/15	Jake Miller	9/26
Katie Fairchild	9/15	Sarah Dikeman	9/30
Ruden Vakiari	9/15	Ron Fake	9/30



Jennifer and David Fuller	9/1
Laurie and Gary Mitchell	9/2
Ludovic Massamba and Edda Chirwa	9/15
Stephen and Bunnie Lezon	9/22

Church Calendar, Outside SBPC Reservations

Sep 2018 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	27 Labor Day: Church & []	28 9:15am - Cong. Care 10am - Flexercise (GP)	29 10:15am - PW Board 7pm - Choir	30 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - Messy Church @ 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga	31 10am - Property Cleanup	1 8am - Presb. Men
9 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	10 9am - Gathering Place 9:30am - Adult Community 4pm - WOW 5pm - Academy Board 6pm - Yoga	11 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6:30pm - Fellowship 6:30pm - Ministry Team	12 9:30am - PW Circle 5:30pm - Academy Open 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir	13 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:45pm - Mission Team 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga	14 8am - Presb. Men	15
16 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	17 9:30am - Adult Community 10am - The Gathering Place 4pm - WOW 6pm - Unwind Circle 6pm - Yoga	18 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Finance Meeting	19 9:30am - Zip Trip 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir 7pm - Property Meeting	20 PresPress Articles DUE 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - Idea Spring @ 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga	21 11am - Hot Meals	22
23 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 4pm - Girl Scouts 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	24 9:30am - Adult Community 4pm - WOW 6pm - AV Trainings: 6pm - Yoga	25 10am - Flexercise (GP) 7pm - Session (CR)	26 9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir	27 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga	28	29
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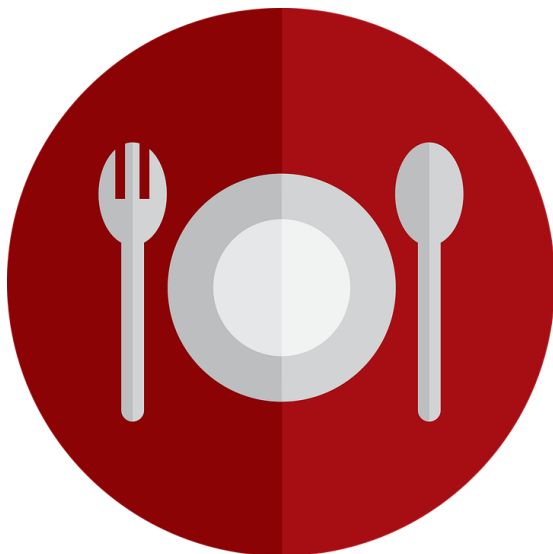


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Hot Meals on Weekends

A special THANK YOU to everyone that has delivered Hot Meals on behalf of SBPC!

Contact Liz Earnest if you are interested in delivering meals.

The Presbyterian Women will deliver this month. Thanks to all for your continued support of this important ministry!