

SPRING BRANCH Presbyterian Church



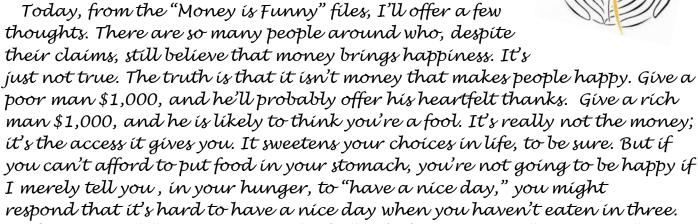
Don't forget to change your clocks this Sunday!

PRESPRESS

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STEWARDSHIP, FALL 2018



After a month here at SBPC, I don't think I've met up with anyone who hasn't eaten in days. Have you met any of these unfortunates in our church sphere? Actually, we're rich, no matter how we may feel or think. Right now, out of our personal bounty, you and I have the luxury of proving again an old aphorism of Christian stewardship: "The more you give, the more you get." It's been said many times down through the centuries and every time it's been true.

You might recall F. Scott Fitzgerald's outlook expressed in *The Great Gatsby:* "You know, the rich really are different from you and me..." To this, his good friend Ernest Hemingway responded: "Yeah, they have more money." The older Ernest understood that the rich are not gods and goddesses and the poor are still God's children, as human as any person on earth.

So now, I'll ask you to do something you've probably never done before. Let's act like we're rich when we make our financial commitment to this church this month. I've already made my pledge and I hope you will, too. With all the fine work SBPC is doing we can all share in these vital ministries and do the worderful work of the Lord—right here, right now!

PASTOR DAVE



The "Mission of the Month" for November is one of our favorite ministries at Spring Branch Presbyterian – the Houston International Seafarers Center. The Seafarers Center is a multi-denominational outreach to seafarers from around the world who dock at terminals in the Houston Ship Channel.

Imagine working on a ship, far from home, as Christmas approaches. This is reality for countless seafarers who pass through the Port of Houston every day. As the Port Chaplains share a

Christmas shoebox with each seafarer, the seafarers experience true joy and excitement. Each Christmas approximately 11,000 Christmas boxes are provided free of charge to our visiting Seafarers.

Our goal this year is to provide 100 decorated shoeboxes filled with many useful items to the Seafarers Center.

Want to help?

Listed below are the type of items we need to put into the boxes. We also need shoe boxes (medium-sized preferred) or plastic shoe boxes with lids. The items with an asterisk (*) below are the items most needed.

Address Book * Gold Bond Cream * Playing Cards Stationery Band-Aids (fabric) * Hot Chocolate * Pocket-size Notebooks T-Bags Baseball Cap * **Key Chains** Popcorn **Texas Souvenirs** Calendar (2019) * Kleenex * Puzzle Books Toothbrushes Candy & Gum Lip Balm * Q-Tips * Toothpaste Comb * Lotion * Razors (disposable) * Travel-size Tissues Dental Floss * Mechanical Pencils Sewing Kits T-Shirts (New) Deodorant * Nail Clippers * Shampoo * **USB Flash Drives** Flashlight w/batteries * Needle & Thread * Shaving Cream * White Tube Socks Gold Bond Powder * Soap *

Join us on Sunday, November 25th, from 9:00 to 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and to pack and wrap Seafarers Boxes!

November Mission Updates & Opportunities

World Peace Offering – Amazing! We had \$1,173 donated for the World Peace Offering, which will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help out Puerto Rico with Hurricane Maria recovery.

Austin Seminary Partner Luncheon – If you are interested in attending the fundraiser for Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary on November 15 at The Briar's Club, please contact Charlie Craig or Patti Nanney, our two table hosts.

Thanksgiving Dinners from Mission of Yahweh – Each year the Mission of Yahweh (one of our benevolence groups) distributes Thanksgiving dinner items to low-income area families. The Missions Team will be using some of our funds to provide Mission of Yahweh with 200 bags in which the meals will be placed.

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.

Glasses Donations to Lion's Club – Thank you for the 45 glasses that were donated to Lion's Club group. Additional glasses can be donated by placing them in the donation box on the table in the Narthex. If you are interested in joining the Lion's Club, membership forms are located in the church office.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY





Sunday, November 11th, will be our Stewardship Potluck immediately following worship. No reservation is required! "Live Generously: Making Your Faithful Investment" is this year's Stewardship emphasis. Please remember to bring your pledge cards with you to worship or turn them into the church office. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying this special time.

Incredible Outreach Opportunity!

Pines Presbyterian Church is hosting a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack Friday, Nov. 2nd & Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Through a FMSC MobilePack™ event, our community is responding to the cries of those in need by producing 100,000 nutritious meals for kids around the world.

We invite you to join 500 volunteers to pack meals for this MobilePack event. During a two-hour shift, adults and children five years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags, and prepare boxes for shipping. To learn more about what happens at a MobilePack click this video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ech5XOryipM&t=84s. To register to be volunteers, check out this site http://pinespc.org/feed-my-starving-children/. For more information, contact Pines at 713-467-2234.





Children in Worship Acolyte, Usher and the Lord's Supper



Sunday, November 4, 2018, 12:30 pm, following Worship Light lunch provided. Please RSVP with Marguerite Priest

Mepriest@hotmail.com or 713-808-9888

This class is for all children, ages 4-11 yrs, parents, or grandparents A basic course for younger children and refresher for older children







In November we will have our tenth Messy Church. It also marks one year since this one-year pilot was approved by Session, therefore, here's an update on what's happening with this community outreach worship service. God is at work! Each month Messy Church has had 50-75 adults and kids gather to learn about God together through play and creativity, to celebrate God and His love for us, and to eat a fellowship meal together.

We've covered a lot of ground: "God's Love" in February. "Jesus in the Wilderness" in March. "After Easter" in April. "God's World (Creation Story)" in May. "On the Road with Jesus (Road to Emmaus)" in June. "Let Your Light Shine (Luke 11:33)" in

July. "God 24/7 (Jesus on the Mountain/Great Commission)" in August. Jesus the Teacher (Parable of the Lost Sheep)" in September.

Activities are for all ages. They have involved everything from Legos to ramen, gingerbread to maps, electronics to paint. We try not to send families home with a bunch of crafts, but we do try to send them home with a touchpoint to God to continue to share with their family over the next month. Our sharing of the gospel and the Bible scriptures gets richer each month; Kathleen continues to lead with awesome music. One thing that hasn't changed: pizza and chicken tenders with salad are the fellowship meals - though now we've added tacos to the rotation.

We secured a grant from the Presbytery to support additional discipleship activities and fund Messy Church for another year. We continue to refine it. We're working to improve the connections between the activities and the scriptures, to find ways to facilitate community and growing in faith outside of the first Thursday, to get back to advertising to the school district and the neighborhood (we've found that the name is just deviant enough to get people interested and gives us a chance to explain what it is before they tune out), and to have the right amount of food every month.

We'd like to thank the Church and the Academy, especially the Messy Church volunteers and the Session, for their support in this little evangelical experiment. THANK YOU!!!!



FALL BACK!

Push your clocks back one hour at 2:00 AM on November 4th

Join us for food and fellowship

November 7 —Hamburgers

November 14— BBQ



November 21— Thanksgiving week; No Dinner

November 28— Spaghetti and meatballs

Help Needed!

This year's Advent theme is "Reflections of Love." Instead of purchasing an Advent devotional that only partially aligns with our theme, we decided that there is enough love in our congregation to go around. We are asking all of you to take part in creating this year's Advent devotional!

Listed on the next page are the scriptures that will be used during each day of Advent. Please choose the one that speaks to you and sign up for it on the signup sheet in the Narthex the first two Sundays in October.

Use the scripture as your guide to write about a reflection of love in your own life. It may be a time when you saw God's love; it may be a time when love was shown to you through another; or a time when you showed someone else love. Write your story and a short prayer to go along with it and submit it digitally (via e-mail) to Megan Hogg at Megan1661@yahoo.com by Friday November 2nd.

Guidelines for the writing:

- This is about **heart**, not perfection. Please participate and know that you are bringing the Word of God into someone's heart and home.
- Each reflection should fit on a 5X7 sheet of paper with a 12 point font, and should include the scripture, the story and a short prayer.
- Pages will be formatted to make them similar, but the content will not be altered.
- Please submit your reflection on or before Friday, November 2nd. It will take time to format everything and we would like to have these available the first Sunday in Advent.

Thank you for helping make this Advent Season special!

Advent Bible Reading Dec. 13: Luke 2: 1-5 Dec. 1: John 1:1-5 Dec. 2: Isaiah 9:2-7 Dec. 14: Luke 2: 6-7 Dec. 15: Luke 2: 8-12 Dec. 3: Isaiah 11:1-10 Dec. 4: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Dec. 16: Luke 2: 13-14 Dec. 5: Luke 1: 5-10 Dec. 17: Luke 2: 15-18 Dec. 6: Luke 1:11-17 Dec. 18: Luke 2: 19-20 Dec. 7: Luke1:18-25 Dec. 19: Micah 5: 2-5 Dec. 8: Luke 1: 26 - 30 Dec. 20: Matthew 2:1-2 Dec. 9: Matthew 1:18 - 21 Dec. 21: Matthew 2:3-6 Dec. 10: Matthew 1: 22-26 Dec. 22: Matthew 2:7-8 Dec. 11: Luke 1: 39-45 Dec. 23: Matthew 2:9-12 Dec. 12: Luke 1: 46-56 Dec. 24: John 1:14

Presbyterian Women at a Glance

PW BIBLE MODERATORS meets 11/7 at 9:30 AM. in the Conference Room.

PW BOARD meets 11/7 at 10:15 AM in Conference Room. (Every 1st Wed. of the month)

PW CIRCLE meets 11/14 at 9:30 AM at Dorothy Slover's home, (Every 2nd Wed. of the month)

NO ZIP TRIPS in November or December (ZIP Trip Every 3rd Wed. of the month)

NO HAPPY HANDS meeting in November. (Every 4th Wed. of the month)

PW DIRECTORIES are now available in the Church Office.

PW Unwind November 19 - Save the Date

Let someone else do the cooking and the cleanup during the holiday season. The Unwind Dinner group is meeting on November 19th at Fratelli's Ristorante, (http://www.fratellisristorantehouston.com/menus/Dinner-Fall2018-v1.pdf). to relax and engage in conversation as we enjoy Italian food. Please join us and bring a friend on Monday at 6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and friendship. Fratelli's is located at 1330 Wirt Road, 77055 (southeast corner of Wirt and Westview). 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. If you have questions or want to RSVP, contact Denise Wilborn via text (713-725-2816) or by email (dwilborn55@gmail.com).

November UNZIP Trip for Presbyterian Women

UNZIP TRIP set for 11/28 to the Museum of Fine Arts to view a special exhibit - Tudors to Windsors: British Royal Portraits from Holbein to Warhol. Admission that day for the exhibit is only \$10 for Seniors (65+) & \$14 for Adults. This is a self-guided tour; if ten or more would like a docent-led guided tour, cost is \$16 for Seniors & \$22 for Adults. Reservations are required a week in advance!

We will leave the Church at 9:15 a.m. and lunch at the Museum Café. RSVP to Marguerite Priest at 713-808-9888 or mepriest@hotmail.com no later than November 19 if you plan to attend!

Celebrate November's Birthdays, Sunday, November 11th

Continuing with our new tradition, we will gather together to celebrate those having a birthday on the second Sunday of each month. So mark you calendars for Sunday, November 11th, as we linger after church and enjoy each others' company.



Book, Audio & Video Exchange

Wed., Nov. 14, 2018

6:30 PM following Dinner



The Fellowship Group will have a book exchange in November. As you do your fall/winter clean up, set aside all your books, CD's, movies (DVD or VCR) & magazines to exchange with others.

Everything must be appropriate for ALL ages as there will be children and youth choosing books.

This is a great way to get rid of some things in your home and get some new literature for free!

You may bring your items that evening, or if you prefer, you may bring them on Sunday, Nov. 11 and place them in the Fellowship Hall against the wall.







Idea Spring Presents Parenting the Love and Logic Way®

Rana N. Cummins, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

Topics Include

- The Two Rules of Love and Logic®
- Delayed/"Anticipatory" Consequences
- Using empathy and Love and Logic one-liners to neutralize arguing

Childcare provided upon RSVP to ideaspring@springbranchpres.org

f@SBPC.Idea.Spring

Thursday, Nov 15th

5:30-6:30

1215 Campbell Road

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Facilitators of the Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ curriculum are independent and are not employees of the Love and Logic Institute.



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Presents an offering of Solo Piano

November 18, 2018 4:00 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.



Calling all runners and walkers to support PCHAS!

Run in the **Chevron Houston Marathon or the Aramco Houston Half Marathon** (Sunday, January 20, 2019) or the **We Are Houston 5K Race** (Saturday, January 19, 2019) and support our PCHAS children and families! Those runners interested in the marathon or half marathon will fundraise \$500 to support PCHAS clients, while 5K runners will fundraise \$175 to support PCHAS clients. All runners will be invited to a pasta dinner on Saturday evening to celebrate their 5K finish or to get carb-loaded for their half or full marathon. Contact Lisa Johnson at lisa.johnson@pchas.org or 252-207-3567 for more information.



Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services



SMALL TALK



NOVEMBER - SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY - 2018



But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not to come to me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14

This school year we have added an exciting new Christian base curriculum to our lessons called "Experience God Early Learning." Most importantly this program will allow the church's Chapel Time and the Academy classrooms to merge bible lessons so the Academy Kids may have a comprehensive Christian knowledge of who is our loving God and Son.

This program provides our kids with skilled related weekly activities, prayer time, bible stories to use through out the month, including praise and worship music CDs. These catchy tunes will help our children embrace God's word in their hearts.

The Academy's mission is to teach our Academy Kids including teachers an understanding of the love God has for them. And to know the character of God and be able to build a personal relationship with Him.

I am the way and the truth and the life! No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6



Fire Safety Week rocked!

The Spring Branch Fire Department came to educate and also entertain the Academy kids with their awesome fire engine and fun fire safety favors.



Check out our library!

Our new Library is in full bloom. The children our so excited when they get to visit the Library. It is so great to have a library where our teachers and students can read, use iPads, computers and focus in a nice, quiet, comfortable library.



Coming event!

Our Christmas Pageant is around the corner. If you have never seen it - you are missing out. Come and enjoy this great performance by our very talented Academy Kids -

Wed. December 12, at 6 pm.

A/V Training

A full-scale A/V crash course will be held on Saturday, November 10, at 9:00 a.m. This in-depth class will Include the Fellowship Hall, the Gathering Place, and the Sanctuary equipment, as well as anything else you would like to learn. We employ several part time A/V technicians, but if they are unavailable, it's always good to have a backup! Please RSVP to ethan@springbranchpres.org if you plan to attend.



The Gathering Place meets Monday, November 19th, at 10:00 a.m.! Check out the photos from previous Gathering Place meetings! More volunteers are always needed. If you can spare one Monday of the month from 9ish to 1-ish, we would love for you to join us. Please join us. It will be a fun and rewarding experience!









Dust off your Halos; It's Angel Tree Time Again!

SBPC has been participating in the Angel Tree program for many years, providing Christmas gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. Every year, our church receives the names of about 20 children who live in the zip codes around our church.



Through contact with each of the families, we determine items that the *A Program of Prison Fellowship* children need or want. In addition to two gifts designated from the parent, each child receives a gift from SBPC. Each family also receives a generous food basket. We will be collecting nonperishable foods for these baskets, so watch for collection bins outside the church office.

Tags will be available beginning on Sunday, December 2, before and after worship, and also on Wednesday, December 5, at dinner. Be sure to pick up one or two! Here's what you do: select an angel tag (or two). Purchase the gift (in the \$20 price range). Wrap the gift, sticking the tag to the front of the package. Return the gift to the church office no later than Friday, December 14.

Please consider being the Angel who delivers these treasures to one of the families in the days before Christmas. All of the deliveries should be fairly close to the church. It can be a moving holiday experience to see meet the children we have purchased gifts for. If you are interested in delivering, please let Laurie Mitchell know.





Poinsettias!

We will have poinsettias for purchase again this year! You can place your order today! They are a beautiful way to bring color and brightness to the Church throughout the Advent Season! What a lovely way to honor your loved ones, or to have a beautiful remembrance of those who are no longer

with us. Don't forget to bring your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please remember to indicate who you are honoring, and/or remembering, with your payment of \$10.00 to SBPC. You can drop off your payment in the Church Office or during Worship Service in the offering Plate. Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy for you and your family this Advent Season.



All are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Advent & Christmas.

Join us at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 26th and stay for supper afterwards!!

Thanks for Giving!

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church once again demonstrated its generosity and support for the Memorial Assistance Ministries. The Congregation contributed \$2,300 for MAM's back to school campaign. Thank you for your generosity!

UPDATE FOR PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, Presbyterians are addressing some of the most challenging conflicts of our time. SBPC is pleased to report that we collected \$1,173 for our 2018 Peace and Global Witness Offering! That amount will be donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you for your generous donations!



Congratulations to Stephanie Premer and Thomas Lepera on the birth of their new son, Tristan Lucas Lepera. Tristan made his appearance at 6:27 p.m. on October 12, 2018, weighing in at 7 lbs.,3 oz. and 20 inches long.

Fairbees Square Dance Club Update

Ministries Coordinator Miguel Carlin welcomed the Fairbees Square Dance Club to Spring Branch Presbyterian Church at our ribbon cutting ceremony on September 6th. Since then we have held our weekly dances every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 with optional lessons in plus dancing at 6:30. Both club members and visitors have been very pleased with the attractiveness and spaciousness of the Gathering Place. The smooth flooring makes it perfect for square dancing.

Please mark your calendars for mid-January 2019 when we will start holding lessons for beginners who are interested in learning how to square dance. We welcome any members of Spring Branch Presbyterian or their friends to join us!!

(Pictures courtesy of Pat Wills and Frank Hunter)





IMPORTANT PRESPRESS & BULLETIN REMINDER

ALL PRESPRESS articles are DUE no later than the <u>20th of this month!</u> Please email your articles to churchoffice@springbranchpres.org no later than the <u>20th</u>. BULLETIN information is DUE no later than the Wednesday before the the service.

In the event you are cleaning out closets and come across gently used toys, such as puzzles, blocks, large Legos or other stacking blocks or toys, cars, trucks, animals too large to be swallowed, or other manipulative play toys, please donate them in the box at the Church office for use in either the Prayground or Free Play Zone (Wednesday Night Suppers). Thank You!!

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.

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.



Cynthia "Cyndi" Ballesteros	11/1	Charles Fairchild	11/14
Marguerite Priest	11/2	Jayden Talley Earnest	11/15
Jacquie Ballesteros	11/3	Maxine Heath	11/15
Sarah Powell	11/4	Kate Cross	11/16
Clementine Lanan	11/5	Renee Henry	11/02
Isaiah Lanan	11/5	Matthew Jeremiah	
Lily Lanan	11/5	Hogg	11/19
Meg Humphrey	11/6	Jeff Hogg	11/21
Deona Vakiari	11/07	Melissa Rendon	11/21
Elizabeth Powell	11/10	Luke Balli	11/23
Joel Alegria	11/10	McCaslin Ballesteros	11/25
Nina Rach	11/10	Brice Wilborn	11/26
Jacqueline "Jackie" Nix	11/11	Kyle Lezon	11/27
Jennifer Miller	11/11	Dorothy Briley	11/29
Carrie Whittlesey	11/12	Matthew Albert	11/29
Wanda Boyd	11/12	Rhonda Hill	11/30



Jeff and Megan Hogg	11/4
Steve and Fonda Blair	11/4
Liz and Stephen Earnest	11/6
Jay and Kathleen Holder	11/15
C. Richard and Delia Nix	11/16
Rocco and Lin Sabala	11/27

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, Church Calendar, Holidays in United States, Idea Spring, Outside SBPC Reservations

Nov 2018 (Central Time - Chicago) 10 24 17 9am - AV Training: Full-8am - Presb. Men 11am - Hot Meals Sat Miller Wedding 30 16 23 5pm - Miller Wedding Black Friday 15 29 6:30pm - Fairbees Square 5:30pm - Messy Church @ 6:30pm - Fairbees Square 6:30pm - Fairbees Square 5:30pm - Idea Spring @ 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees Square 10am - Flexercise (GP) Thanksgiving Day Thu 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 14 21 28 6:30pm - Book Exchange @ 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 9:30am - PW Moderator 10:15am - PW Board 9:30am - PW Circle 7 pm - Choir 7pm - Choir 7pm - Choir 7pm - Choir 5:45pm - Mission Team Mtg 13 27 4:30pm - SBGC Rehearsal 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) PresPress Articles DUE 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Finance Meeting 10am - Flexercise (GP) 9:15am - Cong. Care 5:30pm - Volleyball 5:30pm - Volleyball 5:30pm - Volleyball 5:30pm - Volleyball 7 pm - Session (CR) Tue 12 9:30am - Adult Community 10am - The Gathering Place 9:30am - Adult Community 9:30am - Adult Community 9:30am - Adult Community Veterans Day observed 5pm - Academy Board 5pm - Academy Board 6pm - Unwind Circle 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 4pm-WOW 4pm-wow 4pm - WOW 4pm-WOW 28 Daylight Saving Time ends 18 25 12:15pm - Pop-Up Birthday 4pm - Solo Piano Recital @ 4pm - Hanging the Greens 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Sunday School 9am - Meal & a Mission -9:30am - Sunday School 12:30pm - Children in 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts 8:30am - Blood Drive 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts 12:15pm - Handbells 10:50am - Worship -12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts 5:30pm - Boy Scouts 10:50am - Worship 10:50am - Worship 10:50am - Worship Sun 12pm - Called Veterans Day



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