

# SPRING BRANCH Presbyterian Church

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Happy New Year!

Dear Spring Branch family,

Greetings in this new year! As I sit at my desk, I pray for you and our church and dream of new and renewed activities in 2019. Something new is always in the making when we follow Christ. Are we ready for the new? Are we ready for God to surprise us? God is in the business of doing new things. Here is a sampling of new things the Bible teaches we should have:

A new song—

[Psalm 40:3] "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord." The psalmist teaches that we should be ready always to praise God in all we do, and that if we are obedient, our actions will be a witness to others.

A new spirit—

[Psalm 51:10] "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." David prayed, not only to be forgiven of his past, but to be filled with a spirit which longs to do the will of God.

A new way of living—

[John 13:34] "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." Those in relationship with Christ are called always to a new and higher way of life, the way of the love of God in Jesus Christ.

A longing for a new world—

[2 Peter 3:13] "But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." Christians are to be mindful that there is more to life than this material world. Through faith we pray and await the fullness of God's kingdom.

A new courage to accomplish new things for God—

[Isaiah 43:19] "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." It is never enough to live in the past. In Christ God did a new thing, and continues to do so.

A new start—

[Revelation 21:5] "And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Our God is a God who always gives new chances to begin again. What do you need for God to make new?

In this time of New Year's resolutions and the beginning of new programs and relationships, I hope these "biblical news" will help us to remember that God has promised us good news indeed! Spread the news!

Your pastor,

## Missions of the Month

Our church's Mission of the Month for January is the United Campus Ministries for Aggieland and Greater Houston. United Campus Ministries (UCM) offers students a "home away from home." [UCM in Aggieland](#) is the campus ministry of the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) and [United Church of Christ](#). UCM seeks to be a Christ-centered, welcoming, ecumenical community that offers Christian fellowship and nurture at [Texas A&M](#). They provide opportunities for spiritual growth while encouraging students to discover and express their gifts and talents. They offer food, fun, fellowship, mission opportunities, and student-led scripture studies at Aggie Supper Sundays; a Midweek Message with one of the pastors; 160+ who gather for a free lunch at the weekly Peanut Butter and Jelly Fellowship; the Thursday Night Scripture Study; and the annual Crop Walk. For the last two summers, the UCMers also joined First Presbyterian Church in Bryan to travel to the rain forests of Quillabamba, Peru, to focus on the medical needs of the community.

[Rev. Tami Nelson](#) serves as the Executive Director of UCM of Greater Houston, which includes five campuses. Rev. Nelson reports the Houston chapter of UCM had a great fall semester. They welcomed a new Program Director and launched two new programs for the school year. Programs include their weekly Sacred Text and Yoga on Tuesdays and God on the Go on Wednesdays, which provides communion and prayer to students. Another new program is their intimate Sunday Dinners. UCM of Greater Houston averages approximately 108 student touchpoint encounters per month. Our Mission Team has invited the students to come to one of our Wednesday Night Suppers during the month of January, so keep a lookout for them. SBPC gives \$600/year to each of these UCM groups.

## January Mission Updates & Opportunities

***Fairbees Square Dance Toy Collection*** - In December, the Fairbees Square Dance group wanted to collect toys for one of the charities our church supported. We suggested giving the toys to the Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM). We took over a trunkload of toys for the MAM toy drive. **Thank you** Fairbees Square Dance Group. Don't forget, they welcome all of you to join them for square dancing each Thursday evening at 6pm.

***Life Line Screening Coming to Pines*** - Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Pines Presbyterian has invited our church members to their Life Line Screening Event on January 25, 2019, at their church. Register for a Wellness Package that includes four vascular tests and an osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$124 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 member discount, you must call 1-877-380-1743 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). You can also call Cindy at Pines Presbyterian at 713-467-2234.

***Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3*** - The NFL Super Bowl is early in 2019, so I wanted to remind you that once again we will be participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3. Bring a dollar or a canned good to drop in the soup pots. Donations will go to a local food pantry.

***CUPS Board Meeting at SBPC*** - Our own Nina Rach is a board member for CUPS. The CUPS Board will be hosting their next board meeting at our church on February 20. They have invited any and all members to come to their board meeting to see the work they are doing and that we help to support. CUPS also would like to thank our church for our latest donation of 24 Spanish/English Bibles and one box of reading glasses.

***SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends*** - The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. We have two routes with about 14 people on each route, so we usually need a total of four volunteers each month. Please contact Liz Earnest if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month.



The congregation of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of New Covenant invite you to a special worship service on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., for the installation of our new pastor, Reverend Dr. Kevin Boyd. The installation service will be held at the church located at 1215 Campbell Rd., Houston, TX. After the service, a BBQ reception will be held. The Fellowship Team will be providing the meat for the potluck, as well as condiments for the meal. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. If you would like to assist with the reception, please contact Denise Wilborn by email at [dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com) or by text at 713-725-2816. If you would like to help with the BBQ, please see Pastor Kevin or Jim Kunkel. We look forward to celebrating this exciting day in the life of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church.



## *Idea Spring Welcomes*



Ready to be amazed?

Ready to laugh?

Then come join us for a fun filled night of magic with Scott Hollingsworth, the resident magician of the Houston Science Museum!

Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30

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[www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring](http://www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring)

## Presbyterian Women at a Glance

**PW BIBLE MODERATORS** meets 1/2 at 9:30 AM. in the Conference Room.

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

**PW CIRCLE** meets 1/9 at 9:30 AM  
(Every 2nd Wed. of the month)

**A PW ZIP TRIP** is scheduled on 1/16 at 9:30 a.m. (see note below for more details)

**HAPPY HANDS** resumes on 1/23 at 9:30 a.m. (Every 4th Wed. of the month)

**PW DIRECTORIES** are available in the Church Office.

A PW Zip Trip is scheduled on January 16 to Katy Mills Mall. Everyone interested can meet at the Church at 9:30 a.m. and carpool or meet at the Mall entrance between Sun & Ski and Burlington. After shopping, everyone will lunch at the Food Court, then return to the Church between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.



## Join us for Food and Fellowship

Begin the new year by joining old friends, and perhaps meeting new ones, at the Wednesday Night Suppers, which resume on January 9.

**January 9** — Welcome back buffet!!

**January 16**—Lasagna

**January 23**—Chicken Pot Pies

**January 30**—Presbyterian Women taco soup  
(all proceeds benefit the Scholarship fund)



## January Birthdays Celebration, Sunday, January 13



Linger after worship on Sunday, January 13, to celebrate all those in the congregation who have birthdays in January. This is an opportunity to partake of light refreshments, as well as visit and enjoy each other's company. Location (inside or outside) will be dependent on the weather. See you then.

## *PW Unwind - January 7 - Save the Date*

All ladies of the church are invited to join the PW Unwind dinner group on Monday, January 7, at 6:00 p.m. This month we will dine at Goode Company Kitchen and Cantina (<http://www.kitchenandcantina.com>) located at 9005 Katy Freeway. If you would like email reminders and updates for Unwind, and to RSVP, please let Denise Wilborn know by email at [dwilborn55@gmail.com](mailto:dwilborn55@gmail.com) or by text to 713-725-2816. The PW Unwind dinner group is a fellowship group who meets each month throughout the year to celebrate friendship with lively conversation as we relax and enjoy good food together. Feel free to invite a friend! See you on January 7.



From left to right: Denise Wilborn, Barbara Tremble, Ali Nix, Carrie Whittlesey, Jennifer Miller, Delia Nix, Emily Mitchell, Anne Johnson.



Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services

### **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](mailto:lisa.johnson@pchas.org) or 252-207-3567 for more information.



**107,000—**

That's how many *Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePacks™* our

neighbors put together November 2-3, 2018, at Pines Presbyterian Church. Patti Nanney and Miguel Carlin represented Spring Branch on November 3.

We began our two-hour shift with an orientation about *FMSC* and the Food & Drug Administration's rules and regulations for handling food. One of those regulations requires wearing those wonderful hairnets. We all looked gorgeous. Miguel's job was putting the labels on the *MobilePacks™*. Patti's job was a runner, whereby she ran back and forth to replenish items, such as the tubs of rice and soy, packing boxes, and labels. Patti also filled in when people needed a break from their particular packing position.

Unbelievably, this *FMSC* packing event at Pines Presbyterian Church was the first time *FMSC* has had such an event in the city of Houston. Pines Presbyterian's goal was to put together 100,000 *MobilePacks™* with 500 volunteers during four shifts on November 2 and 3. Miguel and Patti were so grateful to be part of this great mission.

*FMSC* is dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide and also feeding their starving spirits. *FMSC's* process is simple. Donations are given to fund the meal ingredients, with more than 90 percent of total donations dedicated directly toward feeding kids in need. Volunteers of all ages hand-pack the nutritious meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. And finally, meals are donated to *FMSC* partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved. The partners include schools, orphanages, clinics, and feeding programs.



The Angel Tree Program was one of the Missions of the month for December. It is a prison fellowship program that reaches out to the children of prisoners and their Families at Christmas time. Members of the Church select participating families and provide those families with gifts for the parent and children, as well as generous food baskets. These are photos of the family to whom Jacquie Ballesteros delivered.



## *The Gathering Place—Some of the Fun We Have Had Lately*



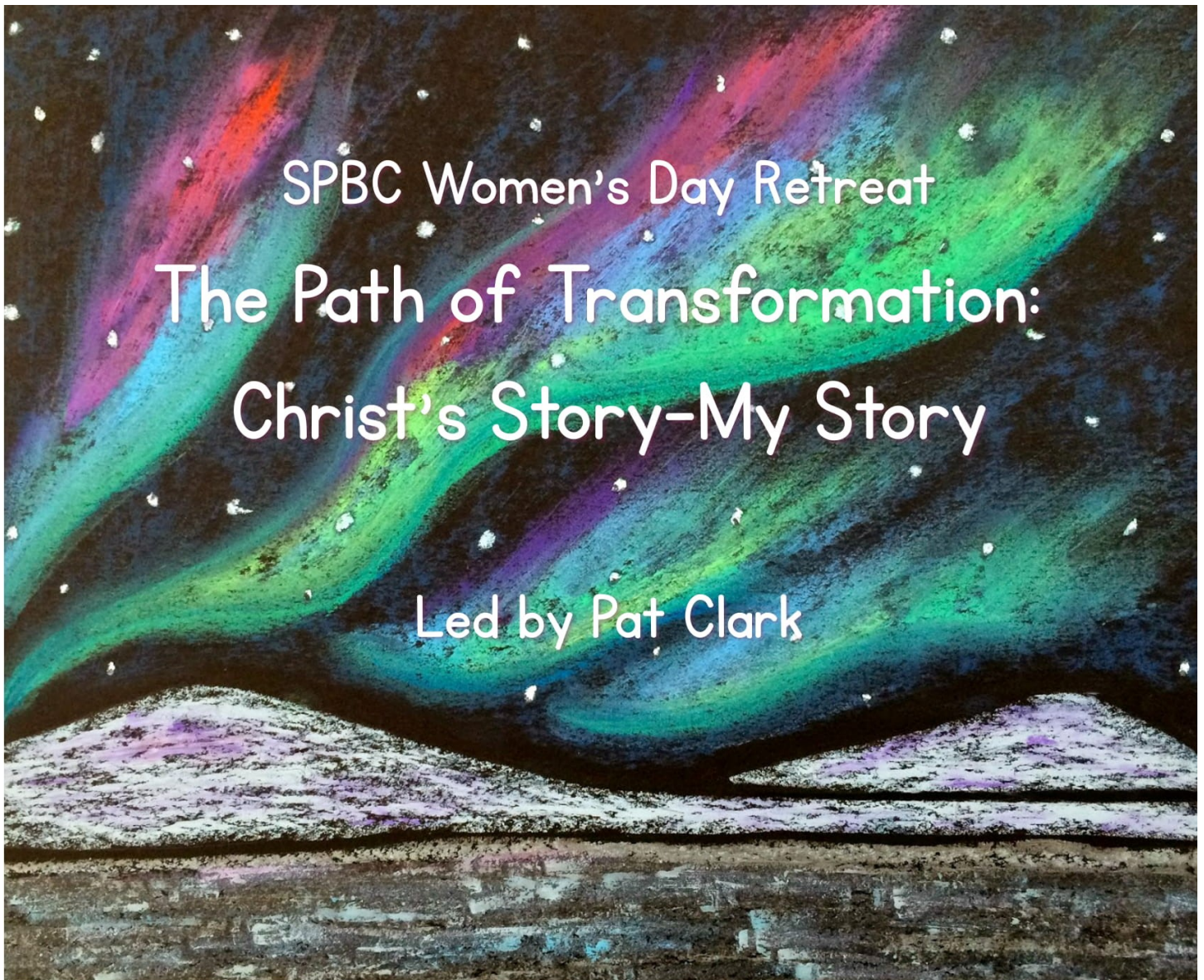
*The Gathering Place (TGP) met again on December 17 in the Fellowship Hall. We celebrated Christmas by playing Reindeer Games, creating beautiful glittery ornaments to take home, lunching on ham with homemade scalloped potatoes and brownies with peppermint ice cream for dessert. Entertainment was provided by Grandma's Boyfriends!!*

*On January 21, we will celebrate Elvis' Birthday. Come and volunteer, wear your favorite Elvis outfit, and bring your guitar. We will have an Elvis impersonator and have a sing-a-long!*

*TGP is an ecumenical partnership with CarePartners® that provides memory care activities, lunch, and a respite for caregivers of people with dementia. More volunteers are always needed. If you can spare one Monday of the month (third Monday) from 10 AM to 1 PM, we would love for you to join us. It is a fun and rewarding experience! For more Information, please snag a brochure from the pews in the Sanctuary.*

*We send a special thank you to those who have helped each month or when able over 2018. They are Sylvia Argyriou, Jacquie Ballesteros, Anne Brewin, Charlie Craig, Kay Craig, Ken and Linda Crawford, Carol Davis, Sarah Dikeman, Margaret Ford, Aubrey Galbreath, Luna Lassiter, Bill Laub, Betty Magnuson, Jennifer Miller, Patti Nanney, Marguerite Priest, Nina Rach, Rebecca Rivera, Shan St. Julian, Lisa Schultz, Jani Shepard, Dick Slover, Jeannie Stockton, Miriam Vyles, and Miguel Carlin.*





SPBC Women's Day Retreat  
The Path of Transformation:  
Christ's Story-My Story

Led by Pat Clark

Saturday, February 23, 2018

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hosted at Spring Branch Presbyterian in the Fellowship Hall  
with food by Kay Craig and Betty Magnuson (thank you Kay and Betty!)

The cost for the program is \$10 per person and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available. Registration is required by February 15th to Carol Davis at the church or mailed to her at 2515 Cezanne Circle, Missouri City, TX 77459.

Everyone is asked to bring her own scissors.

Sponsored by Faith Development Team at SBPC





The Rev. Pat Clark is a Presbyterian minister and spiritual director who loves Spring Branch Presbyterian Church and its people. She was the first female head of staff at SBPC during a term as interim 20 years ago. Pat holds degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, the Houston Graduate School of Theology, and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She is also certified in expressive arts and visioning ® through art therapist Lucia Capacchione.

Pat is the pastor emerita of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Houston and a former moderator of the Presbytery of New Covenant. She is married to Forrest Clark, has two grown children, and three grandchildren. Currently she is writing a book on cancer, faith, and kindergarten art.

For fun and relaxation she spends time at her family farm in Shiner, Texas, travels, writes, goes to movies, and dreams of where she will travel next.



As referenced by the enclosed flyer on the previous page, February 23rd is the date of the Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Faith Development Team. We still need a large supply of magazines for a project at the retreat. Rev. Pat Clark suggested magazines, such as *National Geographic*, *Oprah*, *Texas Highways*, *Southwest Art*, or any magazine with lots of pictures. You may drop them off at the Church office for Carol Davis anytime between now and the retreat. Everyone is asked to bring your own scissors.

Registration starts in January. Be sure you mark February 23rd on your calendar. You don't want to miss this retreat!



# SMALL TALK

JANUARY- SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY - 2019

## Hay Ride Fun

A big Thank you to Pastor Kevin for bringing his trailer and Guitar . We had an old fashion hay ride with Christmas caroling, chocolate milk and marshmallows.



## Christmas Pageant!



Thank you so much for attending the Christmas pageant. I think we broke a record for people attending. A special thanks to the Fellowship committee; dinner was delicious.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ring in the New Year is cause for celebration, for spending time with friends and family. As glasses are raised and fireworks explode into the sky, it's important to recognize this is a time of new beginnings, a fresh start and a time of reflection. No matter what your resolutions are, adding Love, Hope, Kindness, Caring and Joy will make a difference in the New Year.

## The Fairbees Square Dance Club

The Fairbees Square Dance Club had an active Christmas season. As part of our December dance schedule, we held a special Christmas dance on December 6 with all Christmas-themed music. At that dance, we collected two bins full of new unwrapped toys for the Memorial Assistance Ministries' Christmas Share Program in support of the SBPC Mission Team. In addition, the club members enjoyed a Christmas party at your wonderful Gathering Place on Saturday, December 15, where we had the privilege of welcoming special guest Miguel Carlin. The party featured good food, Christmas carols lead by member Bill Broddle with accompanist Keiko Horton, and a couple of dance tips.



Following the Fairbees toy donation, Memorial Assistance Ministries sent their heartfelt thanks:

Every year, there are families who are struggling to provide basic needs for their children. We know Christmas will not happen year for these families without your help! Your gift of toys and books means children will experience the joy of Christmas despite financial hardships their parents face. Thank you for sharing Christmas JOY with a child in need!

On December 15th, the parents of over 600 children came to pick up new unwrapped toys to give to their children for Christmas. Your generous gift of toys will bring excitement to a child on Christmas morning and tears of gratitude to a parent. With your help, we were able to spread joy to MAM families as we invited parents to receive new unwrapped gifts and a warm blanket to present to their children on Christmas morning.

Thank you for making a difference in a child's life this Christmas! We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warmly,

*Martha Macris*

Martha Macris  
President & CEO

*Thank you for  
this amazing support!  
Many blessings,  
Christine*

*Memorial Assistance Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
No gifts or services were given in exchange for this charitable gift.*



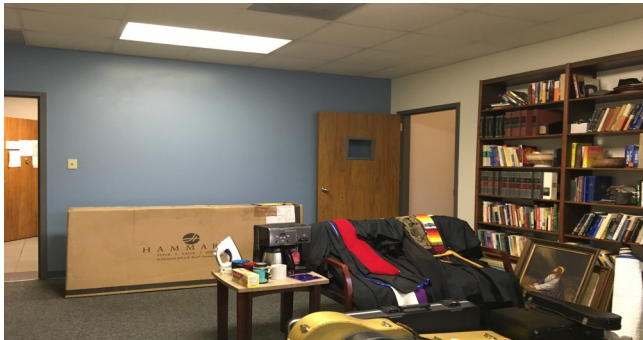
Many thanks to each of you who provided cookies for the holiday season. Fellowship had more than enough cookies for the Christmas in the Park youth choir members and for our Christmas Eve service. Thank you!



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased, or donated for, poinsettias for Christmas services, as well as those who donated flowers or brought your own arrangements during this past year to beautify our chancel. A new flower calendar has been posted in the Narthex on which you may sign up to provide flowers for the Church on Sundays in the New Year!



**A SPECIAL THANKS—** To Lisa Merritt, Jim Kunkel, Gerald Fitts, and Steve Blair and his sons, Ryan and Andrew, for their work to update Pastor Kevin's office. Lisa spent countless volunteer hours rearranging furniture and painting Pastor Kevin's office. With the help of Steve and his sons, they were able to remove the existing desk, credenza, and wardrobe to make room for the new desk. Following that, Jim and Gerald stopped by to put together Pastor Kevin's new desk. Don Tremble helped to find a "home" for the Pastor's desk, the wardrobe closet will be put to good use in the Sacristy, and Memorial Assistance Ministries took away the credenza with book shelves. Still plenty of work to do, but hopefully Pastor Kevin will feel at home in the "re-newed" office the first of January.



## Donate Fabric and Yarn to Happy Hands



If you are starting the new year by sorting through drawers and closets, look for extra fabric and yarn to donate to our Happy Hands group. We make heart shaped pillows, lap blankets, baby caps, and scarves to give to hospital patients.

We can use any washable fabric and yarn. This past year our group made 859 items that were given away to 859 people! To make a donation, contact Doris Wright at ([doriswright66@gmail.com](mailto:doriswright66@gmail.com)).

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!!



## 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.



## IMPORTANT PRESPRESS & BULLETIN REMINDER

**ALL PRESPRESS articles** are DUE no later than the **20th of this month!** Please email your articles to Kathy Cash at [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@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](http://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.

# Happy Birthday To you

Barbara Tremble	1/9	Byron Goodrum	1/23
Alexandria Balli	1/10	Denise Wilborn	1/24
Susan Heitshusen	1/11	Marc Bik	1/25
Lucille Pringle	1/12	Virginia Miller	1/26
Kaitlynn Turney	1/12	William (Bill) Laub	1/27
Adam Tutt	1/19	Hazen Ballesteros	1/27
Gerald Fitts	1/20	Benjamin Dethloff	1/27
Lauralai Caldera	1/20	Doris "Dori" Holder	1/27
William Stockton	1/20	Derek Dees	1/29
Bunnie Lezon	1/21	Delia Nix	1/30



Kip and Margaret Rouse

1/29

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, Church Calendar, Holidays in United States, Idea Spring, Outside SBPC Reservations Jan 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		Church Office & Academy New Year's Day	9:30am - PW Moderator 10:15am - PW Board	10am - Flexercise (GP) 2pm - Messy Church @ 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga (CR)		1:30pm - Volleyball
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	4pm - WOW 6pm - PW Unwind 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Cong. Care Mtg 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:45pm - Mission Team Mtg 6:30pm - Fellowship Group	9:30am - PW Circle @ 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga (CR)		1:30pm - Volleyball 4pm - Pastor Kevin's
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 12:30pm - Mo. B/D Party 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	4pm - WOW 5pm - Academy Board 6pm - Yoga (CR)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Finance Meeting	9:30am - Zip Trip 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir 7pm - Property Team	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - Idea Spring @ 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga (CR)		8am - Presb. Men 10am - Called Session Mtg. 1:30pm - Volleyball
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
PresPress Articles DUE 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 10am - The Gathering Place 4pm - WOW 6pm - Unwind Circle 6pm - Yoga (CR)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 7pm - Session (CR)	9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees Square 6pm - Yoga (CR)		11am - Hot Meals 1:30pm - Volleyball
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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Rejoice evermore.  
Pray without ceasing.  
In every thing give thanks: for  
this is the will of God in Christ  
Jesus concerning you.

1 THESS 5:16-18