

PRES PRESS

From The Pastor

- Q. Why does the Easter bunny have a shiny nose?
A. Because the powder puff is on the other end!
Q. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?
A. With a hare dryer!
Q. How does a rabbit keep his fur looking good?
A. With hare spray!
Q. What did the rabbits do after their wedding?
A. They went on a bunnymoon!
Q. What did one colored egg say to the other?
A. "Heard any good yolks lately?"

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OK, those were really really bad, but it's that time of year again, when images of Easter are brought to mind. I have been asked about the origin of some of our Easter practices and why we celebrate it as we do. Since there seems to be interest here at Spring Branch, I thought I would take a moment to bring out some very interesting historical facts:

Officially, Easter is the holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. As you may know, Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox. So Easter became a "movable" feast which can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. Christian churches in the East observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival, so are usually a little different in their dating.

You may also know that some of the celebrations surrounding Easter have customs and legends that are quite pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity. For instance, "Easter" is an English word that derives from the name of a Germanic goddess, and much of the Church today feels it should be disused because of its association with pagan fertility rites. On the other hand, I should probably also point out that the Old Testament book of Esther is named after a Jewish heroine who bore the name of the goddess Ishtar! In the ancient Church, the celebration of the Resurrection was simply called Passover. Today, Orthodox Christians call this holiday the "Pasch" (as in paschal lamb), which is the Greek word for Passover. In many churches, the designation "Sunday of the Resurrection" is often preferred over Easter and in Lutheran liturgy, it is officially called "The Resurrection of Our Lord." Still, most of Christendom simply uses the word "Easter" as we refer to the celebration of the resurrection.

One staple of Easter is eggs! This tradition has its origin in ancient Rome where children believed that hares laid eggs in the grass. The Romans believed that all life comes from an egg. Christians, historically, consider eggs to be "the seed of life" and so they are symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just why we dye, or color, and decorate eggs is not certain, though we do know that in ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome and Persia eggs were dyed for spring festivals. In medieval Europe, beautifully decorated eggs were given as gifts.

What does all of this have to do with our Easter celebration here in 2019? I still believe that, despite some questionable origins as mentioned above, Easter is, for us, the time of year when we focus in a unique way on the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I believe that God has redeemed ancient festivals, and that we celebrate Christ, who, through his death and resurrection, became the source of life to us. So don't miss it!

Be sure to also check the calendar of events in this newsletter for all of our Holy Week activities, and participate in proclaiming the wonderful news that Christ is Lord! I am so looking forward to celebrating our first Easter together.

In Christ's Service,
Kevin

- P.S. Q. Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?
A. He was having a bad hare day!

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”



PALM SUNDAY

April 14th—10:50 a.m.

Gospel Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18th—6:00 p.m.

Seder Service & Dinner

Fellowship Hall



Families and friends of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church are invited to join together in a traditional Seder meal on Maundy Thursday.

Please RSVP in the Church Office or Narthex.

Reservations are requested, though not required.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 19th—10:30 a.m.

“Egg Dyeing Party”

Picnic in the Garden

April 19th—7:45 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

More Details to follow

EASTER VIGIL ON EASTER SATURDAY—April 20th

The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The church sanctuary will be reserved for this day, and it is suggested that you use it. The times are divided into one hour slots. Signup for an hour in the office during the week, or in the Sanctuary on Sundays by April 18th.

EASTER—April 21st

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

(Spring Valley Park)

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:50 a.m. A Celebration of the Resurrection



Missions of the Month

The Mission of the Month for April is **Mo-Ranch!** We support Mo-Ranch's youth scholarship fund so that all children and youth can enjoy and benefit from a Mo-Ranch experience.



Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is located in the heart of the beautiful Hill Country in Hunt, Texas. It is nestled on 500-acres along the spring-fed Guadalupe River with an abundance of land and water recreation, sports activities, hiking trails, and the great outdoors. Mo-Ranch is open to the public for spiritual retreats, conferences, summer and day camps, weddings, reunions, group meetings, corporate retreats, vacation getaways and individual reservations.

But youth programs have been at the heart of Mo-Ranch's ministry since its inception and have drawn tens of thousands of youth to attend the unforgettable Mo-Ranch experience that's filled with new friends, spiritual enrichment, worship, study and recreation. Activities and recreation include everything from taking a challenge on the Mo ropes course, dancing, games, energizers, vespers and popsicle parties, to aquathons, sports, evening movies, swimming in the beautiful Guadalupe, singing God's praises and more!

There are five different conferences this year during June and July, including the Youth Celebration (June 23-28) and two Junior High Jubilees (June 30-July 4 and July 7-11).

In 2019, our church will give \$600/year to Mo-Ranch Youth Scholarship Fund.



April Mission Updates & Opportunities

March 3 Blood Drive – Many thanks to all who participated in the March 3 Blood Drive. We had a total of 17 participants for 19 collected units, exceeding our drive goal of 12 units.

"A Caregiver's Journey" – A great program was presented on March 14 by Baker-Ripley, one of our benevolences, to about 20 people, of which about half of the attendees were from outside of our church. Especially appreciated was the hands-on experience of what it is like to do every-day chores for someone with dementia. We hope to partner with Baker-Ripley in the future for additional programs

Encouragement Notes – We will be writing encouragement notes for MAM job applicants as well as for homebound church members on April 3 and 10 at Wednesday Night Suppers.

PCHAS Fundraiser Luncheon – Don't forget to put on your calendar that May 9 will be the annual fundraiser luncheon for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services at the Junior League of Houston from 12noon to 1pm. Registration will begin at 11:30am. There will be carpools leaving from our church at 11:15.

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.



SUPER HERO MESSY CHURCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 4th

5:30-7 IN THE FELLOSHIP HALL

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN

1215 CAMPBELL ROAD

OPTIONAL BUT FUN:
BRING YOUR SUPER HERO
COSTUMES AND CAPES
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLE
DINNER FOR ALL :-)

Messy
CHURCH

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.

Registration and Coffee in Fellowship Hall

SESSION 1

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

How Christian?
Why Presbyterian?
Led by Rev. Ted Foote

SESSION 2

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Faith Formation in the 21st Century, including information on Summer Mission Camp and Messy Church
Led by Dave Coles, Rev. Becky Downs, and Kate Cross

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Bring your own lunch to Fellowship Hall

SESSION 3

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Annual Church Leader Training
Led by Rev. Steve Hill

SESSION 4

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

How the Missioninsite Tool Can Inform a Church's Ministry and Mission
Led by Dave Coles and Shelley Hernandez

Presbyterian Leadership Enrichment

2019

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Sponsored by the Congregational Resourcing Team



Rev. Ted Foote
First Presbyterian Church
Bryan, TX



Rev. Becky Downs
John Knox Presbyterian
Church, Houston, TX



Kate Cross
Spring Branch Presbyterian
Church, Houston, TX



Rev. Steve Hill
First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, TX



Shelley Hernandez
Heritage Presbyterian Church
Cypress, TX



Dave Coles
Pines Presbyterian Church
Houston, TX

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Saturday, April 6, 2019

Pines Presbyterian Church | 12751 Kimberley Lane | Houston

This is a FREE EVENT! All sessions will be videotaped for the Presbytery website under the 'Filing Cabinet' for future use.

REGISTER TODAY with Carrie Walker at cwalker@pbyofnewcovenant.org or on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ignite-the-fire-tickets-58391702153>



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5:30-6:30

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GOD • ONE ANOTHER • WORLD

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is hosting an Egg Dyeing Party on Good Friday, April 19th at 10:30am. Bring one dozen (or more) hard boiled eggs and a picnic lunch. We'll dye our eggs together.

A Collection of filled plastic Easter Eggs begins March 10th for our annual Easter Morning Egg Hunt. Please deposit your eggs in the box outside the church office.





Join Unwind on April 1st at Dish Society



Unwind will gather for dinner and fellowship on Monday, April 1 at 6:00. The group is heading back to Dish Society (<https://www.dishsociety.com/location-memorial/>), located at 12525 Memorial Dr, 77024. Join us for conversation, laughter, and just relaxing around the table. Invite a friend.

Let Denise Wilborn know you are coming by email (dwilborn55@gmail.com).

Please share your ideas about restaurants in the greater Spring Branch area where Unwind might gather. Let Denise know at the same email address.

The dates for future Unwind gatherings through the summer are: May, 6; June 3; July 1; and August 5.

April Birthdays Celebration

Join us for our church wide monthly birthday celebration of friends and family born in April. Light refreshments will be served in the breezeway, weather permitting, following our Palm Sunday worship on April 14.

If you are interested in helping with these monthly celebrations, please let Denise Wilborn (dwilborn55@gmail.com) know. Volunteers to provide snacks, help with set up, or help with clean up are invited.



Presbyterian Women at a Glance

PW BIBLE MODERATORS meet 4/3 at 9:30 a.m.. in the Conference Room.

PW BOARD meets 4/3 at 10:15 a.m. in Conference Room.

PW CIRCLE meets 4/10 at 9:30 a.m in the Conference Room.

THE HORIZONS BIBLE study using **ZOOM** will be on Tuesday, **April 23**, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Lesson 8.

HAPPY HANDS meets on 4/24 at 9:30 a.m.

PW DIRECTORIES are available in the Church Office.



NEWS YOU CAN USE



An Evening Out for Food and Fellowship

Join old friends, and perhaps meet new ones, at the Wednesday Night Suppers.

April 3 — Hamburgers

April 10 — Take me out to the ballgame— hot dogs

April 17 — No Wednesday Night Supper
Join us for the Maundy Thursday Seder Service & Dinner

April 24 — Lasagna



Don't forget to order your Easter Lily to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter in memory or in honor of a loved one. You can place your orders with the Church Office until April 17th! They are \$10 each. The names of those remembered or honored will be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.



It's a picture of our group at last year's PCHAS Fundraiser Luncheon at the Jr. League.

We're doing it again this year. Our Table Hosts again will be Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, and Patti Nanney.



You're Invited!

to a luncheon benefitting the children of PCHAS

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Registration 11:30am * * * Lunch 12-1pm

**Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane**

Houston

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| Anonymous | The John P. McGovern Foundation |
| Bill and Laura Parker | |
| Charlie Craig | Kay Craig |
| Grandpa Anonymous | Sheila Liu |

CLOSER TO HOME

The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place (TGP) celebrated Rodeo and St. Patrick's Day with the Irish Cowboy and Rodeo Crafts. A great time, and a great BBQ lunch was consumed by all!

The Gathering Place is an ecumenical partnership with CarePartners® that provides memory care activities, lunch, and a respite for caregivers of people with dementia. For more information, please snag a brochure from the pews in the Sanctuary.

Join us this month on April 15th! 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!



Parlor Design



The Property Group is looking for of a dynamic group of people willing and able to help give the parlor a face lift! If you are interested, and it is right up your alley, please contact Lisa Merritt at fake_momm@yahoo.com or 713-775-0033.

The family of Bob Coller wishes to thank SBPC for the love, support, prayers, and encouragement during this difficult time. Your kindness and remembrances have meant a great deal to us.

Patti, Steve, and Laverne

The Sympathy of the congregation is with the family of Bill Laub who passed away on March 16, 2019.



The
Joy
of the
Lord
is my
Strength
Nehemiah 8:10



Save the date

to be photographed for the new
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
directory

Photography dates
May 14 - May 15

Lifetouch.

SBPC is having a new Photo Directory made!

The photo shoot will take place on Tuesday, May 14th, and Wednesday, May 15th.

Schedule your appointment online now at:

booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yplx83k,

OR in person on Sunday mornings or at Wednesday Night Supper.

For more information, or assistance with signing up,
please contact Linda Crawford (713-464-6866) or Sarah Dikeman (713-468-3973).

A CAREGIVER'S JOURNEY



On March 14th, Spring Branch Presbyterian was pleased to host our neighbors, as we partnered with BakerRipley to host our inaugural "A Caregiver's Journey". A program to help families in our community learn strategies to take care of their loved ones. We also learned about the many resources that BakerRipley offers to help seniors. We look forward to hosting another program later this year.



The Mission of Yahweh

On March 26th, Spring Branch was pleased to join the Mission of Yahweh at their *Miracles of the Mission Breakfast*. This special program shared an update on the many activities that have occurred at the Mission over the last year. The Mission sends a special thank you to Spring Branch Presbyterian for our continued support and prayers.

Congratulations

We are delighted to share that Mrs. Denise Wilborn successfully presented her dissertation to complete her Doctorate Degree on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. She will be awarded her Doctorate Degree later this spring. Congratulations to Dr. Wilborn!





SBPC Scholarship applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due May 1 for the year applying and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the women's scholarship and Ken Crawford for the men's scholarship.

**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
Women's/ Men's Scholarship Application
2019-2020 Academic Year**

Name: _____ DOB _____

Permanent Address: _____

School Address: _____

Phone cell: _____ home: _____

Are you employed: FT____ PT____ Work Study____ N/A ____

Name of College, University, or Technical School: _____

Level: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____
Senior _____ Post- Grad _____

Degree Program: _____

Years Attended: _____ FT/ PT student _____

GPA: _____ Honors Program: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

On a separate piece of paper, in paragraph form, please describe:

1. Your goals
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Community service
4. How your faith and belief in God affects your studies
5. Your membership and involvement in Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
6. Use of Scholarship money
7. Any other information you'd like to share
8. Optional Photograph

**Applications are due the 1st of May for the year applying and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted at a college, university, technical school, or certification program. Scholarships will be awarded in the summer of the year applying. Recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0/C average. Applicant must be an active member in good standing of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. Reapplication may be made each year beginning January 1.

BITS & PIECES

Donate Fabric and Yarn to Happy Hands



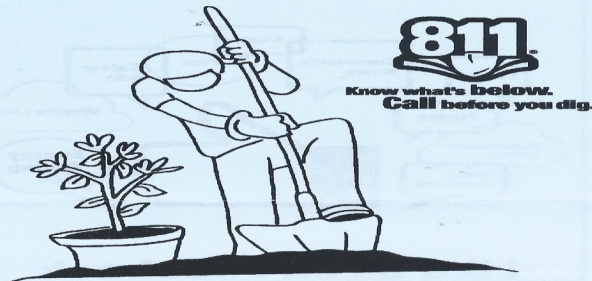
If you are starting the new year by sorting through drawers and closets, look for extra fabric and yarn to donate to our Happy Hands group. We make heart shaped pillows, lap blankets, baby caps, and scarves to give to hospital patients. We can use any washable fabric and yarn. This past year our group made 859 items that were given away to 859 people! To make a donation, contact Doris Wright at (doriswright66@gmail.com).

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!!

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No-spin laundry tips that lower energy use

- Use your washer's cold cycle. Heating water uses more energy and today's detergents work well in cold temps.
- Wash full but not packed loads. Water circulation helps cleaning and rinsing actions.
- Do laundry during morning or night hours. Appliances heat up the rooms where they are located.
- Frequently clean your dryer's lint screen to cut drying time and prevent lint-trap fires.



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IMPORTANT PRESPRESS & BULLETIN REMINDER

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

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.

Birth^{day} Blessings

Kip Rouse	4/2	Dick Slover	4/14
Rebecca Smith-Fairchild	4/5	Donald McDaniel	4/16
Jani Shepard	4/6	Kylie Marie Alderson	4/17
Elliot Rouse	4/9	Karen Dikeman	4/20
Carla Pace	4/9	Alex Napuri	4/20
Emma Pace	4/10	Arletta Lees	4/23
Terry Austin	4/11	Parker Blome	4/27
Nathan Albert	4/13	Laverne Coller	4/29
Emily Mitchell	4/14	Thomas Lepera	4/25

Happy Anniversary!



Stephanie Premer and Thomas Lepera	4/1
Christopher and Ashley Powell	4/7
Sam and Rachel Wright	4/10
Dianne and Jerry Bigelow	4/12
Dick and Dorothy Slover	4/18
Gerald and Jan Fitts	4/26
Ken and Terry Austin	4/28

Church Calendar

Apr 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	4pm - WOW 6pm - PW Unwind 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6:30pm - Team Leader	9am - Cong. Care 10am - Flexercise (GP)	9:30am - PW Moderator 10:15am - PW Board 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir 7pm - Property Meeting	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - Messy Church @ 6pm - Yoga (CR)		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Mo-Ranch 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	4pm - WOW 6pm - Yoga (CR)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:45pm - Mission Team 6:30pm - Fellowship Grp 7pm - Worship Team	9:30am - PW Circle 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir	6:30am - Academy Spring 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - Idea Spring 6pm - Yoga (CR)	6:30am - Academy Spring	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Palm Sunday 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 12:30pm - Monthly 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	10am - The Gathering Place 4pm - WOW 5pm - Academy Board 6pm - Yoga (CR)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Finance Group Mtg	7pm - Choir	Maundy Thursday 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Maundy Thursday	Good Friday 10:30am - Egg Dyeing 7:45pm - Good Friday	PresPress Articles DUE Saturday Easter Vigil
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday 7am - Easter Sunrise 9am - Easter Breakfast 10am - Easter Egg Hunt 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Handbells 5:30pm - Boy Scouts	4pm - WOW 6pm - Yoga (CR)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 7pm - Session (CR) 8pm - Horizon's Bible Study	9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 6pm - WNS @ Fellowship 7pm - Choir	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)		11am - Hot Meals
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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