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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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Greetings, friends and members of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church!

I pray that this finds you well and that you are enjoying the blessings of our Lord. A special thank you to all who have been part of our “drive-in” services lately. Your participation has made the events fun and inspiring. Many people are asking when we will be returning to worshipping in person. The answer is a little complicated, but here is the word of your Elders as of today:

1. We will be resuming worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 14.
2. Social distancing will be in effect.
3. An Usher will seat all worshipers an appropriate distance from one another, with family groups being allowed to sit together.
4. The first several rows will not be used, so that there will be adequate distance from both the Pulpit and Lectern.
5. Entrances, exits, and ways to the rest rooms will be mapped out and explained to all worshipers before entering worship.
6. All worshipers will be asked to wear masks and sanitize their hands prior to entering worship. Hand sanitizer and a limited number of masks will be available, so worshipers are asked to bring their own if possible.
7. There will be no choir for the time being, due to concerns about distancing and the possible increased spread of contamination while singing.
8. In place of congregational singing, music will be led in such a way that congregants may participate while masked if they choose.
9. There will be no Time For Young Disciples as we have known it, until we are cleared to do so.
10. We will not shake hands, hug, or otherwise touch during the worship service.
11. No refreshments will be served and water fountains will not be available. Worshipers may feel free to bring bottled water.
12. Sunday School classes will continue online, until we learn that it is safe to meet in person.
13. There will be no Nursery yet, though hopefully this will be reinstated in the near future as the need arises.
14. Worshipers are encouraged to give online if possible. All offerings in the service will be collected in such a way that no touch is involved.
15. The service will also be broadcast over Facebook Live. We urge anyone who may be at a high risk to please continue worshipping with us in this manner until it is safe to do so.

I find it amazing that these guidelines need to be in place, although I think we do all understand. In addition, the CDC frequently changes information, so these guidelines may change to reflect them. In which case, we will notify everyone as quickly as possible.

Please do pray for your pastor, elders, and church staff, as we attempt to navigate these unfamiliar waters.

In Christ's Service,
Kevin Boyd, Pastor

Missions of the Month

The "Mission of the Month" for June is reVision. The mission of Houston: reVision (reVision) is to leverage the power of community by connecting kids on the edge with mentors, positive peers, and life-changing resources. reVision works with youth enmeshed at every point of the school to prison pipeline - teens in trouble at school, in juvenile detention, on probation - as well as 'certified' youth in adult prison. Intervening in the lives of male and female youth of all ethnicities,

reVision has come into contact with hundreds of youth whose pathway into the criminal justice system began in their home schools, where they found themselves suspended, removed to alternative schools, and arrested and expelled. By connecting one kid at a time to caring adults, positive peers and a program that works, we offer disconnected youth the opportunity to revision hopeful pathways.



June Mission Updates & Opportunities

Missions during the COVID-19 Outbreak – As you can imagine, many of the typical Missions that we perform have been curtailed due to social distancing requirements in place to mitigate transmission of the virus. We have adapted to this and have changed the focus of our mission work to respond to needs arising from our current challenges. We have two initiatives now and are developing others.

- Sewing masks for medical staff and first responders- As you have all seen on the news, there is a critical national shortage of personal protective equipment for medical staff and first responders. We have a dedicated group, led by Kay Craig, who have taken upon themselves to sew masks to protect the people that take care of us. If you would like to help, please contact Kay.
- Letters / Cards for medical staff and first responders- These people work a lot of hours and are under an incredible amount of stress between patient concerns, long works hours, and concerns for their own families. While we cannot do a lot about these things, but we can offer written encouragement to them to help keep morale up. If you would like to participate, please contact Miguel Carlin.
- Financial donations to Food Pantries in Spring Branch- Due to the high rate of unemployment from the COVID-19 Outbreak, the Fair Haven and East Spring Branch Food Pantries have been seeing an unprecedented amount of traffic. We have decided to make monetary donations to each of these food pantries to assist them in serving more people in need during this difficult time. A total of 375 items were collected for the Fair Haven Food Pantry at our Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Suppers. Thank you to everyone that donated!

SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends – The current COVID-19 restrictions have made this service opportunity possibly more important than ever. These types of services have been declared “essential services” by the county, so we have been able to continue delivering meals. 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 Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. The Saturday for this month will be June 27.

Special Offerings Update – Thank you to everyone that contributed to *the One Great Hour of Sharing* and *Pentecost Special Offerings*. We are happy to announce that \$597 was collected for *One Great Hour of Sharing*, and \$1,373 was collected for the *Pentecost Special Offering*.

**Join Us as We explore *Neighborhood Church*:
Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission**
by Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller

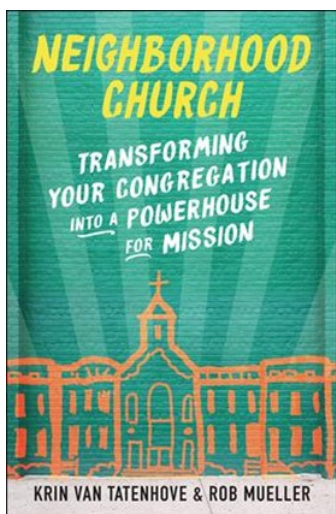
During this time of being apart in order to care for neighbor and self, Faith Development is offering a Zoom book study of Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller's *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission*. A small group of members moved through this book last fall. I think each of us walked away with a slight shift in how we perceive community, church, and mission - all of which are impacted at this time.

Our first study of *Neighborhood Church* occurred at different locations in the near Spring Branch community. As each of our homes is now our weekly place of worship, a Zoom study of the book at this time is posed to add a new layer and depth to our ideas of and thoughts about our church community. We will truly be exploring beyond our red brick walls!

The six week Zoom study will begin Wednesday, June 17 and will meet each week for an hour at 7:30 pm. Please contact Denise Wilborn (faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org) to let her know you are interested in participating. An email Zoom invitation will be sent to you at your preferred email address.

Books can be ordered from Amazon (\$13.44) or from PC(USA) Store (<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664264786/neighborhood-church.aspx>) for \$13.00.

Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation Into a Powerhouse for Mission
by Krin Van Tatenhove and Bob Mueller. 122 pages in paperback.



This is a resource to inspire churches to become a vibrant and engaging community partner with the families and neighborhoods living around them. Drawing on their combined sixty years of parish experience, wisdom from Asset-Based Community Development, and compelling case stories, Van Tatenhove and Mueller do more than just call us to incarnational ministry. They give practical, essential tools that lead to communal conversion, develop the DNA of listening, spur fruitful partnerships, promote integrated space, and sustain long-term visions.

A preview of the book and the five chapters can be found at <https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664264786/neighborhood-church.aspx>

Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the church each week in the absence of our usual *Presentation of Tithes and Offerings* time on Sunday mornings. Don't forget that the church expenses continue just the same. If at all possible, please mail in your contributions, or use the online giving option (www.springbranchpres.org/give).

Thank you for your continued commitment!



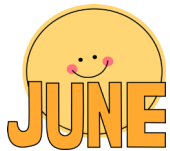
**The Presbyterian Women and Men
are delighted to award scholarships this year to:**

- Caroline Bik, who will continue her education in post-graduate school.
- Elizabeth Bik, who will continue at Texas A&M as a Junior in Chemical Engineering.
- William Stockton, who will continue his education in post-graduate school.
- Benjamin Dethloff, who will continue at Wharton County Junior College as a Sophomore.



PW at a Glance

(There will be no Board Meetings, Bible Study, or Zip Trips during the summer)



HAPPY HANDS might meet on 6/24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

There will be a **PW Welcoming Tea** on 8/23 at 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to the
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Women's Welcoming Tea

Sunday, August 23

3-5 PM

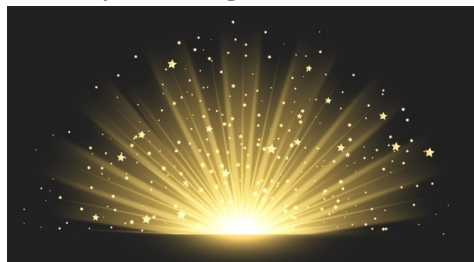
Join us for delicious homemade tea items,
beautiful table settings, and introduction to
our Bible study for this year. If interested in hosting
a table, contact Barbara Tremble or Kay Craig.

Pastors Bible Study

The Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin is continuing to meet online. A Zoom invitation will be sent out each week for accessing and joining the meeting.

Sunday Morning Reflection Opportunity

Faith Development will continue to offer an on-line opportunity for Sunday morning study; or another time of your choice. The new class of young parents and families is using beautifully produced, timely, and relevant videos each week for their discussion on Sundays. InLighten Films offers dramatic, scripture-based films which are theater quality.



As stated on the InLighten Film website, "No robe and sandal reenactments. No cartoons. No one preaching at you." Each video is supported by questions for discussion and reflection. An email with a link to each week's film and discussion questions will be sent out.

Virtual Sunday School

The Explorer's Sunday School Class is meeting virtually using the video conferencing Platform *Zoom*. The group meets at the usual 9:30 a.m. time on Sunday mornings. Patti Nanney will teach the class on June 7th and Matt Dikeman will teach on June 14th. If you would like to participate and don't normally attend the class, please contact Carol Davis to receive a Zoom Invitation.



The seeds that were given out by Todd Miller at the *Time for Young Disciples* on February 23rd have become flowers! Pictured is an excited Tristan!



Dorothy Slover	6/4	Anne Johnson	6/17
Lily Elaine Earnest	6/5	Elizabeth Bik	6/23
Isaiah Tapia	6/6	McKie Johnson	6/24
Charles Craig	6/7	Ken Austin	6/27
Lincoln Albert	6/8	Bill Bryant	6/27
Jeremy Alderson	6/8	Ryan Blair	6/28
Matthew Alderson	6/8	Elizabeth Murphy	6/30
Kay Craig	6/12		



Happy Anniversary!



Garth and Susan Heitshusen	6/2
Neal and Karen Dikeman	6/16
Curtis and Jeannie Stockton	6/16
Ken and Linda Crawford	6/19
Brittany and Scott Lassiter	6/27
Anne and McKie Johnson	6/29

Church Calendar

Jun 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31						
7	5pm - Academy Board	11am - Pastor's Bible Study				
Trinity Sunday 9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Digital Worship 						
14	9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Worship	11am - Pastor's Bible Study	7:30pm - Neighborhood			PresPress Articles DUE
21	Father's Day 9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Worship 	11am - Pastor's Bible Study 7pm - Session	9:30am - Happy Hands (GP) 7:30pm - Neighborhood			11am - Hot Meals
28	9:30am - Explorers - Zoom 10:50am - Worship	11am - Pastor's Bible Study				



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