

Dear Members and Friends,

It is not my usual practice to begin newsletters with a death notice. But this was one which I thought the whole congregation should see:

Someone Else Died

I know all of you were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our church's most valuable members--Someone Else. Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Someone Else can work with that group. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much.

Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things that Someone Else did? Remember we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

As things begin to open up, there are many opportunities for you to serve, and you will be hearing of more. As we spoke about in last week's sermon, it is truly a wonderful thing when God's people put their gifts to work for the sake of the kingdom. What might God be calling you to do? There are opportunities for you to serve. I wish for you the joy that comes from being a servant.

I must also add that I am encouraged by the many of you who already do so much. You make your pastor proud! As we move boldly into this new future, please consider becoming involved. Do not leave it to Someone Else.

In Christ's Service,

Hum K. Boyd

"But prove yourselves doers of the word..." -James 1:22

Kevin



The "Mission of the Month" for August is MAM (Memorial Area Ministries). MAM was started in 1981 as a coalition of 14 local churches and one synagogue to establish a network to provide emergency services to families living in poverty. Today, over 30 congregations provide financial and other support to MAM.

MAM provides a wide array of services to the community, which now includes (Spring Branch, Cypress and Alief).

Services provided include: financial assistance programs, citizenship classes, employment services, English instruction, immigration assistance, mental health counseling, after school and immunization programs, and special targeted programs like assistance for victims of the Watson Grinding explosion. MAM has seen a major increase in service requests in all their support services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Our church will be collecting funds for MAM to provide school uniforms for children during the month of August. MAM's 2021 goal is to provide \$50 uniform vouchers to 5,000 children. Donations will be accepted in the breezeway before and after the service every Sunday, and donations may be dropped off in the church office. Please make checks payable to SBPC and write *MAM back to school* in the memo line. You may also give online through the SBPC MAM fundraiser page: https://givebutter.com/2021MAMbacktoschool/springbranchpresbyterian.

August Mission Updates & Opportunities

PCHAS Back-To-School Supplies – Our church is a big supporter of PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's Home and Services). During July, we had a Back to School Drive to provide school supplies for the children involved with PCHAS. During July, we collected over 300 items to donate to PCHAS for distribution. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and way to go SBPC!

July Blood Drive – Thank you to everyone that participated in our July 18th Blood Drive. We had a total of 7 participants, 5 qualified donors, and collected 7 total products to save up to 21 lives!

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 August 28th.



Donate Today!

MAM distributes over 5,000 shopping vouchers to local schools for children in need of school clothes! **PARENTS** shop with their kids for new clothing at local retailers using vouchers like gift certificates.

CHILDREN see their parents as the providers and *real* superstars!



PROVIDES NEW SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR A LOCAL KID!

mamhouston.org/backtoschool



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Annual Presbyterian Women's

Welcoming Tea

Sunday, August 8, 3 – 5 PM in The Gathering Place

You are invited to bring your mothers, grandmothers, daughters & granddaughters to join us for lovely tea goodies

We have about 8 wonderful baskets for drawings. Auction tickets will be 6 for \$5.00 & proceeds will go toward the PW & PM Scholarship Funds.

We have a special live performance (Thanks to Wanda Boyd!) to introduce the women in the new PW study book: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Lessons Learned from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus."

> Please RSVP to Kay Craig: kay@craig-heidt.com or 713-248-4138 and let me know how many & the ages of the youth.

> If you need babysitting, please call Sarah Dikeman or the office at least a week before.





PW at a Glance

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

There will be a **PW WELCOMING TEA** on <u>8/8</u> at 3:00 PM

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 8/25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS for 2021-2022 (What My Grandmother's Taught Me) are available

in the Church Office, or can be picked up from Sarah Dikeman. The cost is \$10.



Join the Happy Hands group on Wednesday, August 25, 9:30 to 11:00 am to stuff and/or sew heart pillows for hospital patients. Our distribution channel is up and running!

In early July, several people cut and sewed together 83 small hearts to be used at Vacation Bible School as a service

project. The hearts had a print fabric side and a plain white side. At VBS, the kids drew pictures and notes on the plain side and stuffed the hearts to make them soft and cozy. At Happy Hands in July, the group stitched the pillows closed and they are on their way to cheer up kids in hospitals. Great collaboration for VBS, Happy Hands, and Common Threads (MDUMC)!











If you have any stores of fabric or yarn you'd like to pass for others to make into items for patients, please let Doris Wright know, or take them to the church office. Happy Hands, working with Common Threads, is a great place to put those items to use.



The Gathering Place



Ministry Program

The Gathering Place program is beginning again, in-person, on August 16th!

We meet once a month – on the third Monday. It is a wonderful outreach to those who are caregiving for a dementia/Alzheimer loved one, giving the caregiver a few hours free, and the loved one some activity for the day. It includes a lunch for all volunteers, caregivers and guests. If you are interested in helping out for only once a month, please contact Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or jballesteros1103@gmail.com or Sarah Dikeman at 713-468-3973 or swdmmd@dikeman.net.

Wednesday Night Supper

September 1 — Hamburgers!

Fall Wednesday Night Suppers will be starting back up on September 1st at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall with hamburgers and all of the trimmings.



Prices for the supper are as follows:

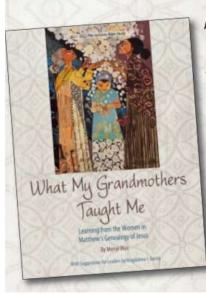
Adults (age 13 & up)	\$5.00	
Children (ages 1-12)	\$2.00	
Family w/children ages 1-12	\$12.00	
(immediate family only please)		
To go plates	\$5.00	

The Fellowship Committee welcomes anyone who would like to help with a dinner or volunteer any Wednesday in the kitchen! If you are interested in helping just once or on an ongoing basis, please contact Laurie Mitchell at <u>galamitchell@comcast.net</u>. The committee is happy to help support you in any way if you would like to take on a



You are invited to an overview of

Introducing the 2021–2022 PW/Horizons Bible study



The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew invites us into the family stories that helped shape Jesus and shape us too. The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spellbound as a grandmother reminisces about her early life.

Matthew chose to mention a handful of women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.

What can they teach us? Matthew has named these women for a reason. Their stories will lead us into the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus Christ. Having explored their stories together, we will have a richer idea about what the good news is.

There will be two in-person overviews the first two Saturdays of August.

Saturday, August 7, at First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena 4647 Preston Avenue, Pasadena TX 77505 Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon Register with Ruth Askine at 713-515-9248 via phone or text.

Saturday, August 14, at Northwoods Presbyterian Church 3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy, Houston TX 77068 Registration and Refreshments at 9:30am, followed by overview from 10am to 12noon Register with church office at 281-444-8861 or email <u>nicole@northwoods.org</u>

If you would rather attend a virtual overview,

there will be an overview via Zoom on **Saturday, August 21**, at 10am to 12noon. You may email Carol Davis at <u>caroldavis@entouch.net</u>, and she will email you the Zoom link.

All overviews will be presented by Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church; Connie Nyquist, C.C.E. (Retired), Clear Lake Presbyterian Church; and Reverend Laura Grice, T.E., The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.

All overviews are free!

To assist with planning, pre-registration is requested one week prior to the event.

All God's Critters Have a Place in the Choir Vacation Bible School

The Faith Development ministry of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is grateful to each and every volunteer and center leader who shared their gift of time and compassion with the children attending vacation bible school from July 13-16, 2021.

Special thanks to Happy Hands who met to cut and sew pillows for the service center. We also want to thank all who donated to the Animeals project with Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston. We were able to distribute 61 dog and 19 cat kits to our neighbors in Houston on July 17-18th. We also distributed the random acts of kindness dog treats to a local animal shelter in Spring Branch.



The creativity of activities, the planning and organizing needed for each successful day, and the daily interaction and engagement of the children by youth and adult volunteers and leaders is a gift. Prayers that each and every child felt included and accepted during the week of exploring God's love for them all.

Center Leaders

Patty Blome (service), Kevin Boyd (music), Ben Dethloff (recreation/movement), Luna Lassiter (snack/refreshments), Jackie Nix (arts/craft), Marguerite Priest (storytelling), Victoria Segovia (science), and Doris Wright (pillows).

Volunteers

Kylie Alderson Zeph Anderson Silvia Argyriou Carlette Boyd Miguel Carlin Amena Chehade Lissette Diaz-Burgos Sarah Dikeman Rex Gonzales Megan Hogg Anne Johnson Dillion Mark Donald McDaniel Ethan Mitchell Laurie Mitchell Amarisa Montengro Carla Pace Porscha Segovia Patti Walsh

Happy Hands Sewing Ministry Volunteers and Helpers

Christine Anderson	Sarah Dikeman	Laurie Mitchell	Madelynn Turney
Sylvia Argyriou	Jan Fitts	Patti Nanney	Miriam Vyles
Carol Davis	Betty Magnuson	Kaitlynn Turney	Doris Wright

Faith Development is grateful for all of our volunteers. Apologies if we inadvertently did not include you.







Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church was blessed to send two youth, Dylan Mancilla and Nolan Rouse, to the 2021 Jr. High Jubilee Conference from July 4-8, 2021. Dylan and Nolan joined 124 youth from across Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico! The theme for the week was "Come and See" by exploring the verse John 4:29. The youth attendees and their sponsors were encouraged to explore how God is calling them to make a difference in their communities. We were challenged to think about how we can use our five senses to see the world around us, and how to respond with compassion and love to our neighbors.

Spring Branch was also able to build new relationships through partnering with our friends at the First Presbyterian Churches of Bryan and Shreveport, Louisiana to create a home group. This home group of youth spent time together in small groups, recreation, and prayer throughout the week.

The Faith Development Team would like to thank Margaret and Kip Rouse for helping provide transportation to and from Mo-Ranch this year. We also want to thank Miguel Carlin for serving as an adult sponsor. Additionally, we also want to express appreciation

to Denise Wilborn and Margaret Rouse for helping provide snacks and refreshments to share with our friends throughout the week.

If you would like to learn more about Jr. High Jubilee, we invite you to view the August 1st worship service where our youth shared about their experiences. The link to the worship service can be accessed here: <u>https://</u> <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgGk6Ooi5oQ</u>.

We want to close by thanking the congregation for their prayers throughout the week, and for a safe journey to and from Mo Ranch. The prayers were much appreciated!





You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin! The group gathers at 11:00 AM on Tuesday mornings. The Bible Study is now being offered both in-person and virtually. You may either join in-person at 11:00 AM in the Gathering Place, or by Zoom using the information below. We hope to see you there!

 Meeting ID: 897 7951 2452 | Password: 754888 | Zoom Link:

 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89779512452?pwd=VU1VZVByeFI1MEwxNmxrR090S0JVQT09

August 1, 2021; 10th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

Text: Ephesians 4:1-16 Title: "House Rules 1: Communicating In Love" Focus: In what we say or write, the church is to be a place of love.

August 8, 2021; 11th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Text: Ephesians 4:24-5:2 Title: "House Rules 2: Our Membership Card" Focus: Those who have put on the new self live a new life.

August 15, 2021; 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Text: Ephesians 5:15-20 Title: "House Rules 3: Where and How to Walk" Focus: We are to always be under the control of the Holy Spirit in how we walk.

August 22, 2021; 13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11; 22-30, 41-43 Text: Ephesians 6:1-20 Title: "House Rules 4: Our Security System" Focus: We are always to be prepared for spiritual battle.

August 29, 2021; 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Text: Mark 7:1-23 Title: "House Rules 5: Traditions" Focus: We must choose good traditions.



REGISTRATION (IN-PERSON)

WHEN: Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 12th at 10:00 am

WHERE: Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)

1625 Blalock Road, Houston TX 77080

COST: \$30 - We accept credit cards, debit cards and

Cash - NO bills larger than \$20)

The doors will open at 6:00 PM. The registration process is 2 hours. FACE MASK IS REQUIRED IF YOU ARE ATTENDING

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!



	<u>CLASS SCHEDU</u>	le — Fa	LL 2021
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	MAM - 1625 Blalock Rd		MAM - 1625 Blalock Rd
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LAST DAY:	November 22nd	LAST DAY:	November 18th
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	(Tuesdays & Thursdays)		(Mondays & Wednesdays)
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1625 Blalock Road, Houston, TX 77080 (713) 266-8777 www.mamhouston.org/learnenglish or info@literacyadvance.org Join us for Sunday School and Worship every Sunday at 9:30am and 10:50am, respectively! By attending, you are agreeing to follow the guidelines set forth for a safe return. The guidelines for Worship, Sunday School, and Church Events are available at: <u>www.springbranchpres.org/covid-19-guidelines</u>.

Every week, the service is being streamed live to the SBPC YouTube Channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCK-MbvQ1TkJiUmDq1Psswg</u>.



BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH

Would you like to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2021 Flower Sign-Up Calendar is located in the Narthex. If you are currently worshiping from home, but would still like to sponsor flowers for a Worship Service, you may signup digitally by using this form: <u>https://</u> <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2021</u>. The cost per arrangement is \$65.00. Special arrangements vary

and should be requested EARLY! Checks should be written to SBPC and mailed to the Church Office or placed in the Offering Box on Sunday mornings.

FRIDAY EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to receive our weekly announcements via email every Friday? Sign-up by visiting our Church website, <u>www.springbranchpres.org.</u>

sign up for our Mailing List

Church's Prayer Chain List?

The email prayer chain is open all who would like to pray for those individuals in need of prayer. If you would like to be included in the email prayer chain as a prayer warrior or If you have a prayer request for an individual contact <u>swdmmd@dikeman.net</u>. It is requested that prayers be for your <u>family members, or extended families and friends</u> who are in need of prayer. amazonsmile



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