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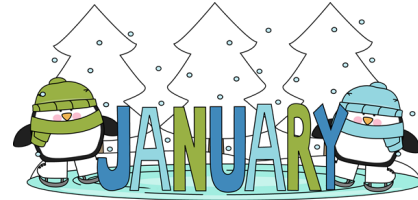


Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
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Dear members and friends of Spring Branch,

In 1747, Charles Wesley published these words:

*“Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.”*



2022

As we enter the year 2022, I find these words of the hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” still as beautiful and as relevant as ever, if not even more so. Wesley reminds us that meditating on the love of God allows the fear in our hearts to be replaced with something stronger and wonderful, the indescribable love of God. The psalmist reminds us that a relationship with our Lord does not make all of our problems vanish. Rather, it is this very relationship that enables us to live above fear: *“I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”* -Psalm 34:4

As I write these words, I am isolated from you. It is strange how one positive test can do that. Yet, Carlette seems to be getting better quickly and soon it will end. So meanwhile, we navigate the crazy world of waiting times and more testing... We were so blessed that Jim Gill was able to step in at the last minute and lead worship Sunday. For the first time, I got to see what it was like worshipping from afar. Jim served up a gourmet spiritual feast, and he was his usual fun self. What I have learned in these past few days is how much I treasure good friends and family. I dearly missed not being able to be with my faith family. In the past 3 years, you have certainly been a wonderful family for us.

In 1887, music teacher Anthony Showalter received letters from two former students that each had lost their wives. As he struggled to find words to console them, he was led to the beautiful words of Deuteronomy 33:27, *“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”* He sat down and began composing the now famous hymn:

*“What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.”*

I think we can learn a lot from those hymn writers. Every time we think this COVID thing is about over, it comes roaring back. I truly wish we were entering a more certain time. However, I believe that this is truly a time when we are learning that the only certain thing we have is the love of God. I hope and pray that in this new year we would experience that love deeply, and that it would allow us to open our hearts to the Lord, that every trembling heart would be comforted, and that we might experience the blessed peace that comes from being near to the Lord and leaning on those everlasting arms.

In Christ's Service,

Kevin Boyd, Pastor

*“There is no fear in love; but perfect love
casts out fear...”*

-1 John 4:18

Missions of the Month

The "Mission of the Month" for January is **Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud (CUPS)**! CUPS is a Christian organization founded in 1989 to improve the quality of life in rural communities along the Mexico-U.S. border. Maximizing the use of capital and human resources, CUPS unites mission trip volunteers with the people of Mexican and U.S. communities in projects that touch the lives of thousands of people. Health and



education projects are a primary focus, and these are designed to meet community defined needs. Other humanitarian projects and programs, such as disaster relief, are also important in the work for CUPS.

CUPS provides school supplies, computers and durable medical equipment to impoverished communities throughout Mexico. Throughout the year, SBPC collects these supplies to send to CUPS.

January Mission Updates & Opportunities

FairBees Holiday Toy Drive – The FairBees Square Dancing Club that meets at SBPC once again collected toys and monetary donations for the MAM Christmas Share Program. A special thanks to FairBees for their support of MAM!

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 Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month. The Saturday for this month will be January 22nd.

Americorps Meal – Spring Branch Presbyterian and Chapelwood United Methodist Church, through our friends at The Restoration Team (TRT), partnered together on December 9th to help provide a meal to the Sky Team, made up of 22 college students and young adults that are participating in Americorps. The Sky Team was in our area to help provide support by helping repair homes to our neighbors who were impacted by the winter storm and Hurricane Harvey.

Spring Branch was also joined by our friends from John Knox Presbyterian Church and St. Peter United Church of Christ. We were delighted to welcome our friends to help prepare and deliver the meal. The Mission Team would also like to thank the following volunteers and friends for helping make this mission activity such a success: Patti Nanney, Jacquie Ballesteros, Marguerite Priest, Jennifer Miller, Jeannie Stockton, Laurie Mitchell, Ethan Mitchell, Lynn Wolfe, Betty Magnuson, Jay Drummond, Jose Valdez, and Elizabeth Powell.

We look forward to continuing to support The Restoration Team (TRT) and future Americorps Teams in 2022. We will continue to keep you informed of volunteer opportunities in the future.



Souper Bowl of Caring on February 13 – the NFL Super Bowl is in early 2022, so we wanted to remind you that we will once again be participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring on February 13th. Bring a dollar or a canned good to drop in the soup pots. Donations will go to a local food pantry.

Wednesday Night Supper

Jan. 12 — Chicken Pot Pies

Jennifer Miller

Jan. 19 — Breakfast

Laurie Mitchell

Jan. 26 — Pasta & Meatballs

Jan Fitts



Taking reservations during the pandemic has helped us to reduce food waste in the kitchen and improved our meal planning. We plan to continue the reservation process, but will also take walk-ins as long as we have extra food to serve. If you would like to continue to take your meal home, please park and have someone come inside to the line to get your dinners to-go. Watch your email for placing orders!

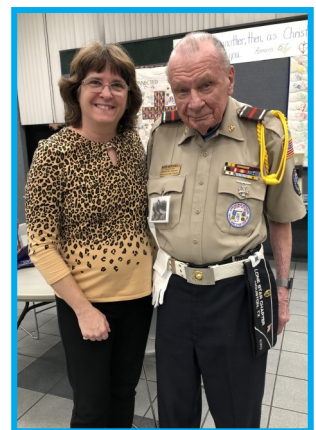


Fellowship Meal

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

We will continue to accept donations for the Fair Haven Food Pantry at WNS (non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products, and plastic grocery bags).





Presbyterian Women this Month

PW at a Glance

PW MODERATORS on 1/5 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on 1/5 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)



THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Monday, 1/10 at 7:00 p.m.

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 1/12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

If you would like to join the Day Circle by Zoom, please contact Carol Davis.

Lesson 5: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me

ZIP TRIP on 1/19 to Brookwood for shopping and lunch at the café.

Please RSVP to Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 1/26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

Hope you can join us then! If you have any questions, please contact Doris Wright.

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's House. The cost is \$10.

Bible Study Using Zoom: January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 5 of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, January 10, at 7 p.m. Contact Sarah Powell at mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.



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
2022-2023 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.

Carols in the Park

On December 5th, Spring Branch Presbyterian hosted a new holiday tradition called: Carols in the Park. Carols in the Park was designed to help bring our neighbors together to help spread holiday cheer and fellowship.

Carols in the Park would not have been possible without the participation of the choirs from Spring Branch Middle School, Landrum Middle School, and Memorial High School. We want to thank each of the choirs and their directors for participating. A special thank you also goes to Gabe Perez, SBPC Choir Director, for helping coordinate the choirs and their performances. We also want to say a special thank you to the Fellowship Group and the many volunteers who helped put the welcome goodie bags together, served as welcome hosts, and provided support with the set-up and cleanup of the AV equipment. The goodie bags were much appreciated by the students, as was the music that was provided by Pastor Kevin and Reverend Dr. Jim Gill. We look forward to making this an annual tradition and hope everyone can join us in the future!

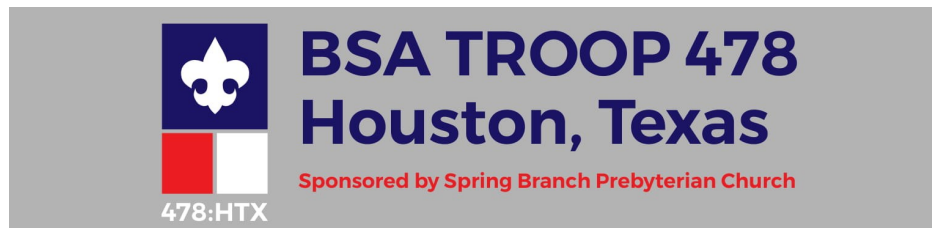


Spring Branch Presbyterian is excited to welcome a new Girl Scout Troop! Troop 124182 is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Girl Scout Room of the Gathering Place.

We would be glad to have you join us at our upcoming troop meetings to learn how to get involved. If you would like to get more information, or have any questions, please contact Karen Dikeman at kdikeman@gmail.com.



If you are interested in learning more about Boy Scout Troop 478, please join the Troop on Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 PM at the Scout Hut. The Troop is always looking for new scouts to join!



Wednesday Night Supper
Meal Tickets are available!

Finding yourself short of cash on Wednesdays? You may now purchase meal tickets and pay by check. Each meal ticket is good for four meals. There are meal tickets for Adults (\$20/four meals), Children (\$8/four meals) and Families (\$48/four family meals). Purchase the tickets at the cashier each week. Thank you!

FOR SALE



If you are purchasing something for reimbursement by the church, please take a tax exempt form from the Church Office with you. You can keep it in your car, purse, or wallet! Help us save a few dollars the next time you make a purchase for the church.



Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card for 2022.

You can find one in the Narthex, Church Office, or Parlor. For a digital copy of the Pledge Card, please visit www.springbranchpres.org/stewardship.

You can download this card, type directly into it, and email it to giving@springbranchpres.org or jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org.

Peace and Thanks

BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2022 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 sign up digitally by using this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-2022>, or to jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org. **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 (Attn: Jorida) or placed in the offering plate 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, www.springbranchpres.org.

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 swdmmd@dikeman.net. It is requested that prayers be for your **family members, or extended families and friends** who are in need of prayer.*



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 Conference Room, 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>

January 9, 2022; Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Text: Isaiah 43:1-7

Title: Living Above Fear 1: Who's Afraid of the Dark?

Focus: As Christians we are never left to our own.

January 16, 2022; 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Text: John 2:1-11

Title: Living Above Fear 2: Fear and Faith

Focus: As Christians we are called to live above fear, even in trying circumstances.

January 23, 2022; 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Title: Living Above Fear 3: With A Little Help From Our Friends

Focus: Each of us need each other during these trying times.

January 30, 2022; 4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: 1 John 4:17-19

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Title: Living Above Fear 4: Fear and Love

Focus: God's love for us enables us to face life unafraid.

Happy Birthday!



Barbara Tremble	1/9	William Stockton	1/20
Alexandria Balli	1/10	Bunnie Lezon	1/21
Susan Heitshusen	1/11	Byron Goodrum	1/23
Lucile Pringle	1/12	Dr. Denise Wilborn	1/24
Kaitlynn Turney	1/12	Marc Bik	1/25
Ramon Ballejo	1/15	Virginia Miller	1/26
Nora Wright	1/16	Karina Ballejo	1/27
Arthur Qualls	1/19	Hazen Ballesteros	1/27
Adam Tutt	1/19	Ben Dethloff	1/27
Lauralai Caldera	1/20	Derek Dees	1/29
Gerald Fitts	1/20	Delia Nix	1/30
Clayton Glen Powell	1/20	Paul H. Laverty, Jr.	1/31

Happy Anniversary!



Kip and Margaret Rouse 1/29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<p>9:30am - Sunday school</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p>	<p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Yoga (CR)</p> <p>7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)</p>	<p>9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg.</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>11am - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Special Olympics:</p>	<p>9:30am - PW Moderator</p> <p>10:15am - PW Board</p> <p>6:45pm - Santa Iglesia Self-</p>	<p>Epiphany</p> <p>9am - Jessie's Bites</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Yoga (CR)</p>	<p>9am - Jessie's Bites</p> <p>6:30pm - Santa Iglesia Self-</p>	<p>New Year's Day</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>1:30pm - Special Olympics:</p> <p>2pm - Spring Valley: Snow</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>9:30am - Sunday school</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p>	<p>5:30pm - Academy Board</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Yoga (CR)</p> <p>7pm - Horizon's Bible Study</p> <p>7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)</p>	<p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>11am - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Special Olympics:</p>	<p>9:30am - PW Circle</p> <p>5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 2)</p> <p>6pm - WNS</p> <p>6:45pm - Called Session</p> <p>6:45pm - Santa Iglesia Self-</p>	<p>9am - Jessie's Bites</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Yoga (CR)</p>	<p>9am - Jessie's Bites</p>	<p>8am - Presbyterian Men</p> <p>1:30pm - Special Olympics:</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church</p>
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<p>Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday school</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p>	<p>10am - The Gathering Place</p> <p>5:30pm - Faith</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Yoga (CR)</p> <p>7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)</p>	<p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>11am - Pastor's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Special Olympics:</p>	<p>9:30am - Zip Trip</p> <p>6pm - WNS</p>	<p>PresPress Articles DUE</p> <p>9am - Jessie's Bites</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Yoga (CR)</p>	<p>9am - Jessie's Bites</p>	<p>11am - Hot Meals</p> <p>1:30pm - Special Olympics:</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church</p>
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“ So if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation:
everything old has passed
away; see, everything has
become new!”

~2 Corinthians 5:17