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Dear friends and members of Spring Branch,

The famous Irish playwright, critic, and political activist, George Bernard Shaw, was known for his controversial viewpoints. For instance, he loudly opposed such things as vaccination and organized religion. His work spanned two world wars. In his last writing in 1950, at the age of 94, he looks back over his accomplishments and writes: “The science to which I pinned my faith is bankrupt. Its counsels, which should have established the millennium, led, instead, directly to the suicide of Europe. I believed them once. In their name, I helped to destroy the faith of millions of worshipers in the temples of a thousand creeds. And now they look at me and witness the great tragedy of an atheist who has lost his faith.” While I do not agree with much of what Shaw said, I am grateful for his honesty. He lived through easily the most tumultuous time of the 20th century. At the end, he realized that his life’s emphasis had been totally wrong.

So we, too, are living in a very stressful time in which we remain isolated from one another. Our world is changing in ways no one could have predicted. Many of us fear the future. Some have turned their back on their faith. I keep hearing heart rending stories of churches closing their doors because people have stopped coming and do not plan to return. Could it be that we, in this new society, are making the same life mistakes as those made by Shaw? Could it be that we are placing our trust in human wisdom, rather than trusting in God? Could it be that our isolation has caused us to think more of self than of others, or of our Lord? Could it be that God is showing us how misguided faith in science or our political system is bound to fail in the end? And could it also be that Christ’s invitation to follow is actually clearer and more relevant than at any time in recent history?

In last month’s sermon series, we focused on how our faith in Christ helps us to live above fear. I truly do not have all of the answers. But together, with the help of God’s Word and the Holy Spirit, I do believe we can emerge from this time stronger and wiser.

Many thanks to all of you who have remained so faithful to our ministry and vision at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church. To say that you are appreciated is a gross understatement. Thank you for being part of a wonderful family of faith and for the many ways you are a servant to our Lord during these unusual times.

In Christ’s Service,



Kevin Boyd, Pastor



Missions of the Month

The “Mission of the Month” for February is the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired, youth-led movement, working with other groups across the nation including: schools, churches, local businesses, corporations, passionate individuals and NFL teams to tackle hunger in their local communities during the weeks leading up to the biggest celebration in football, the Super Bowl. We will be collecting cash, soup, and other canned goods to contribute on Sunday, February 13th.

This program was started by a youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC in 1990 after a simple prayer by that church’s pastor: “**Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.**”

In addition to the funds collected at our church, the Souper Bowl of Caring has corporate partners like HEB and Kroger that also contribute. They work with the Houston Food Bank and local hunger relief charities in over 18 counties in South Texas. 100% of all Souper Bowl of Caring donations benefit local hunger-relief charities.

Did you know?

- 48 million Americans live in poverty
- 1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day
- More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless
- 23% of those struggling went to college
- Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households

We invite everyone to wear their favorite football team’s shirt to church on February 13.

Jesus’ words: “I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink... whenever you did this for one of the least of these followers of mine, you did it for me!”



February Mission Updates & Opportunities

Save-the-Date for our February Blood Drive – SBPC will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, February 13th from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact the Church Office at (713) 464-7659 or miguel@springbranchpres.org if you would like to donate. Share the gift of life!

PCHAS Christmas Ornaments – Thanks to everyone who purchased / donated to the Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services Angel Tree Christmas Ornament Drive. This year we raised \$425!

Special Offerings Update – Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Joy Offering. We are happy to announce that we collected \$719!

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 February 26th.

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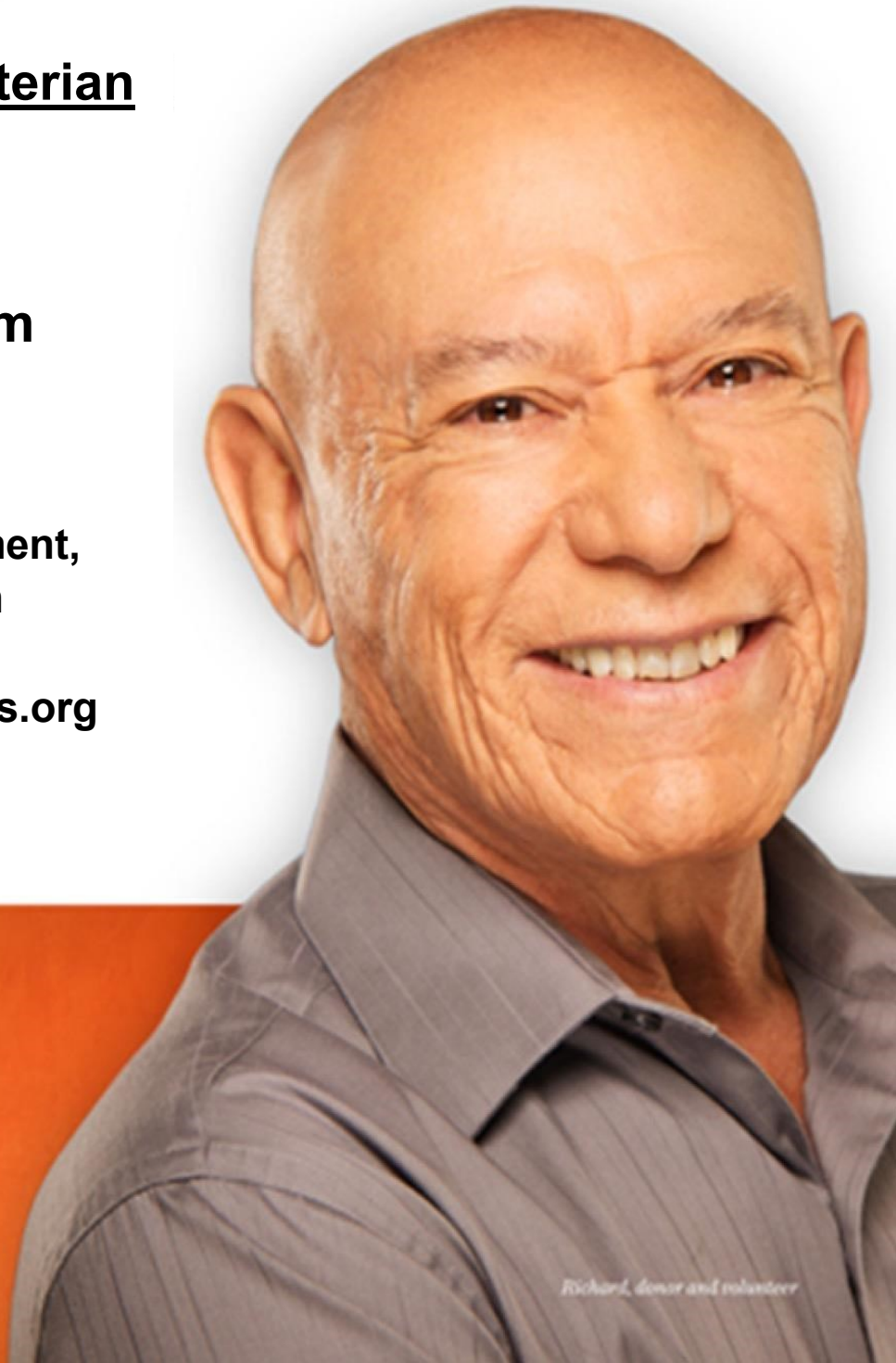
**Sunday,
February 13th
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
1215 Campbell Rd**

**To schedule an appointment,
contact Miguel Carlin
(713) 464-7659
miguel@springbranchpres.org**

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Richard, donor and volunteer

Wednesday Night Supper

Feb. 2 — Lasagna

Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper

Feb. 9 — Hamburgers

In-person Wednesday Night Supper Resumes

Feb. 16 — Lemon Pepper Chicken

Feb. 23 — BBQ



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).

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 galamitchell@comcast.net. The committee is happy to help support you in any way if you would like to take on a supper this year. We are always looking to try a new menu!



Presbyterian Women this Month

PW at a Glance



PW MODERATORS on 2/2 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on 2/2 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Monday, 2/7 at 7:00 p.m.

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 2/9 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 6: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me

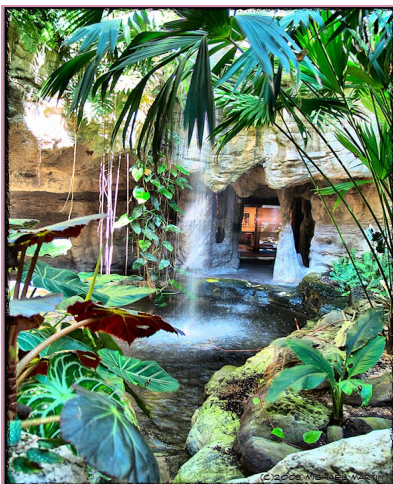
ZIP TRIP on 2/16 to the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Please RSVP to Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 2/23 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's House. The cost is \$10.

Bible Study Using Zoom: February 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 6 of *What My Grandmother's Taught Me* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, February 7th, at 7 p.m. Contact Sarah Powell at mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.



The Presbyterian Women will ZIP this month to the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. After visiting the flora and fauna, we will flit to a restaurant to be decided for food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE



FRIENDSHIP COOKBOOKS (#3/#6) &

LIL'S RECIPES FOR SALE

FOR SALE \$5.00

STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BUY ONE

As a project of the Presbyterian Women, some of our children made special Valentines to be sent to our college students and the PCHAS college students. We hope that they brighten their day!



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.



The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) 2022 conference will be in Chicago from February 9th through 12th. As of now, still in person. The list of in person workshops to date can be found at <https://apcenet.org/2022-worskshops/>. There will also be limited online virtual participation opportunities. To register for the APCE conference, follow this link: <https://apce.regfox.com/apce-registration-2022>.

St. Philip will present the 25th Anniversary of the Duerr Lecture Series from February 20th through the 22nd. Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston will present and preach on the topic: Discovering the Pastoral Christology of Luke. All lectures in this series are free and open to all. The lectures and the worship service over the weekend will be offered in person and virtually. For more information and to register for in-person or virtual participation, the link is: <https://www.saintphilip.net/DuerrLectureSeries.html>.

25th ANNIVERSARY

Discovering The PASTORAL CHRISTOLOGY of LUKE

February 20, 21 & 22 | 2022

Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston
Pastor and Head of Staff
at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC.



Helpers are needed for compiling the lovely Sunday morning **PowerPoint** presentations we use in worship! Plenty of spots are available, training is provided, and it can be done from home, as it is not an overly difficult process. Please contact Patty Blome if you have any questions or are willing to help out!

Yoga Classes

Mondays and Thursdays at 6 pm in the Conference Room.
Please bring a mat, towel, water bottle with water, and wear comfortable clothing.



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!



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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: www.springbranchpres.org/covid-19-guidelines.

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



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.

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.*



Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Many thanks from the Mitchell family for all of the prayers, calls, cards, jokes, the heart pillow, and words of encouragement while Gary was in the hospital. It's really comforting to know that our church family loves us so much.

Thank You



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all that contributed to the Christmas Shoe Box drive for the International Seafarers Center. Your contribution put smiles on the seafarers faces who man the shipping vessels. Many of these men and women haven't been home to see their families for 6 months to a year. The gifts you contributed helped each one to feel someone cared.

I visit ships weekly and talk to many individuals. I recall one woman, a Polish sailor, who shared her story. She was training to be an officer on shipping vessels. She said her whole life she had dreamed of coming to see the United States. Because of Covid-19 and the vessel's owner's policy, she was not allowed to leave the ship. The only part of the United States she could see were the docks at the ship channel. She was also unsure of when she would be returning home. Her message to all was how very grateful she was for the Christmas Shoe Box gift. Your contribution helped make her holiday brighter and as she said, "It felt good that someone cared." So again, thank you for your contribution to the Christmas Shoe Box drive.

Sent on behalf of the entire staff and volunteers at the International Seafarers Center.
Dee Connors,
Volunteer Ship Visitor

Dear friends,

The Spring Branch Presbyterian Church has always held a special place in our hearts, and we are still in contact with some of the former member who have moved elsewhere. Most of the 60+ aged people we would now recognize in your congregation were members of the Jr. High Youth Group we sponsored, or my students at Spring Branch High School. The church has had a wonderful outreach through the years. May you continue to know the Lord's blessings.



In His love, Nancy Hull



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>

February 6, 2022; 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Communion

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Title: "Have You Seen Jesus?"

Focus: Jesus is visibly active all around us.

February 13, 2022; 6th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Text: Luke 6:17-26

Title: "Unexpected Blessings"

Focus: Adversity may be God's way of blessing us.

February 20, 2022; 7th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11,15

Text: Luke 6:27-38

Title: "The Deepest Work of Love"

Focus: As disciples of Christ, we are called to live out love in some very unexpected ways.

February 27, 2022; Transfiguration Sunday

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Text: Luke 9:28-36

Title: "When the Light Comes On"

Focus: When we truly meet Christ he may not be what we had always thought.

SBPC'S Store at Lands' End is back up and running!

SBPC Logo shirts are a great way to represent our church in the community.

Now SBPC has its own store: business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres

From there you can choose from men's and women's polos, shirts, t-shirts, pullovers, jackets, totes, caps, aprons, and much more – all with the church logo!

You can choose from a multitude of colors as well as different thread colors for the logo.



To Order:

1. Go to: business.landsend.com/store/springbranchpres
2. Hover over *My Account* and select *Create Account* when the window pops up.
3. Select a category to start shopping, or use the search tool (Men, Women, Promotional Products).
4. Click on the item you would like to purchase and choose the color and size of the item. **Then select *Apply Logo(s)* to continue.**
5. Select the church logo (Logo 1). It will let you preview it on the left side of your screen.
6. If you would like to change the color of the Logo, select *Change Logo Color(s)* and pick from the provided options. Note: The church logo is made up of 3 separate pieces. To change the color, please make sure that you change the color of all 3 pieces of the Logo. You can see this in realtime in the preview on the left side of your screen.
7. Select the location where you would like the logo, and **click *Apply Logo*.**
8. Push *Add to Bag* and continue shopping or checkout.
9. Once your items are ready, they will ship to the address you provided when you setup your account. If you have not setup an account, please do so now so you do not lose your items.

Contact Ethan Mitchell at ethan@springbranchpres.org if you have any questions.

Happy
Birthday!

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Birthday
To you





Sarah Fake	2/1
Clara Dikeman	2/2
James Daley	2/3
Silvia Argyriou	2/4
Victoria Kissinger	2/4
Cali Alegria	2/6
Stephen Earnest	2/7
Loretta Pittman	2/8
Logan Balli	2/9
Fonda Blair	2/10

Daniel Powell	2/10
Merveilles Massamba	2/13
Dr. Doris Wright	2/13
Eric Purfurst	2/14
Lynn Dudinsky	2/15
Beth Mizwa	2/15
Kayla Mizwa	2/18
Kayla Ballejo	2/20
Dianne Bigelow	2/21
Amelia Hazel Laverty	2/27



Happy Anniversary!

Don and Barbara Tremble	2/5
Jennifer and Hector Tapia	2/7

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship		9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Special Olympics:	9:30am - PW Moderator 10:15am - PW Board 6pm - Drive-Thru WNS	9am - Jessie's Bites 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Jessie's Bites	1:30pm - Special Olympics: 6pm - CENTI Church
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship	6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 7pm - Horizon's Bible Study 7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 11am - Pastor's Bible Study 6pm - Special Olympics:	9:30am - PW Circle 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 2) 6pm - WNS	9am - Jessie's Bites 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Jessie's Bites	1:30pm - Special Olympics: 6pm - CENTI Church
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
 8:30am - Blood Drive (FH) 9:30am - Sunday school 10:50am - Worship	5:30pm - Academy Board 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 7:30pm - Boy Scouts (GP) 	10am - Flexercise (GP) 11am - Pastor's Bible Study 6pm - Special Olympics: 7pm - Mission Team	9:30am - Zip Trip 6pm - WNS	9am - Jessie's Bites 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Jessie's Bites	8am - Presbyterian Men 1:30pm - Special Olympics: 6pm - CENTI Church
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Thank you for your support!