

# PRES PRESS

# June 2024



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church  
1215 Campbell Rd | Houston, TX 77055



## From the desk of Pastor Mark...

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

To paraphrase the old adage: “Humans plan; God laughs.”

We all had a healthy dose of this when the big storm hit our area last week. Trees were uprooted, branches were snapped off and soared hundreds of feet, houses were damaged, downtown buildings had windows shattered, and electricity became something we all remembered we take for granted! It’s a humbling, exhausting, ridiculous experience!

But, of course, there is a great lesson in all this!

No matter how much “control” we think we have over our world and all that is in it, it doesn’t take much to remind us of how helpless we truly are. Take away our electricity, take away our Internet connection (even for a little while), take away our usual routes when we drive around, or take away a simple morning cup of coffee – and life becomes something of a struggle.

So... since I know all of you have access to a printed Bible, I invite you to read and ponder these:

- **Isaiah 4:6** - It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.
- **Luke 8:23-25** - As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”
- **Psalms 107:29** - He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.
- **Ecclesiastes 7:13-14** - When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future.
- **Psalms 27:5** - For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Remember at all times – especially when we have our lives disrupted by unexpected happenings – our God is mightier than anything that can happen. Disasters can come at any time (and probably will), but we will be rewarded by having steadfast faith. Amen!

# Missions of the Month

The “Mission for the Month” in June is NewSpring. NewSpring is a returning benevolence to our church. We have partnered with NewSpring in the past to help host Christmas in the Park, and provide financial support for their art programs for children in Spring Branch. NewSpring’s mission has expanded to use art and technology to promote entrepreneurship and career exploration.



NewSpring also partners with students within Spring Branch ISD at Northbrook High School through the Flight 25 program. The Flight 25 program brings in a variety of speakers from across different industries to expose students to different career paths to help them complete their high school education. Graduates of the program are also eligible to receive scholarships for college or vocational programs. Our church will be partnering with NewSpring during VBS this year to collect art supplies for the Passport to the World Program. This program was created for students from 8-18 to learn about different countries and their cultures. We invite you to learn more about NewSpring by visiting their website at <https://www.newspringcenter.org/>.

## June Mission Updates and Opportunities

**Movie Night on June 28th!!!** – Another movie night in the Gathering Place starting at 5:45. For the younger children, we will play Bluey from 5:45 until 6:15, then we will start the main feature of *Encanto*. Pizza, fruit, cookies, and refreshments will be available. so please RSVP so we know how much to get. Also bring chairs and/or blankets.

**VBS Mission Project** – In the month of June, we are encouraging everyone to look for the art supplies flyer on the narthex table, and to bring your donations and place them in the NewSpring bin outside of the church office. We will share how much we have collected in worship on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PCHAS School Supply Drive** – This year we will have an Amazon Back to School wish list for PCHAS. In mid-June, we will receive a list and items will be purchased from Amazon and shipped directly to the PCHAS office. All gifts must be submitted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. For any questions, please contact Patti Nanney.

**Undies for Everyone Underwear Drive** – We want to thank everyone who donated to our Undies for Everyone Underwear Drive last month. We were able to collect 490 pairs of underwear, which helped provide undies for 70 children!!

**SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends** – The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins.

We have 2 routes, so we usually need a total of 2 pairs of volunteers each month. Please contact Lu Taylor if you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals for one month.







**Children's Chime Choir:** The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. This is a chance for elementary aged children to get to ring chimes as part of Worship. We are excited to continue this new adventure! Please contact Megan Hogg ([megan1661@yahoo.com](mailto:megan1661@yahoo.com)) for additional details.



Children's Sunday School Class meets **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month** at 9:30am in the Children's classroom in The Gathering Place.

*Looking Ahead: The Children's Sunday School Class will be taking the month of July off for summer vacation.*



**Join us for  
Vacation Bible School!  
June 11-14, 2024  
9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*A time of music, worship, crafts, recreation, and fellowship is being planned. We welcome any individuals that would like to participate or volunteer to please let Miguel know in the church office by June 4th.*

[VBS Registration Form 2024](#)  
[VBS Youth Volunteer Registration Form 2024](#)  
[VBS Adult Volunteer Registration Form 2024](#)



**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Rd.  
Vacation Bible School: Tuesday-Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Information (for children who have completed Pre-K through just finished 5th grade):**

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 11 \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed (2023-2024) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers:** Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Church (if not SBPC):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/Medical Information/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact(s):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Dismissal Information:**

Name(s) of person(s) other than parents who may pick up this child from VBS:

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SPRING BRANCH  
Presbyterian Church



Thursday  
June 13, 2024  
5:30pm

# VBS

## CELEBRATION & DINNER

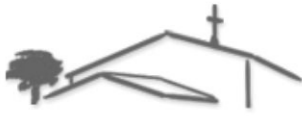
### CAMP FIRELIGHT

Join us as we share what we learned with the kids, also we will have spaghetti and Meatballs, and more!



RSVP BY MONDAY JUNE 10 TO  
THE ACADEMY OR CHURCH  
OFFICE





SPRING BRANCH  
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Spring Branch  
Presbyterian Academy



# Family Movie Night



**In The Gathering Place**

**Friday, June 28**

**5:45–6:15pm** **Pizza, Veggies & Fruit Trays & Cookies**  
**5:45pm** **“Bluey” Movie**  
**6:15pm** **“Encanto” Movie**

Juice boxes and water served before and during movie

Bring blankets and camping chairs

# Presbyterian Women this Month *Summer*

## PW at a Glance

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



**PW UNWIND** will meet on 6/3 at 6:00 p.m. at Goode Co. Barbeque (8911 Katy Frwy)

**HAPPY HANDS** will meet on 6/26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

There will be a **PW WELCOMING LUNCHEON** on 8/11 at 12:15 p.m.

**BIBLE STUDY BOOKS** for 2024-2025 (*Let Justice Roll Down*) are available in the Church Office. The cost is \$10. Last years' study books can be delivered to the Church Office to be recycled to other groups.



**Please plan to join the Unwind Group for dinner at Goode Co. Barbeque on Monday, June 3rd, at 6:00 PM.** The restaurant is located at 8911 Katy Freeway. As usual, please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, June 26th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room to stuff and stitch the heart shaped pillows. In the summer, many events stop, but we'll still be there. It's a great time to come and taste the fellowship. Hope to see you then.



*Congratulations to our  
Scholarship Recipients:  
Caroline Bik & Deona Vakiari!*

 **Scholarships**





*Spring Branch  
Presbyterian Church*

*Annual Presbyterian Women's*

# *Welcoming Luncheon*

*Sunday, August 11*

*12:15 - 2 PM*

## *The Fellowship Hall*

*You are invited to bring your mothers, grandmothers, daughters & granddaughters to join us for a lovely luncheon. We will be serving a fabulous variety of foods including a surprise entrée, salads, and dessert goodies.*

*We will be entertained by  
Tracey Pace, a comedienne / musician.*

*We will also have the introduction to our new Bible Study  
for the coming year.*

*Please RSVP to Kay Craig - 713-248-4138  
or [kay@craig-heidt.com](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com).*

**It's not too early to start thinking about what "theme" of basket you might want to put together for our raffle!**

Here are some ideas – Spa, Wine, BBQ, Movie Night, High Tea, Tailgate... The ideas are endless! Do one yourself, or get together with a friend. We already have a Halloween and a Gardening theme on the books. Remember, all funds raised go to the PW scholarship fund. So far, we have the following baskets: Wine, Baking, Gardening, Bible Study Time, Daiso, and Spa!

For questions or if you would like to donate a basket, please contact Jennifer Miller at 713-562-5897 or email at [jennmill60@gmail.com](mailto:jennmill60@gmail.com).



## ***Celebrate June Birthdays!***

Join us in the breezeway, weather permitting, for our next Birthday Celebration on Sunday, June 9th. Immediately after worship, we will gather for light snacks as we honor our June birthdays!

**Join us on Sunday, June 23rd, for the Ordination and Installation of the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2027 (Joel Alegria, Beth Mizwa, and Nina Rach).**







# SMALL TALK



June

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

2024

Follow the **SUN** for **FUN**



Academy's Summer Camp is underway. The kids are excited and looking forward for a fun filled summer of fieldtrips, cool water activities, Kona Ice drinks every Friday and much more activities!

## 2024 PRE-K STARS GRADUATION CEREMONY



## ROCK S T A R PRODUCTION



CONGRATULATIONS  
on your graduation!



The Academy Pre-kindergarten presented a awesome ceremony for their graduation this season. We were so proud of their production and their accomplishments through the year. They Rocked!



## IT'S Dads Big Day!

Sunday, June 16th.

"A Dad is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow."





**Is coming back in the fall..**

**Sign up for updates!**



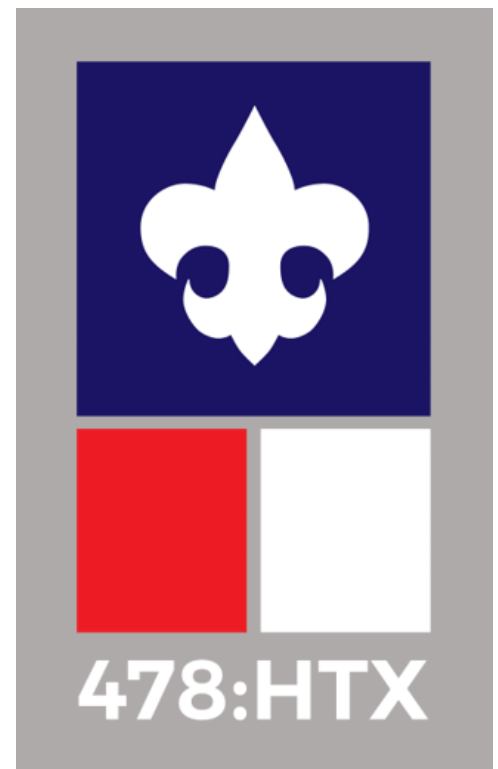
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to 81010**



Spring Branch Presbyterian wishes to congratulate Cub Scout Pack 552 and their families on another successful year of scouting! On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Pack 552 celebrated their annual graduation, where 87 scouts advanced to a new rank and received badges for the skills they have learned over the last year. We also celebrated those Cub Scouts that will be continuing their scouting journey next year by joining a Troop. Our Cub Scouts have a busy summer of camping and outdoor activities ahead of them. We look forward to welcoming them back for Cub Scout Pack meetings in the fall. If you are interested in learning more about Pack 552, or joining their activities, please contact Scott Tackett at [pack552houston@gmail.com](mailto:pack552houston@gmail.com).



On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Troop 478 held their Court of Honor for the spring semester. Spring Branch Presbyterian wishes to congratulate each scout that earned their merit badges, as well as advanced to the next Scout rank. We are especially looking forward to celebrating with the six scouts that will be receiving their Eagle Scout rank in June. The scouts have a busy summer of outdoor and summer camps planned!



**Summer Vacation Season has arrived!** Please remember to snag those extra hotel toiletries while you are traveling. It's also a good time to watch sales and stock up on items at dollar stores, and on grocery trips. And finally, be on the lookout for women's sized shoe boxes. Seafarers' Donations can be brought to the Church Office anytime of the year! Below is the list of requested items from the Seafarers' Center:



Hairbrush / Comb	Kleenex	Lip Balm
Magnets	Gold Bond Powder	Gold Bond Cream
T-shirts (new)	Needle & Thread	Shaving Cream
Nail Clippers	Toothpaste	Gum & Hard Candy
Q-Tips	Mechanical Pencils	Flashlight w/ batteries
Popcorn	Socks	Word Search/ Sudoku/ Fill-in books
Earbuds / Headphones	USB Flash Drives	2025 Calendar
Band-Aids (fabric)	Baseball Caps (new)	Disposable Razors
Dental floss	Deodorant	Lotion
Hot Chocolate	Key Chains	Texas Souvenirs
Shampoo	Playing Cards	Toothbrushes
Conditioner	Body Wash	Pocket sized notebooks & pens

### 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](http://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](mailto: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 BLOOD.ORG

## Spring Branch Presbyterian

**Sunday,  
July 21  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
1215 Campbell Rd**

**To schedule an appointment,  
contact Ashley Powell  
(979) 571-2499  
ashleycrawford161@gmail.com**



*Artemio, blood recipient*



**EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.**

**Share your  
donation story**



**@commitforlife | #commitforlife**

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



The International District would like to remind everyone that Hurricane Season is upon us. We all need to be smart and plan ahead for all kinds of disasters: natural, man-made, technological and terrorist related. In Southeast Texas, however, the most likely disaster scenario is a Hurricane.

## **BEFORE THE HURRICANE**

- Monitor local TV or AM 740 KTRH
- Check supplies; especially water
- Fuel Vehicles & Generators
- Cover Windows with Plywood
- Bring in all objects that could become missiles
- Take pictures of property & contents for insurance purposes

## **DON'T FORGET THE PETS!**

Pet disaster kits should include: medications, first aid kits, sturdy leashes and collars, carriers to transport pets safely, current photos with owner or family members, food, potable water, litter/pan, muzzle, can opener, and toys.

**5 GALLONS OF WATER, PER PERSON, PER DAY.**

## **STOCK EMERGENCY SUPPLIES**

>> *at least 72 hours worth* <<

- First Aid Kit
- NOAA Radio & Batteries
- Flashlight & Batteries
- Extra Eye Glasses
- Bottled Water & Non-perishable Food
- Clothing & Bedding
- Toilet Paper & Personal Hygiene Items
- Medications & Prescription copies
- Cash & Credit Cards
- Photo ID & Important Documents
- Baby & Elderly Necessities

Make a check list of necessary pre-hurricane preparations and review with your family. Review it again when there is a storm in the Gulf. Discuss evacuation plans with your family.

Check Radio 740 and local television media for updates on zones being evacuated.

Make sure your home insurance policy is current and remember that standard policies may not cover flood/ wind damage.

For more information,  
visit the Harris County Office of Emergency Management website at:  
[hcoem.org](http://hcoem.org)



[www.SBMD.org](http://www.SBMD.org)

Are you a leader?

**Join PYCC!**

**Meet other Presbyterian youth!**

**Plan and lead fun events!**

**Celebrate the Glory of God!**

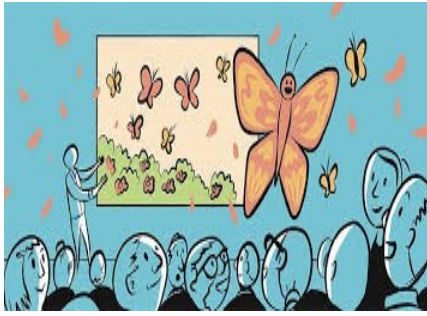


**Deadline: July 1st, 2024**

**Incoming High Schoolers and Adult Leaders are  
invited to APPLY NOW!**

**Contact Rosy Murphy for details:  
[rmurphy@pbyofnewcovenant.org](mailto:rmurphy@pbyofnewcovenant.org)**





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 Ethan Mitchell if you have any questions or are willing to help out!

**Did you know that you can help the church by doing your grocery shopping at**

**Randalls?** By giving our Good Neighbor Number (1140) at the checkout line when you shop with your Remarkable Card, a portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the church.



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. Thank you!

## BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2024 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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-46865119-2024>, or email [jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org](mailto: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.






Zoey Tanner	6/2	Kay Craig	6/12
Rex Gonzalez	6/4	Wyatt Alderson	6/14
Dorothy Slover	6/4	Elizabeth Bik	6/23
Lily Earnest	6/5	McKie Johnson	6/24
Isaiah Tapia	6/6	Mario Tacchi	6/26
Charlie Craig	6/7	Ken Austin	6/27
Jeremy Alderson	6/8	Bill Bryant	6/27
Matthew Alderson	6/8	Ryan Blair	6/28
Alyze Ballejo	6/12	Elizabeth Murphy	6/30

*Happy Anniversary!*



Evan and Madeline Powell	6/11
Kathryn Dethloff and Jack Carr	6/15
Neal and Karen Dikeman	6/16
Curtis and Jeannie Stockton	6/16
Ken and Linda Crawford	6/19
Scott and Brittany Lassiter	6/27

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Called Session Meeting 10:50am - Worship 2:30pm - Cub Scout Planning	27 6pm - PW Unwind 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	28 9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - CPP Training (CR) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	29	30	31	1 8am - Cheerful Clown Alley (FH) 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
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9 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 12pm - Monthly Birthday 5:30pm - Eagle Scout Ceremony	10 10am - Staff Meeting (P) 5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	11 Vacation Bible School (9:00 AM-11:30 AM) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	12 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3) 	13 5:30pm - VBS Closing Celebration	14 6pm - SBM Arc: Movie/Dance 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YF)	15 8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) 1:30pm - SBM Arc General 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
16 Father's Day 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship 	17 9:30am - WOW (S) 10am - The Gathering Place (FH) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	18 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	19 PresPress Articles DDE 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	20 PresPress Articles DDE 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	21 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YF)	22 10am - CENTI Carwash (Parking) 11am - Hot Meals 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
23 Ordination & Installation 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 10:50am - Worship	24 9:30am - WOW (S) 11am - Staff Meeting (P) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	25 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study & 7pm - Session (CR)	26 9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)	27 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	28 5:45pm - Movie Night (GP) 6:30pm - SBM Arc: Craft Night 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YF) 	29 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
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**Vacation Bible School!**

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9:00 AM-11:30 AM