# PRESPRESS





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

Dear Members and Friends.



Flight 401 was bound for Miami from New York City with a load of holiday passengers. As it approached the Miami Airport for its landing, a light that indicates proper deployment of the landing gear failed to come on. The plane flew in a large, looping circle over the swamps of the Everglades while the cockpit crew checked out the light failure. Their question was: Had the landing gear actually not deployed or was it just the light bulb that was defective?

The flight engineer fiddled with the bulb and tried to remove it, but it was stuck. Another member of the crew tried to help out... and then another. By and by, if you can believe it, all eyes were on the little light bulb that refused to be dislodged from its socket. No one noticed that the plane was losing altitude. Finally, it dropped right into a swamp. Many were killed in that plane crash. While an experienced crew of high-priced and seasoned pilots messed around with a seventy-five-cent light bulb, an entire airplane and many of its passengers were lost. The crew momentarily forgot the most basic of all rules of the air ~ "Don't forget to fly the airplane!"

This kind of focus is also important for our church. We can become so focused on property, on finances, on activities, on community involvement... that we focus so much of our attention on insignificant issues, and we lose sight of what church is all about.

In this new year, it is my hope and dream that we would turn a new page in our church's history. Exciting things are close at hand. We must not forget that our first priority is to serve Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. When we do that, I am sure that Christ will bless us. There are always lots of details that we need to take care of. But let's not forget to fly the plane!

We need everyone to help make Spring Branch what God wants us to be. Listen for more updates soon and come join the excitement!

In Christ's Service,

Kum K. Boyd

Kevin Boyd

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."



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.

During the month of January, our church will be collecting gently used jackets of all sizes to take to the residents of this area. These can be left in the bins outside of the church office. All donated jackets need to be delivered to the church by January 20<sup>th</sup> to allow time for Nina Rach, CUPS Board Member, to pick them up. She will be leaving the following day for Mexico.

#### **January Mission Updates and Opportunities**

**Angel Tree follow up** – This year we had the pleasure of spreading Christmas cheer to 16 children within 6 families. Each child received 3 Christmas gifts, school and art supplies, and a food basket for the entire family to share. These families were extremely grateful for everything they received, and it would not have been possible without the church's generous donations, as well as Laurie Mitchell's leadership. Great job to all!

**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 one month.

Feed My Starving Children – We would like to help support Pines Presbyterian in this wonderful act of mission. Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious MannaPack® meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot on the following days and times: January 20<sup>th</sup> 11am-8pm, or January 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-8pm. See Miguel to sign up for a time to go over with a church group, or if you would like to individually volunteer. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 15, 2023. To learn more about Feed My Starving Children, please visit their website at <a href="https://www.fmsc.org">www.fmsc.org</a>.

**Family Movie Night (Stay Tuned)** – It's time for some fellowship! SBPC is hosting a family movie night at the church on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be providing hot cocoa with marshmallows. The movie is still to be determined and will be updated in the Friday eblasts as soon as details are finalized. Save the date!







Drop off your new or gently-used men's, women's and children's coats, jackets, sweaters, or fleeces at box outside of church office

If you have any questions, please contact Nina Rach at <a href="mailto:nina.rach@yahoo.com">nina.rach@yahoo.com</a> or Miguel in the church office.

To learn more about Communities United for Health Communidades Unidas Pro Salud (CUPS), a Texas based mission organization started in 1989 focused on health and education in rural communities along the US Mexico Border, please visit <a href="https://cupsmission.org/">https://cupsmission.org/</a>.

Thank you for your donations!!

#### **Wednesday Night Supper**



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. Kay Craig has taken over the reservation process, so, if you'd like to attend, please email Kay at kay@craig-heidt.com.

Jan. 11 — Chicken Pot Pie

Jennifer Miller

Jan. 18 — Pasta & Meatballs

Jan Fitts

Jan. 25 — Tamales & Enchiladas

Kay Craig & Betty Magnuson

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)



#### 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!

#### First Birthday Celebration of 2022

Join us in the breezeway, weather permitting, for our first birthday celebration of the new year on Sunday, January 8th. Immediately after worship, we will gather for light snacks as we honor our January birthdays!



The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to help remove the Greens from the Sanctuary on January 8, 2023, immediately after the Worship Service. As usual, many hands make for light work. Pizza will be provided for volunteers before work is started. So that lunch can be planned, please contact Donald McDaniel at <a href="mailto:dmcdan77007@sbcglobal.net">dmcdan77007@sbcglobal.net</a> or 713-294-4005 to sign up.



#### **Child and Elder Protection Policy**



It's time to renew! Everyone at the church needs to be certified to work with and around children and elders. This certification is renewable every two years, and with the pandemic, we are all out of compliance. In January, copies of the training and policy manuals will be emailed and/or given out. Please read it and then take the test in order to be certified. Our goal is that 100% of the church staff and members be certified this year. You can read the manual at your leisure during the month of January. Then, meetings will be set up after Wednesday Night Supper and after church during January for you to take the test. This takes about 10-15 minutes as it is only 25 questions.

Some will think that they don't work with elders or children and will not need to do this. However, think about all the things that you do in and around the church – committee meetings, Sunday School, Presbyterian Men and Women, attending church, preparing Seafarer's boxes, delivering Angel Tree gifts, cooking and hospitality for the church. You are in contact with elders and children all the time. Please make some time to complete this assignment.



The Children's Sunday School Class will meet on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in January, 1/8 and 1/15. We hope that you can join us!

# Explany Presbyterian Women this Month

### PW at a Glance

PW UNWIND on 1/3 at 6:00 p.m. at Cajun Town Café (6476 West Little York)

PW MODERATORS on <u>1/4</u> at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on <u>1/4</u> at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)



**THE HORIZONS** Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Monday, **1/9** at 7:00 p.m.

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 1/11 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room).

If you would like to join by Zoom, please contact Patti Nanney for an invitation.

**Lesson 5 Video:** <u>www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-</u> sabbath

**ZIP TRIP** to Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery & Kitchen on 1/18 at 9:45 a.m.

**HAPPY HANDS** will meet on <u>1/25</u> at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Please join us for Unwind in the New Year at Cajun Town Café, located at 6476 West Little York, Houston, TX 77091. We will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd, instead



of Monday, as Monday is being observed as a holiday in most of the city.

RSVP only if you plan to attend to Jacquie Ballesteros at: <u>iballesteros1103@gmai.com</u>. We hope that you can join us!

#### Bible Study Using Zoom: January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 5 of *Celebrating Sabbath* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, January 9th, at 7 p.m. All SBPC women are welcomed in this Bible study group through videoconference! Contact Sarah Powell at mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com



to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.

# January Presbyterian Women ZIP Trip Wednesday, January 18, 2023.



PW ZIPS to Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery and Kitchen, located at 8921 Harlem Road, Richmond, TX. Lunch and Tour on January 18th! Carpool will leave the church at 9:45 am to meet at the Winery. Please contact Marguerite Priest at <a href="mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com">mepriest@hotmail.com</a> for reservations.

## January Craft Workshop

Join us on Sunday, January 22, at 2-4 PM for our next fun workshop!



We will be making valentine cards to be sent by Presbyterian Women to the kids at Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services that they sponsor, and also to our SBPC college students.

You will also be able to make a few cards for yourself. We will provide plenty of supplies, but you are welcome to bring any supplies you would like to. Children 10 and up may attend with an adult.

If you have any questions, call Kay Craig at 713-248-4138, or email to kay@craig-heidt.com



**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 2023-2024 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 Sopho	omore Junior 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:

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.o/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.



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 1, 2023; 1st Sunday of Christmas, Communion**

Text: Matthew 2: 13-23
Title: Into This Mess

Focus: Jesus came into the middle of our very messed up world, and still does.

#### January 8, 2023; Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Text: Isaiah 42:1-9

Title: Bruised and Flickering

Focus: When we are at our weakest Christ is at His strongest.

#### January 15, 2023; 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 Text: John 1:29-42 Title: The Main Thing

Focus: God's idea of success is often very different than ours.

#### January 22, 2023; 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Title: Melted Together

Focus: The true church is fused together by the love of Christ

#### January 29, 2023; 4th Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Matthew 5:1-12
Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Title: CrossWise

Focus: The cross is ultimate wisdom.

Dear SBPC,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for partnering with me and Dave as we minister to our Christian brothers and sisters in Pakistan. What a joy to share the riches God has given to us.

In Christ's Love, Mary D'Alessio



# Platinum Jubilee Logos are now available on our SBPC Lands' End storefront!

Are T-shirts not your style? Choose your own style apparel from <u>Lands' End</u> and pick from two embroidered anniversary logos!

You can choose from men's and women's polos, shirts, t-shirts, pullovers, jackets, totes, caps, aprons, and much more – all with a *Platinum Jubilee* logo!







There are two different logo options available (pictured above). The *large* size logo is 4.5" x 2.75", and the *small* size logo is 3.5" x 2".

#### **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 <a href="mailto:swdmmd@dikeman.net">swdmmd@dikeman.net</a>. It is requested that prayers be for your <a href="mailto:fami

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## **Spring Branch Presbyterian**

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

To schedule an appointment, contact Ashley Powell (972) 571-2499 ashleycrawford161@gmail.com

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#### Boots on the Ground! Stewardship Campaign



Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Card for 2023.

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 <a href="mailto:giving@springbranchpres.org">giving@springbranchpres.org</a> or <a href="mailto:jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org">jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org</a>.

#### BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2023 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: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2023#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2023#/</a>, or to <a href="mailto:jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org">jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org</a>. 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.



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.

#### 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





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- 5. Start shopping!
- 6. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start shopping at AmazonSmile

The 2023 Offering Envelope Books are now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name by the number that corresponds to your book number. If you already have a book of offering envelopes, you can continue to use it since it doesn't correspond to specific dates. Thank you for your continued commitment!





SBPC will be participating in the **Annual Souper Bowl of Caring** on **Sunday, February 12th** to help tackle hunger in Houston.

Please remember to bring your canned food items or monetary donation on Sunday, February 12th.

Thank you for your support!



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

# Happy Anniversary!



Kip and Margaret Rouse

1/29

Jan 2023 (Central Time - Chicago) 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP) 9am - Cub Scout Pack 552 PWD 8am - Cub Scout Pack 552 PWD 7:30am - Soccer Shots (Field) 8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) 11am - Hot Meals Feed My Starving Children (Pines PC 13 20 27 7pm - Cub Scout Pack 552 PWD 9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 6pm - SBM Arc: Self-Advocate 6pm - SBM Arc: Craft & Dance Family 9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) Movie Night PresPress Articles DUE 6:30pm - Movie Night 12 19 56 5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Bear 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Bear 7pm - Cub Scout Pack 552 PWD 9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) Ξ 18 25 10:15am - PW Board Meeting (CR) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3) 9:30am - PW Moderator (CR) 9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 11am - CPP Training (CR) 9:45am - ZIP Trip: Winery 7pm - Choir Practice 9:30am - PW Circle 4pm - WOW (S) 4pm - WOW (S) 4pm - WOW (S) Spm - WNS 6pm - WNS 10 24 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (FH) 17 11am - Pastor's Bible Study (CR) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 5pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 5pm - Basketball (GP) I Dam - Staff Meeting 10am - Staff Meeting 10am - Staff Meeting 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Basketball (GP) 10am - Staff Meeting 5pm - PW Unwind 'pm - Session 23 10am - The Gathering Place (FH) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Wolf 7pm - Horizon's Bible Study on 6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Worship Team Meeting 6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 5:30pm - Special Olympics: 5:30pm - Special Olympics: 5:30pm - Special Olympics: 5:30pm - Special Olympics: Church & Academy Closed Mon 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 6pm - Yoga (CR) Church Calendar, Outside SBPC Reservations 59 15 22 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP 4pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Tiger 12:30pm - Un-Decorating the 2pm - Craft Workshop (FH) 12:15pm - Choir Practice 12pm - Monthly Birthday 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 9:30am - Sunday School 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice Baptism of the Lord 10:50am - Worship 9:15am - Nursery New Year's Day



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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

