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Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
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# A Lenten Prayer

Dearest Lord, I hope to be more observant of your grace. May you look upon my soul and may my sins erase.

May I know of sacrifice and cherish all you bless and act with courage to assist others who have less.

Prepare my soul for joy to come, and cleanse me of all sin.
I'll wear my faith and do my best to nurture it within.

With a humble heart, I hope to be your faithful servant for all to see.
Amen.



#### **Important Dates Ahead:**

Palm Sunday, April 2nd Maundy Thursday, April 6th Good Friday, April 7th Easter Sunday, April 9th



After careful deliberation, preparation and prayer, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church established the Academy in 1971 to meet the community's need for quality childcare and preschool education. To this day, the Academy continues to enjoy a fine reputation for being a

wonderful place for children to grow and learn. Under the full sponsorship and authority of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, we strive to operate under the

Spring Branch
Presbyterian Academy

policies and guidelines of the church and its preschool ministry. The Academy has exceeded the previous year's attendance and continues to push for growth.

Kids grow out of clothes so fast that passing gently used items onto each other just makes sense. To support this mission of the church, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church will be holding a clothing swap with the participation of the parents of the Academy. SPBC will collect the items and coordinate this swap, as well as provide a space for parents to come and "shop" after they have donated the items. This event was a huge success in prior years, so let's do it again!

#### **March Mission Updates and Opportunities**

**PCHAS Diaper Drive!** – PCHAS is in need of girl's diapers, size 1, 4, and 5, and pull ups. You can either bring them to the church to donate or order them online and ship them to their location at 5020 W. Bellfort Avenue, Houston, TX 77035.

**Clothing Swap!** – Drop off your gently used and washed items that your kids have outgrown between February 13th - March 27th outside the church office. Then come "shop" in the breezeway at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church on April 1st from 10-4, or April 2nd from 9:30-2. It's first come first serve.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – We outdid our numbers from the previous years on this mission to tackle hunger! There were 87 cans donated and \$1200 raised to go towards fighting hunger. Their total for the 2022-2023 season so far is \$1,510,280.62. It's fantastic to be part of such a great success, and to do our part to help a great cause! Great job to all that donated and gave!

**Family Movie Night** – This was such a success. We had a little over 50 people come, so thank you to all who came to help and to enjoy! We received some really good feedback and will be changing things up a little bit for the next one to create a more specific show time for younger families and older. The Gathering Place was the perfect setting for this event, so stay tuned for the next showtime!

**Blood Drive** – A big thank you to Ashley Powell for helping coordinate this event. Also thank you to all who donate for this wonderful cause. We had a total of 9 whole blood donations and 2 double red cell donations! #Commitforlife

**Scout Sunday** – Our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts did a great job leading worship on February 12th. These groups have been a wonderful addition to our church and if you are interested in finding out more about these organizations, please go to our website under Children & Youth to find who to contact for each age group and troop/pack.

**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.

# During the month of March, we're having a



# Diaper Drive

#### **To benefit PCHAS Single Family Homes**

#### **Need:**

Girl sizes 1, 4 and 5 diapers and pullups



#### **Donations may be:**

Brought to church or ordered and sent to PCHAS office @

5020 W. Bellfort Ave. Houston, TX 77035 713-723-3976

#### **2023 PCHAS Luncheon**

One of our church's favorite events is back!

**PCHAS** (Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services) is hosting **The Annual Fundraising Luncheon** on **Thursday**, **April 20**, at 12:00pm at the Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston TX 77027.

This special fundraising event will showcase the lifechanging work that we are doing in our community. You will hear inspiring stories from PCHAS staff and the families they care for. Our theme this year is "Hope Grows Here".

Our church will have three Table Hosts – Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, and Patti Nanney. In the next few weeks, one of these ladies will probably be contacting you to see if you would like to attend the luncheon, but feel free to contact them first. We always have so much fun, great fellowship, good food, and supporting a great charity.





## This Month at SBPC



There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 5th, immediately following Worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote to accept the request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship between SBPC and Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd.





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.

#### Let's Celebrate Our March Birthdays!

Join church members and friends on Sunday, March 12th, immediately after Worship as we gather to celebrate those among us born in March. Sweet treats and snacks will add to the festive spirit of the day.



#### Don't forget to spring forward!

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.



#### **Wednesday Night Supper**



March 15 — No Supper (Spring Break)

March 22 — Hamburgers **Laurie Mitchell** 

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.

March 29 — Baked Potatoes **Presbyterian Women** 

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)

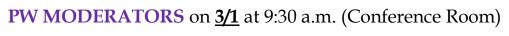
We are now accepting credit card payments at Wednesday Night Supper!



## Wednesday Night Supper Meal Tickets are available!

Finding yourself short of cash on Wednesdays? You may now purchase meal tickets and pay by check or credit card. 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!

## PW at a Glance





PW BOARD MEETING on 3/1 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW UNWIND on <u>3/7</u> at 6:00 p.m. at White Elm Brasserie (14079 Memorial Drive)

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 3/8 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room).

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

THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using ZOOM will be on Monday, 3/13 at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 7 Video: <u>www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath</u>

**ZIP TRIP** to the Star of the Republic Museum on <u>3/15</u> at 9:30 a.m.

**HAPPY HANDS** will meet on <u>3/22</u> at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.



The Unwind Group will meet on March 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the While Elm Brasserie (14079 Memorial Dr, Houston, X 77079).

Please note that this is a Tuesday, as they are

not open for dinner on Monday. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114.

#### Bible Study Using Zoom: March 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 7 of *Celebrating Sabbath* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, March 13th, at 7 p.m. All SBPC women are welcomed in this Bible study group through videoconference! Contact Sarah Powell at <a href="mailto:mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com">mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com</a> to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.



#### **SAVE THE DATE! PW ZIP Trip on March 15th**



Join us for a trip to the Star of the Republic Museum in Washington, Texas. The only museum created for the exclusive purpose of collecting and preserving the material culture of the time of the Republic (1836-1846). The museum explores the history, cultures, diversity and promotes understanding and appreciation of Texas heritage.

Ticket are \$7.00 for seniors and may be purchased on the day of our trip at the museum. For more information, please visit: https://www.thc.texas.gov/.../star-republic-museum.

Lunch to be decided. Contact Marguerite Priest at <a href="mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com">mepriest@hotmail.com</a>.



#### Register by April 14th

Fee - \$18
First-Time Attendee - \$15
Walk-In Registration - \$20
Breakfast and Lunch included

Speakers include: Jean Zophy and Phyllis Koenig, Webster Presbyterian Earth Care Team Debra Caldwell, Master Gardner

The Spa Girls

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Retzloff, Houston

Silent Auction and

Benefit Drawing--Tickets 3 for \$10 or \$5 each

Mission Opportunity: Mission of Yahweh, a faith-based shelter for homeless women and children Please consider bringing personal care items to be donated to Mission of Yahweh.







**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			
Name of College, University, or Technical School:				
Level: Freshman Soph Senior	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
- 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.

# March Craft Sunday

#### March 19 2-3:30 PM



Our project this month will be as a service project for the Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon. We will be painting on glass rose bowls. These will look like globes when finished and will be used for centerpieces for the annual luncheon. Come join us and find out about painting on glass. No special skills are required. We will have a stencil on the inside of the bowl to paint over.

We only have to paint about 16 vases, so it will be a short time. But come out and enjoy the fellowship and possibly learn something new that we can do at a future workshop.

Thank you very much for the meals you send. They taste so good. I look forward to getting them.

-Sharon Hagger, Hot Meals on the Weekend Recipient



#### 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.





# NEWS YOU CAN USE



We will have **Easter Lilies** again this year! Place your order now through Friday, April 7th. You can order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office, contacting Ethan Mitchell at <a href="mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org">ethan@springbranchpres.org</a>, calling the Church Office (713-464-7659), or using this <a href="mailto:Google Form">Google Form</a>.

The cost is \$10 each, and the payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. The names of those being honored or remembered will be shared with the congregation on Easter Sunday morning.





Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

#### **Ways to Give:**

- Through your congregation (Easter Sunday, April 9th)
- Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHS to 91999 to give

This Lenten season, please give generously to *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Our gifts help to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through these three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.





#### Support SBPC by using AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com,

or directly at our Charity Link: <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6017486">smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6017486</a>

#### Support Spring Branch Presbyterian Church.

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- 2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
- 3. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations (smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6017486)
- 4. Select your charity
- 5. Start shopping!
- 6. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start shopping at AmazonSmile

#### **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

#### 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.

CLICK "sign up for our Mailing List."

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If you are purchasing something for reimbursement by the church, please take a tax exempt form from the Church Office with you. Help us save a few dollars the next time you make a purchase for the church.



Donations needed:
Reusable water bottles
Carabiner clips
Water flavoring packets
Flexible reusable plastic straws
Small items to fit in water bottles:
hand sanitizer, mints, etc.



Presbyterian Youth Connection Council will be donating completed water bottle projects to food pantries and schools in the Houston area. This mission will be completed during youth conclaves at Camp Cho-Yeh.

Donation due: Monday, March 13th to Presbytery office

Home churches with youth attending Conclaves can bring items on the 17th

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life". – John 4:13-14



Noah Fake	3/1	James Qualls	3/14
Andrew Blair	3/2	Linda Crawford	3/15
Patti Walsh	3/3	Austin Smith	3/15
Beverly Cook	3/6	Patty Blome	3/17
David Fuller	3/6	Edda Chirwa	3/17
Amy Cross	3/7	Patti Nanney	3/18
Gary Mitchell	3/7	Matthew Lassiter	3/20
Yolanda Martinez	3/8	Amber Murphy	3/22
C. Richard Nix	3/9	Barbara Lanan	3/28
Sam Wright	3/9	Ethan Mitchell	3/29
Piper Dikeman	3/14		
Madeline Powell	3/14		





Cyndi and Nick Ballesteros	3/27
Patti and Steve Nanney	3/30

Mar 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)	Sat	6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP) 11am - Hot Meals 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	<b>*</b>
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	Mon	27	6pm - Staff Meeting (P) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Worship Team Meeting (P)	7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Horizon's Bible Study on 10am - The Gathering Place (FH) 6pm - Yoga (CR) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	6pm - Yoga (CR) 6:30pm - VBS Meeting (FH) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)
Church Calendar, Outside SBPC Reservations		526	2nd Sunday in Lent 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12pm - Called Congregational 4pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Tiger		9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship



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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

-Romans 12:12