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May 2023



Missions of the Month

The "Mission for the Month" for May is Mo-Ranch. Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is a conference and retreat center related by covenant to the Synod of the Sun of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 1949, Mo-Ranch has served as a sacred and transformative place for those who retreat to the Hill Country for worship, fellowship,



relaxation and renewal. Their mission is to foster growth in God through Jesus Christ by sharing its unique living, learning, Christian Environment.



Over the years, we have sent numerous groups of youth to their summer conferences, as well as held adult retreats at their facilities so that we may experience this glorious retreat, and find spiritual growth below the stars. Our Pentecost offering on Sunday, May 28th will be going to this devoted mission.

May Mission Updates and Opportunities

Miracles of Mission Luncheon – Our friends at the Mission of Yahweh have invited our congregation to their annual spring luncheon. We are sponsoring a table with our friends at John Knox Presbyterian Church. The luncheon will be on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at the Junior League from 11:30-1:00 PM. If you would like to sit at our table, please let Miguel know in the church office by Wednesday, May 3rd.

Clothing Swap! – This is a wrap! We had several appreciative parents come by to shop, and we were able to donate any left-over clothing to PCHAS, Mission of Yahweh, and Oak Forest Neighborhood Association. We will be hosting another one this fall at the request of the parents. Thank you to all who helped with this!

Vacation Bible School Mission Project – Thank you to those members and friends who have donated plastic bags and newspapers for MAM Resale Shop and Fair Haven Food Pantry over the last several years. Our VBS Mission project this year will be focused on recycling and conservation. Therefore, in the month of June, we are encouraging everyone to save newspapers and plastic bags, culminating the week of June 13-16, 2023. We will report how much we have collected and recycled at the VBS Closing Celebration on June 16th.

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, 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.

Annual PCHAS Luncheon Update – We want to thank everyone who was able to attend the annual PCHAS Luncheon on April 20th at the Junior League. Our friends at PCHAS shared that they had more people attend than ever before and received more pledges than ever before. Thank you to Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, and Patti Nanney for organizing our delegation of 30 people.



Donations to PCHAS Diaper Drive – At the end of February, PCHAS Development Officer Marla Endieveri reached out to SBPC with a call for diapers. The Mission Team jumped into action by organizing a diaper drive for the month of April, and the members of SBPC did not disappoint. The immediate PCHAS needs were more than met. In addition, the Mission Team decided to give a check for \$500 to help with PCHAS' future needs. Pictured below, Miguel Carlin and Patti Nanney present the check to PCHAS' Marla Endieveri.



Saturday, May 20
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft
4848 Main Street

*Each \$25 bowl purchased provides
75 meals for our neighbors in need!*

Proceeds benefit houston**foodbank**

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Wednesday Night Supper



May 3 — Cranberry Chicken

Jan Fitts

May 10 — Hamburgers

Laurie Mitchell

May 17 — Hungarian Goulash

Silvia Argyriou

May 24 — Grilled Chopped Steak

Kay Craig & Betty Magnuson

**Last Wednesday Night Supper
of the School Year**

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.

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!



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



PW at a Glance



PW UNWIND on 5/1 at 6:00 p.m. at Velvet Taco (10201 Katy Freeway)

PW MODERATORS on 5/3 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on 5/3 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

THE HORIZONS Evening Bible study using **Zoom** will be on Monday, 5/8 at 7:00 p.m.

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 5/10 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room). We will have a salad luncheon in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Please bring a salad to share.

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

Lesson 9 Video: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/celebrating-sabbath

ZIP TRIP to *Your Cup of Tea* (2620 Fondren) on 5/17 at 10:45 a.m.

HAPPY HANDS will meet on 5/24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.



Unwind is going to Velvet Taco! Please join us for dinner on Monday, May 1st, at 6:00 PM at Velvet Taco. The address is 10201 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77024. RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114, only if you plan to attend.

Bible Study Using Zoom: May 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 9 of *Celebrating Sabbath* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, May 8th, 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.



Our final ZIP Trip for this season is May 17th at Your Cup of Tea, an English Tearoom, located at 2620 Fondren Houston, TX 77063.

We will leave from the church at 10:45-10:50 for an 11:00 AM gathering at the restaurant for lunch. Reservations are required to Marguerite Priest.

We need a coordinator/planner for the August Welcoming Tea. Kay & Betty will be in charge of the food. Please let Sarah Dikeman know if you are able and willing.



Each month, the Happy Hands group makes at least 50 heart-shaped pillows to give to those who might appreciate a special blessing. Often these pillows go to hospital patients, or our own members who we want to give a little extra attention and comfort. This past March, the pillows were given to our Hot Meal recipients. Those delivering the Hot Meals said they received lots of smiles and nods of appreciation. In addition, Miriam Vyles arranged to take pillows to Bayou Vista, the nursing facility at Eagle's Trace. The pillows made by our Happy Hands group do a great job of reaching into the community to show God's love.



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Patti Nanney

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church



Patti Nanney volunteers on our Diaper and Wipes Drives, stuffing Back-to-School backpacks, and fulfilling Angel Tree wish lists. She is an organizational wizard, coordinating tables for our annual luncheon while lending guidance to her fellow table hosts.

Patti's energy is infectious as she works tirelessly for our children and families and her congregation. We are so lucky to have her on our PCHAS team.

Bluebonnet Painting

We had a fun time painting bluebonnets and other wildflowers at our Sunday Craft on April 23rd. Some of us painted table runners that Kay had made. Lu painted a shirt & Doris painted 2 aprons. See how pretty Sarah's table runner looks on her table at home! Kay needs ideas for more crafts for future dates!





Reception Honoring Chip Colvin!

Sunday, May 7th, immediately following Worship

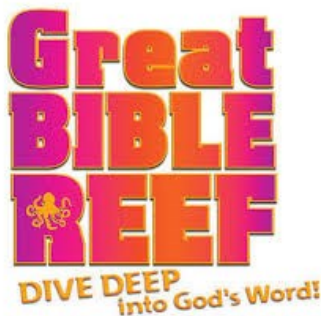
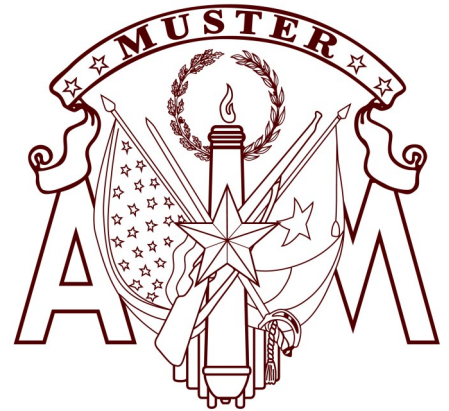
Please keep Chip in your prayers. He has a hairline fracture in his wrist, so we've unfortunately had to cancel his Send-Off Concert. But, we will still honor and celebrate him at a reception after church on May 7th!

Chip will be headed west to sunny California to help support a newly established children's theatre called Backyard Kids! Chip wants to give a sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone at SBPC for their unwavering love and support over the past several years.

"The 2023 Texas A&M Muster at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is now complete. I charge you each to remain firm in your loyalty to your country and your God...To keep warm in your hearts your affection for each other and for our Alma Mater. The Muster is dismissed until April 21 2024, and may God be with us all until we meet again."

Our 2023 Spring Branch Aggie Muster is in the books. The Muster attendance was 27. A Muster roll of 38 names was read.

Thanks to Michael Bowring, Class of '89 and Hunter Taylor, Class of '99 for reading the Muster roll, Gary Mitchell, Class of '88 for leading us in the songs, Jeremy Cross, Class of '04 and Hunter Taylor, Class of '99 for leading the Invocation and Closing. BSA Troop 478 provided the Flag Ceremony, while three Girl Scouts participated in passing out programs and the flag ceremony. The Muster was organized by Neal Dikeman, Class of '98. Muster participants spanned Class '60 to '27, as well as a number of future former students and guests. Thanks to



Save-the-Date for Vacation Bible School!

June 13-16, 2023

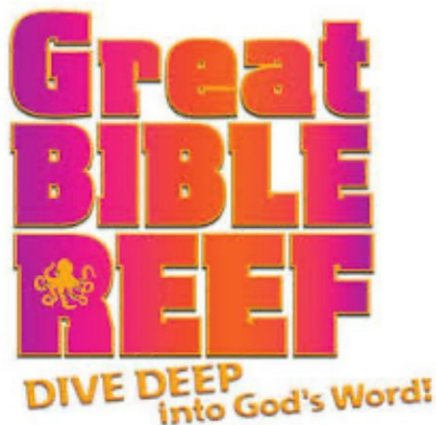
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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.

[VBS Registration Form 2023](#)

[VBS Youth Volunteer Registration Form 2023](#)

[VBS Adult Volunteer Registration Form 2023](#)



**Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Rd.
Vacation Bible School: Tuesday-Friday, June 13-16, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Child's Name: _____

Age Information (for children who are entering Pre-K through just finished 5th grade):

Date of birth _____ Age on June 13 _____

Last school grade completed (2022-2023) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Cell _____ Home _____

Work _____

Home Church (if not SBPC): _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

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:



Lady Spring has Sprung!

The Academy is excited and looking forward to the construction of our new playground this June. Our children will be delighted and thrilled to have a much needed "new" play area. We are getting ready for Summer Camp for another spectacular line up of great field trips and fun activities. Everyone enjoy your

Spring

In the Spotlight...



Ms. Victoria Segovia
Office Assistant

Welcome to our New Office Assistant & Pre-K Teacher

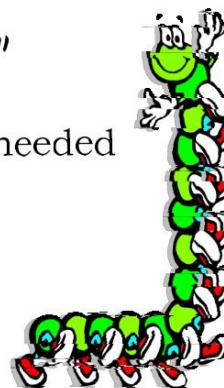
Ms. Maria Martin
Pre-K Teacher



Welcome "Caterpillars"

The Academy has added a much needed new infant classroom.

Ms. Angelique Deal
Head Teacher



Called Congregational Meeting: May 14th



Save-the-Date for a brief Called Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, May 14th, immediately following Worship.
The purpose of the meeting is to Elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Upcoming Guest Pastors

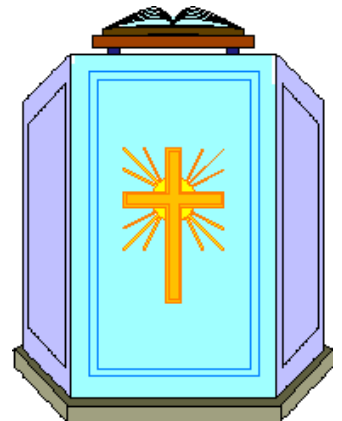
Sunday, May 7th — Rev. Tim Marquez

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th — Rev. Gregory Han

Sunday, May 21st — Rev. Barbara Retzloff

Pentecost Sunday, May 28th — Rev. Tim Marquez

Sunday, June 4th — Rev. Kristi Blankman



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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084cabac2ba1fa7-2023#/>, 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.

Summer Vacation Season is almost here! 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	2024 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



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through adulthood. Our congregation is joining the whole church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith.

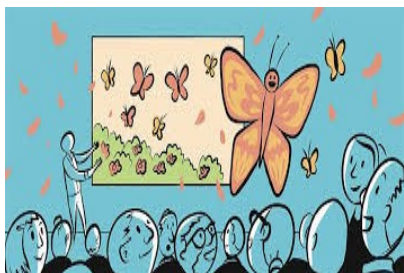
Ways to Give:

- Through the congregation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th
- Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/donatepentecost
- Text PENTECOST to 91999 to give

A Foundation of Faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.



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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!

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.



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.*

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.

Troop 124182 is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 5:00-6:00 PM in the 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!



Greetings from Cub Scout Pack 552!

ABOUT CUB SCOUTS IN GENERAL

- Boys **CAN join at any grade level** without having previously been in Cub Scouts or completed the ranks they may have missed.
- Boys are organized in grade based "Dens": Tigers (1st Grade), Wolves (2nd Grade), Bears (3rd Grade), Webelos I (4th Grade) and Arrow of Light Scouts (5th Grade). Each den is then organized into a larger, collective "Pack".
- Of course, the highlights of the year include our fall and spring family camping trips (YES, the *whole* family is encouraged to attend) and the always popular, timeless classic: Pinewood Derby Races held in January.



ABOUT PACK 552

- An active, well organized Cub Scout unit, Pack 552 is comprised of ~90 Cub Scouts.
- Our Cub Scouts primarily attend Valley Oaks Elementary but also includes boys that attend various private and other SBISD schools throughout the Spring Branch/Memorial areas.

Ready to Join?

Simply scan the QR code on the right and follow the instructions below when registering for the FIRST time.

- 1) Create an Account
- 2) Select "Register a Youth" (Note it should say Pack 0552 Spring Branch Presbyterian Church at the top)
- 3) Follow the "Steps to Complete your application"
 - a. At the end, you will be required to pay BSA's national registration fees & the Scout life subscription fee via credit card. This amount paid DOES NOT PAY FOR ALL PACK 552's required annual dues BUT will be credited to your account. Yearly dues are \$225 per scout.
- 4) Once you have completed 1-3 above, please print a copy of your receipt/order then proceed to wait for Pack 552 to contact you directly.
- 5) **It's that Simple!!!!**





Happy Birthday



Nick Goodrich III	5/2	Anthony Tapia	5/14
Bryn Fuller	5/4	Rebeca Alegria	5/15
Evan Powell	5/9	Curtis Stockton	5/15
Chip Colvin	5/10	Emmett Laverty	5/20
Ken Crawford	5/10	Thelma Stockton	5/21
Xitlalli Rouse	5/10	Madelynn Turney	5/21
Caroline Bik	5/11	Kay Kay Haulcy	5/23
Dr. Matthew Dikeman	5/11	Nikki Childs	5/26
John Lazo	5/12	Thomas Daley	5/29
Web Trevathan	5/13	Angelina Rojas	5/30
Ellie Cross	5/14		



Happy Anniversary!



Brice and Dr. Denise Wilborn	5/29
Robert and Sonya Bear	5/31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6pm - PW Unwind 6pm - Yoga (CR) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Worship Team Meeting	9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Wolf 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	9:30am - PW Moderator (CR) 10:15am - PW Board Meeting (CR) 3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 5:30pm - SBM Arc Annual Meeting 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Reception: Chip Colvin 12:15pm - VBS Meeting (CR) 4pm - Pack 552 Graduation (FH)	6pm - Yoga (CR) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Horizons Bible Study on	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	9:30am - PW Circle 3:30pm - WOW (S) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3) 6pm - WNS	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Bear 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 6pm - SBM Arc: Self-Advocate 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12pm - Called Congregational 12:15pm - Monthly Birthday	10am - The Gathering Place (FH) 6pm - Rainbow's End Appreciation 6pm - Yoga (CR) 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Staff Meeting (P) 11:30am - Miracles of Mission 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Wolf 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	11am - ZIP Trip: Your Cup of Tea 3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 6pm - Yoga (CR)	9am - Jessie's Bites (Kitchen) 11:30am - Pre-K Graduation (S) 6pm - SBM Arc: Craft & Dance 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	PresPress Articles DUE 8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) 4pm - Fairbees Anniversary Dance 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Pentecost Sunday 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship	Church & Academy Closed Memorial Day	10am - Flexercise (GP) 10am - Staff Meeting (P) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	3:30pm - WOW (S)			



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"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said He would."
-Matthew 28:6