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From the desk of Pastor Mark...

Rev. Dr. E. D. Junkin's letter to First Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas
August 31, 1880

Dr. Junkin traveled from Brownsburg, Virginia, to visit the church in Houston and to see about becoming their new pastor. Upon returning to Virginia, he sent a letter to the faithful back in Houston accepting their call. I invite you to hear a portion of the tender words this rather scary-looking ancestor of mine chose to write:

To the members of the First Presbyterian Church,
Houston, Texas

Brownsburg, Virginia
August 31, 1880

"My heart continually goes out toward you who constitute my new charge.

Indeed, I am appalled by the greatness and the difficulty of the work, and could not undertake it but for the good promise of the Master – "I will be with you always."

But I want to say to you, that in order to the success of my ministry among you – *you must work with me.*

The Church can prosper only when the mutual duties of Pastor and People are faithfully performed, and when Pastor and People actuated by love to Christ and to the souls of humans, for Christ's sake, realize their responsibilities and endeavor in the fear of God to discharge them.

There is a very great work to be done in Houston by the Presbyterian Church. Upon me, as your pastor, will rest of course the main responsibility in reference to that work; but I know and you know that I cannot do all of it. *You must help me.*

It is a very great help to a pastor to see the people prompt and punctual in attendance upon the public services of the Church. But not only by your presence can you help and encourage your Pastor; you can by personal influence persuade others to attend services and thus bring them under the influence of the truth.

My prayers will mingle with yours as they ascend to the Heavenly Throne. May the God of all grace keep you and bless you and cause His face to shine upon you. May He cure any that are sick, and may He comfort any who mourn. Pray for me that I may be kept in safety and blessing and be brought back to you fitted for the great work."

NOTE: Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Dickey Junkin is my great-great grandfather and one among many Presbyterian ministers who have served in America since the 1700's.

Blessings always!
Mark

Missions of the Month

The "Mission of the Month" for November is one of our favorite ministries at Spring Branch Presbyterian – the Houston International Seafarers Center. The Seafarers Center is a multi-denominational outreach to seafarers from around the world who dock at terminals in the Houston Ship Channel.



Imagine working on a ship, far from home, as Christmas approaches. This is reality for countless seafarers who pass through the Port of Houston every day. As the Port Chaplains share a Christmas shoebox with each seafarer, the seafarers experience true joy and excitement. Each Christmas, approximately 10,000 Christmas boxes are provided free of charge to our visiting Seafarers from more than 61 different countries!

Our goal this year is to provide 150+ decorated shoeboxes filled with many useful items to the Seafarers Center. Join us on Sunday, November 26th, from 9:30 to 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall to pack and wrap Seafarers Boxes! Breakfast will be served at 9:00am.

November Mission Updates & Opportunities

Blessing Bags – The Mission Team is collaborating with the Stewardship Committee to assemble Blessing Bags at the Stewardship Luncheon on November 12th. Members can take these Blessing Bags and give to neighbors that are struggling with homelessness.

Thanksgiving Cards to Elderly – We will once again partner with the Academy to complete Thanksgiving cards for seniors at The Reserve, Parkway Place, and Hot Meals on Weekend participants.

Fair Haven Food Pantry – We are continuing to accept donations for the Fair Haven Food Pantry (non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, plastic grocery bags, paper bags, and paper products).



SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends – The 4th Saturday of each month we look for individuals to deliver meals to shut-ins. A hot lunch of chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans are delivered via 2 routes with about 14 people on each route, so we usually need a total of 4 volunteers each month. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals one month, please contact Lu Taylor, lu@lutaylor.com, cell 832-571-8779.

Family Movie Night – On Friday, December 8th, at 6:30pm we will be hosting a special holiday family movie night in the church's parking lot. The movie will be "The Grinch," and we will be serving hot chocolate and popcorn before and during the movie.

MAM 40th Anniversary & Back to School Voucher Campaign – Spring Branch Presbyterian Church was delighted to join our friends at the MAM Annual Luncheon on October 16th as we celebrated the work we have been able to do together over the last 40 years to help our neighbors in need. Through your generosity, Spring Branch was able to give \$1,460 to the recently completed Back to School Uniform campaign. We were joined by other congregations throughout the area that raised \$67,979 alongside us. The campaign as a whole raised \$144,380.67. Thank you for your generosity!!



It's time to prepare to pack Seafarer's Boxes on November 26th!

On Sunday, November 26th, we will be packing and wrapping shoe boxes at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, full of goodies to send to the Seafarers' Center at the Port of Houston. We need lots of boxes, so get out there and go shoe shopping! Our goal is to collect over 150 boxes to pack. Ladies' sized boxes are the best, but we can also accept the plastic shoe boxes with lids that you can buy at the dollar store, at Walmart, or other stores.



If your family enjoys selecting, packing and wrapping, consider filling a box (or several) on your own. This has been quite

successful, so we will continue to offer this option. Please bring any fully wrapped boxes to the church by Sunday, November 19th. Laurie would like to guarantee 150+ boxes total, so it would be helpful to know how many we will be packing and wrapping together on the 26th.



Below is the list of requested items from the Seafarers' Center. The Seafarers prefer full sized items over small travel sized items. We are also in need of wrapping paper.

If you would like to help deliver, please let Laurie know.

Stress ball	NESCAFE instant coffee	Deodorant
Toothbrush, Toothpaste	Hot chocolate/drink mix-ins	Multivitamins
Fish Oil	Razors	Shaving Cream
Hairbrush	Comb	Mini first aid kit
Insulated tumbler	Fabric bandaids	Lip balm
Nail grooming kit	Q Tips	White athletic socks
Small Bibles RSV, NIV	Baseball cap	T-Shirts (M, L, XL)
Small whistle	Light weight work gloves (M, L, XL)	Small notebooks
Cold weather caps	Pens/mechanical pencils	Puzzle books
3-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner/Body wash	Wireless Earbuds	Small flashlight with batteries
Popcorn/snacks	Gum	Hard candy
Sewing kit	2024 calendar	USB flash drive
Christmas ornaments	Playing cards	Texas Magnets
Mouthwash	Cough drops	Mini games
Gold Bond powder/lotion	Dental floss	Texas souvenirs and keychains

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.

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

Nov. 1 — Chicken Pot Pie
Jennifer Miller

Nov. 8 — Cranberry Chicken
Jan Fitts

Nov. 15 — Tacos
Barbara & Don Tremble

Nov. 22 — No Supper
Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29 — Baked Potatoes
Presbyterian Women
All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund!

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)	



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



**Idea Spring
Presents**



SCIENCE NIGHT



**November 16th
5:00-6:00 PM**



@SBPC.Idea.Spring
www.springbranchpres.org/ideaspring
ideaspring@springbranchpres.org



**1215 Campbell Rd.
Dinner Following**

AV Training

A full-scale AV crash course will be held on Sunday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. This in-depth class will cover the Sanctuary AV system, and the infrastructure for streaming the Worship Services. We employ several part time AV technicians, but if they are unavailable, it's always good to have a backup. Anyone is welcome to attend! Please RSVP to ethan@springbranchpres.org if you'd like to join.



Children's Chime Choir: The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th 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) for additional details.



FALL

BACK

Daylight Saving
Time is ending!



Don't forget to fall back!

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday Night.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our Stewardship Campaign "What Shall We Bring?" is well underway! Letters with Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Pledges have been mailed to the Congregation. Dedication Sunday is scheduled for November 12th, when everyone will be invited to turn in your Pledge Card and participate a lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the service.



**"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?"
-Micah 6:6**

November Birthday Celebration!



Please join family, friends, and congregation members on Sunday, November 12th right after our 10:50 worship service as we celebrate those in our church community born in November. Our Birthday Celebration this month will take place in the Fellowship Hall as part of our Dedication Sunday Luncheon.

Everyone is invited to help prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent Season immediately after Worship on Sunday, November 26th. The Fellowship Hall will be decorated on November 29th at Wednesday Night Supper. We are hoping to have many hands helping this year, so please come join us! A pizza lunch will be provided when we finish. Please see Donald McDaniel if you have any questions, or if you can attend.



Stewardship and Conservation



On October 25th, Matt Lassiter gave a presentation on butterflies, bees, and what we can do to help conserve our natural environment. Here are some of the highlights:

Monarch Butterflies – Plant milkweed to feed the Monarchs, but do not buy it from a big box hardware store, as these are doused with pesticides which kill the butterflies. Instead, look online for seeds or check out smaller nurseries about town.

Also, place a water dish with rocks in your garden, or a bird bath with rocks for the bees and butterflies to drink. If you are concerned about mosquitos (which we all are!), you can buy Mosquito Dunk online. It kills the mosquito larvae in standing water but does not hurt bees or butterflies.



Homemade Pesticide for plant aphids – 1/2 cup of water, 1/2 cup of rubbing alcohol, and a drop of Dawn Dishwashing Liquid. Spray, leave stand for 30 minutes, Wash off.

If you are overwhelmed by the number of threatened, protected, and nearly extinct animals that you see on TV, pick one that you passionately care about and either contribute money or time to that cause only. If you are looking for something local, the Texas ocelot is a great one!

Low Maintenance Pollenator Friendly Plants

Duranta (aka Golden Dew Drop)
Esperanza

Lantana
Milk Weed

Blue Salvia

Matt also taught us how to build a pond in your backyard for about \$240 plus any pond plants you want to add. Contact the office if you would like instructions.

Next up is Gary Mitchell speaking about community planning and land conservation on November 1st, after Wednesday Night Supper. Please join us in the Conference Room.

Then, as the Bible states: “Your body is a temple,” we will be looking at *Knowing your Numbers*, as in health-related numbers with Sarah Powell. This will be a hands-on workshop on November 8th after Wednesday Night Supper in the Conference Room.



Presbyterian Women this Month



PW at a Glance



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

PW BOARD MEETING on 11/1 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW UNWIND will meet on 11/6 at 6:00 PM at Juarez Mexican Restaurant (4145 Gessner)

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 11/8 at 9:30 a.m.

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, 11/13 at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 3 Video: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters

ZIP TRIPS and **HAPPY HANDS** will not meet in November.

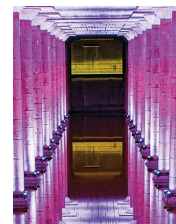
Bible Study Using Zoom: November 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 3 of *Sacred Encounters* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, November 13th, 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.



The Unwind Group is meeting on Monday, November 6th at 6:00 PM for dinner at Juarez Mexican Restaurant (4145 Gessner Rd). They have moved locations! Please RSVP only if you plan to attend to Jacquie Ballesteros at: 713-305-1114.

There is no ZIP Trip in November or December. Our ZIP in January is to the Buffalo Bayou Conservancy Cistern. We will take a tour through the Cistern and eat at a place to be determined.



Even though Happy Hands won't be meeting in November or December because of the holidays, we're still collecting scarves and elementary aged children's hats. We always have a need come January and February, so we want to accumulate a supply now. If you make a hat or scarf, leave it in the Church Office and Doris Wright will get it to the right organization for distribution. If you find some fabric or yarn you'd like to move out of your house when you are getting out your holiday decorations, bring that to the Church Office as well. Doris will take it to a good home to be made into something special for those in need.

Happy Hands members, Luna Lassiter, Doris Wright, and Jacquie Ballesteros made these great winter hats for school children. The group finished 51 heart pillows for hospital patients. A great morning doing good!



Dear Friends,

I received word from MBF that they had received a gift for the Friends of IMCK endowment fund in Walter's memory. Thank you so much! The Institute is still carrying on as a light in the heart of darkness.

Over 50 years ago, the congregation of Spring Branch helped us pack barrels for the Congo (Zaire) and sent us off with your love, prayers, and faithful support.

Our years spent among you were joyful, and we were delighted when Karen Collier and Andy LaMore visited us at Bibanga, and the Henrys came to spend time at Tshikiji (IMCK). Most of our friends are now with the Lord, but perhaps a few of their children are still there - the Dikemans, the Robinsons, Laurie Miller (Mitchell), and Byron Goodrum.

The two little girls who I took to the nursery on Sunday mornings - both married and returned to Africa to serve and raise their families.

Thank you again for your gift. It will be a blessing to many.

With my love and prayers for your congregation,

Nancy Hull



Our Ambassador Group had the opportunity to go and visit with our friends at John Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 14th at their annual Oktoberfest. This event brought together our neighbors and friends to help raise funds for the Mission of Yahweh and the Spring Branch Color Run. We want to thank John Knox for the invitation and our congregation looks forward to participating next year.

Church's Prayer Chain List?

The email prayer chain is open all who would like to pray for those individuals in need of prayer.

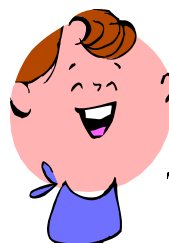
*If you would like to be included in the email prayer chain as a prayer warrior or if you have a prayer request for an individual, contact swdmmd@dikeman.net . It is requested that prayers be for your **family members, or extended families and friends** who are in need of prayer.*

Scholastic Book Fair Week



Please come to our book fair and purchase books from a wide selection to help support our Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 6th. It's a great time to buy your Christmas gifts for your kids, grandkids, friends. The book fair funds provide the school with educational, useful and fun literary resources. Hope to see you there. The Academy

Happy Thanksgiving



There are 2 things
you should give your
children...
One is roots the other
is "turkey" wings.



Christmas Pageant

Dec. 13th



Academy kids are already preparing for the Pageant and Play. Mark the date on your calendar. You don't want to miss it.



Congratulations to our Academy teacher...

Lakisa Cox who was married August 22nd to Frederick James. They had a beautiful ceremony at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church on October 14th. May God guide and bless their union with a lifetime of love, joy and happiness.

Love never fails. 1 Cor. 13:8

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
Celebrate Advent and Christmas with Us!



Sunday, December 3, 10:50 am

1st Sunday of Advent Worship

"Voices from Bethlehem: The Pilgrim at the Temple"

Friday, December 8, 6:30 pm

Outdoor Movie Night

"Dr. Suess' The Grinch"

Sunday, December 10, 10:50 am

2nd Sunday of Advent Worship

"Voices from Bethlehem: The Baptist Knows"



Sunday, December 10, 6:00 pm

Advent Party in the Fellowship Hall

Come for food, fellowship, an ornament exchange, music, and crafts!

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 pm

"Santa's Workshop" Academy Christmas Pageant in the Sanctuary

Last WNS of 2023, 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Sunday, December 17, 10:50 am

3rd Sunday of Advent Worship

Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 17, 5:00 pm

Blue Christmas Worship in the Sanctuary

"Voices from Bethlehem: A God Who Cares"

Sunday, December 24

Brunch in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 am

4th Sunday of Advent Worship, 10:50 am in the Sanctuary

"Voices from Bethlehem: The Angel Gabriel Witnesses"



Sunday, December 24, 6:00 pm

Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

Cookies & Hot Chocolate in the Breezeway at 5:30 pm

"Voices from Bethlehem: The Innkeeper's Wife Speaks"

"Voice from Bethlehem: A Shepherd Speaks"

Sunday, December 31, 10:50 am

The Baptism of the Lord

"Voices from Bethlehem: Simeon and Anna Rejoice"

Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 10:50 am

"Voices from Bethlehem: The Magi's Witness"



Poinsettias!

We will have poinsettias for purchase again this year! You can place your order in the Church Office, online at this [form](https://forms.gle/jRhQFBorzzQ32nW7) (<https://forms.gle/jRhQFBorzzQ32nW7>), or by emailing ethan@springbranchpres.org, today through Thursday, December 21st! They are a beautiful way to bring color and brightness to the Church throughout the Advent Season! What a lovely way to honor your loved ones, or to have a beautiful remembrance of those who are no longer with us. Don't forget to bring your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please remember to indicate who you are honoring, and/or remembering, with your payment of \$10.00 to SBPC. You can mail your payment to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy for you and your family this coming Advent Season.

Dust off Your Halos – It's Time for Our Annual Angel Tree Christmas Program



A Program of Prison Fellowship

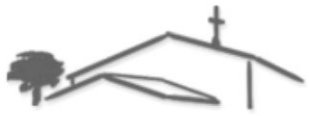
The Angel Tree Prison Ministries is a program to support the children of incarcerated parents during the holiday season. Spring Branch Presbyterian will receive the names of about 20 children in November, and our church works to find out their needs from the custodial parent. Then, on December 10th and 13th, you will have opportunities to select a child or children to purchase a gift for. The gift should be in the \$20 range. It should be wrapped and returned to the office with the sticker attached to the wrap. The deadline for returning the gifts is Sunday, December 17.

In addition to the gifts, each family receives a basket of food. Please pick up some kid friendly non-perishable food from the store over the next month and we will begin to set it aside for our Angel Tree families. Please direct gift questions to Laurie Mitchell and food questions to Linda Crawford.



REIMBURSEMENTS DEADLINE APPROACHING...

Please turn in your personal reimbursements no later than December 15th. Contact Jorida at jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org if you have any questions.



SPRING BRANCH
Presbyterian Church



Spring Branch
Presbyterian Academy

Family Movie Night

**In the Church's
Parking Lot**



Friday, December 8

6:30pm

"The Grinch" movie begins

Hot Chocolate and Popcorn served before and during movie

Retreat for Families with Young Children



The Installation of Rev. Mark Plunkett





Church-Wide Retreat to Mo-Ranch

Thursday, March 14th-Sunday, March 17th

We have a church-wide retreat in the works for March 14th-17th at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, TX! The theme and schedule will be forthcoming as we make plans for this exciting trip!

This is spring break week, so we're hopeful that we can have a big group go - including our families! This retreat will be Thursday-Sunday, with the option to stay with a small group into Monday.

There will be lots of time for spiritual development, fellowship, recreation, worship, and good food! We are hoping for this to truly be a church-wide retreat, so sign up and let us know that you're coming!

We will be staying at both the Milk Barn and the Westminster Lodge, which face each other on the NW side of Mo-Ranch. *(We'll move across the Ranch to hotel rooms for those staying into Sunday night.)*

The Milk Barn is more group/family oriented with most rooms having twin sized bunk beds. For those that would like more privacy, the Westminster Lodge is similar to hotel accommodations with private bedrooms.

Here's what our accommodation options look like:

Westminster Lodge:

- 4 separate bedrooms, each with 2 double beds, sleeping up to 16 if completely full. So, couples, extended families, or individuals that pair up with roommates can use these rooms. They will probably go fast, so sign up soon!



Milk Barn:

- 1 Bedroom with a double bed and 1 set of bunk beds, sleeping up to 4.
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- 1 Bedroom with 3 sets of bunk beds, sleeping up to 6.
- 1 Bedroom (upstairs) with 4 sets of bunk beds, sleeping up to 8.
- 1 Bedroom (upstairs) with 3 sets of bunk beds and 1 double bed (in a loft), sleeping up to 8.
- There are also 2 bunk houses on the rear side of the Milk Barn. One room will accommodate 14 in bunk beds, and the other room will accommodate 16 in bunk beds.



Some of the programming will include: water activities, a movie night, a scavenger hunt, a mission activity or two, games/puzzles, an evening Vespers under the stars on the tennis courts, morning devotionals, the High Ropes Course, among others! Some of our meals will be cooked at our lodging, and others by Mo-Ranch at the King Dining Hall, and a BBQ by the river on Saturday evening.

There will be a combination of structured group activities and exercises together, mixed with other opportunities for free time around the Ranch.

We will have a Sunday morning worship service led by SBPC at Chapel on the Hill, open to the entire Ranch. We're also in discussion to have some Sunday School classes beforehand, for both adults and kids.

We are asking those who are interested in going to please complete the registration form, reserve your room to secure the space that you'd like, and pay \$75/person to the church, as we have to make a partial payment to Mo-Ranch in order to hold our space.

The total cost is \$185 for adults and \$120 for kids, for the 3 nights, including all meals. The remainder of your balance will be due to the church by Sunday, December 10th. Please see Jorida in the church office if you need an extension on that deadline. Scholarships can be made available to you if needed. Please see Jorida for information as well.

Our goal is to have at least 45 people attend, but we have access to accommodations for up to 76. Even though we may not use them, there are 2 bunkhouses at the rear of the Milk Barn, which combined can house an additional 30 people, totaling to the 76. We can overflow into this space at an additional cost per person, all covered within our tiered fee structure.

If you'd like to attend but would prefer not to drive, accommodations can be made. The Academy has also offered the 12-passenger van to us for the trip.

Some of us will stay over Sunday night, and return home on Monday, March 18th. If you are interested in staying into Monday, you will need to book and pay for your own hotel rooms at Pheasant Run or Wynne/Flato, and pay for the desired King Dining Hall meals.

For more information or questions, please see Ethan Mitchell.

SBPC Church-Wide Retreat to Mo-Ranch

Registration Form

March 14th-17th

Names of those attending:

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I/we would like to attend. We will join Thursday-Sunday.
- ☐ I/we would like to attend. We will join Thursday-Monday. We understand that we will be responsible for securing hotel accommodations for Sunday night, and paying for the desired meals at the King Dining Hall on our own.
- ☐ I/we would like to attend, but we will only join on these days:

- ☐ I would like to attend, but do not want to drive.
- ☐ I will drive, and can help provide transportation for others. This is the additional number of people that I can transport in my car: _____.
- ☐ I would be willing to drive the church van.
- ☐ I would prefer a more private sleeping quarters.
- ☐ I'm ok with sharing sleeping quarters.
- ☐ I'm ok with staying on the top bunk of a bunk bed. _____
- ☐ I would be willing to help prepare a meal at our lodging facilities.
- ☐ I would be willing to serve on the retreat planning committee.

I would like to room with:

Does anyone in your family have any dietary restrictions?

Please use the space below to share any information that we should know about your stay with us on this church-wide retreat:

To secure your space, please submit a deposit of \$75/person, as we have to submit a partial payment to Mo-Ranch in order to hold our space. The remainder of your balance will be due to the church by Sunday, December 10th. Please see Jorida in the church office if you need an extension on this deadline. Scholarships can also be made available. Please see Jorida in the church office if that is the case.

The total cost per person for the retreat is \$185 for adults and \$120 for kids, for 3 nights, including all meals.

Number attending: _____ x \$75.00 = Deposit of : \$ _____

Please return your registration form, along with your deposit to the church office, or directly to Ethan Mitchell. Please make checks payable to Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, and put *Mo-Ranch Retreat* in the memo line.

A digital version of the form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/gNq6fmuuXqgYC1GWA>.



The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program through the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color—offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come. This offering will be collected on December 17th and 24th.

Ways to Give:

- Through your congregation
- Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999 to learn more or donate
- Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/christmasjoy

"God is with us." -Matthew 1:23



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS





Cyndi Ballesteros	11/1	Carrie Whittlesey	11/12
Renee Henry	11/2	Charles Fairchild	11/14
Marguerite Priest	11/2	Jayden Earnest	11/15
Jacquie Ballesteros	11/3	Kate Cross	11/16
Sarah Powell	11/4	Matthew Hogg	11/19
Meg Sides	11/6	Kolson Walters	11/20
Deona Vakiari	11/7	Jeff Hogg	11/21
Joel Alegria	11/10	Melissa Rendon	11/21
Chloe Carpenter	11/10	Luke Balli	11/23
Elizabeth Powell	11/10	McCaslin Ballesteros	11/25
Nina Rach	11/10	Brice Wilborn	11/26
Jennifer Miller	11/11	Rhonda Hill	11/30
Jackie Nix	11/11		

Happy Anniversary!



Victoria and Joseph Kissinger	11/3
Fonda and Steve Blair	11/4
Megan and Jeff Hogg	11/4
Liz and Stephen Earnest	11/6
Delia and C. Richard Nix	11/16
Lin and Rocco Sabala	11/27

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			9:30am - PW Moderator (CR) 10:15am - PW Board Meeting (CR) 3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS 6:45pm - Stewardship	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR) 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)	2pm - Memorial Service: Virginia 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Saving Time ends 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 4pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Tiger	7am - Meet the Pastor (Foyer) 6pm - PW Unwind 6pm - Special Olympics: Volleyball 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Worship Team Meeting (CR)	9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Wolf 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	9:30am - PW Circle 3:30pm - WOW (S) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3) 6pm - WNS 6:45pm - Stewardship	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Bear 6pm - Fairbees (GP)	Girl Scout Campout 6pm - SBM Arc: Movie/Dance 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	Veterans Day 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Dedication Sunday 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Stewardship Lunch 6pm - AV Training (S) 6pm - BSA Committee Meeting	4:30pm - Faith Development 5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting 6pm - PNC Meeting (CR) 6pm - Special Olympics: Volleyball 6:30pm - Ambassador Group 6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Horizon's Bible Study on	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR) 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS 6:15pm - Team Leader Budget	10am - Flexercise (GP) 5pm - Idea Spring (FH) 6pm - Fairbees (GP) 	7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)	8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) 6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)
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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Christ the King Sunday 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Packing Seafarer's 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Hanging of the Greens	6pm - Special Olympics: Volleyball 6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: 7pm - CENTI Bible Study &	3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS	10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Fairbees (GP)		



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his love endures forever."*

~1 Chronicles 16:34