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The Year I Learned the Gift of Giving

In high school, my first job was as the janitor in a cheap department store in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It didn't pay well, but it was enough to put some gas money in my pocket.

A few months before Christmas, I was cleaning the electronics department when I noticed a small stereo console on sale for about \$150 (this was in 1975, so \$150 was a little pricey.) It had a stereo radio, a record player, two built-in speakers and an 8-track tape player – top of the line for 1975. I calculated that if I put it on lay-away and paid a certain amount each week, I could buy it for my family for Christmas.

I began the process and made sure I paid on time each week. As Christmas got closer, I picked out record albums for both my parents and both my sisters. I also spoke with our next-door neighbors and arranged to temporarily put the stereo in their garage after I brought it home.

On Christmas Eve morning, I pretended that my VW Beetle wouldn't start, so I could borrow my mom's station wagon. I went to work, finished my shift, made the last payment on the stereo, and loaded the console in my mom's car. When I drove it home, the plan was to pretend it was a big model train set for my neighbor's son; sure enough, my sister saw me unloading it and came over to help me. She even helped me put it in the neighbor's garage.

During the night, after everyone was asleep, I snuck next door, quietly opened their garage door, carried the console to our house, and set it up in the living room next to all the presents.

The next day was a day I will never forget! My sisters woke me up at the crack of dawn yelling something about a huge present sitting next to the Christmas tree. I played dumb until my parents came into the living room with their first cups of coffee. When my sisters saw the look on my parents' faces, it became obvious that no one knew what was going on!

That's when I started laughing. Then I walked over to the console and yanked the box off the top revealing their present. Then I gave them each their album to play on it.

Amazingly enough, I don't remember a thing that I got for Christmas that year. What I remember was the look on my family's faces when they saw their present. It made all the planning, money and effort worth it.

Because that was the Christmas I learned that it is much more blessed to give than to receive!

Blessings always!
Mark

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
Celebrate Advent and Christmas with Us!



Sunday, December 3, 10:50 am
1st Sunday of Advent Worship
"Voices from Bethlehem: A Disciple at the Temple"

Friday, December 8, 6:30 pm
Outdoor Movie Night
"Dr. Seuss' 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"

Missions of the Month

Because December is such a wonderful time of giving, we have two “Missions of the Month” for December – The Angel Tree Program and the Presbyterian Children Homes and Services (PCHAS) Ornament Tree.

For 2.7 million children in the U.S. their lives may be filled with the abandonment, loneliness, and shame that comes from having a mom or dad in prison. For many,



it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration. Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program gives us an opportunity to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners at Christmas time.

Every year, our church receives the names of about 20 children who live in the zip codes around our church. Through contact with each of the families, we determine items that the children need or want. In addition to two gifts designated from the parent, each child receives a gift from SBPC. Each family also receives a generous food basket. We will be collecting nonperishable foods for these baskets, so watch for collection bins outside the church office. Tags will be available beginning on Sunday, December 10th, before and after worship, as well as on Wednesday, December 13th, at dinner. Be sure to pick up one or two! Here's what you do: select an angel tag (or two). Purchase the gift (*in the \$20 price range*). Wrap the gift, sticking the tag to the front of the package. Please return the gift to the church office no later than Sunday, December 17th.

We are collecting food for Angel Tree Food Baskets, to be shared with families this Christmas. Here are some suggestions:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Canned evaporated milk
- Chili or Ravioli
- Canned fruits, vegetables, soups
- Spaghetti, Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Any kid friendly, easy to prepare foods

So, watch the ads, or just pick up one extra item the next time you go to the store. Your gifts will be much appreciated. Please direct gift questions to Laurie Mitchell and food questions to Linda Crawford.



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

Our other “Mission of the Month” is the PCHAS Ornament Tree. Instead of buying toys for the needy children at Christmas time, we opt to give monetary donations. These generous gifts allow PCHAS to serve approximately 5000 children and families each year.

During Advent time, we hang ornaments on a Christmas tree. Each of the ornaments has a PCHAS tag attached with a suggested donation amount. You take the ornament home with you and leave the donation in the basket provided. We will donate the entire amount to PCHAS at the end of the month. (*If you pay by check, please make checks payable to SBPC and put “PCHAS Ornament Tree” in the memo line.*)

December Mission Updates & Opportunities

Holiday Family Movie Night – We are sponsoring our last Family Movie Night of 2023. We will be having a drive-in movie showing “Dr. Seuss’ The Grinch” in the church parking lot on Friday December 8th, at 6:30 PM. Please feel free to bring a camping chair or blanket to sit on during the movie. Hot chocolate and light refreshments will be available. If it rains, we will be in the Gathering Place building.



Seafarers' Boxes Updates and Thanks – Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual packing and wrapping of the Seafarer's Boxes on Sunday, November 26th. We had a total 155 of boxes that were delivered to the Houston International Seafarers' Center. A special thanks to Laurie Mitchell who coordinates this mission initiative.

Peace and Global Witness Offering – Thank you to everyone who gave to the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering this year. We received \$1,125, which is a significant increase from last year. Spring Branch as a congregation chose to give our local portion of this offering to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ukraine Fund. You can find out more about PDA's efforts in Ukraine by going to this website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>.

Children's Thanksgiving Day Poems Outreach – This year the children of Academy created 75+ colorful and creative turkeys with a poem wishing our friends at Parkway Place Retirement Community a Happy Thanksgiving. We also gave out 32 cards to our recipients for Hot Meals on Weekends. This was an effort to spread joy and love from the Academy children to our community at a time when some do not have the ability to travel and be with their families.



Mission of Yahweh Diaper Drive – We want to thank everyone who participated in our Mission of Yahweh Diaper Drive that was held during October & November. We are excited to report that we were able to donate 3,289 diapers and wipes to our friends at the Mission of Yahweh. We appreciate your generosity!



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



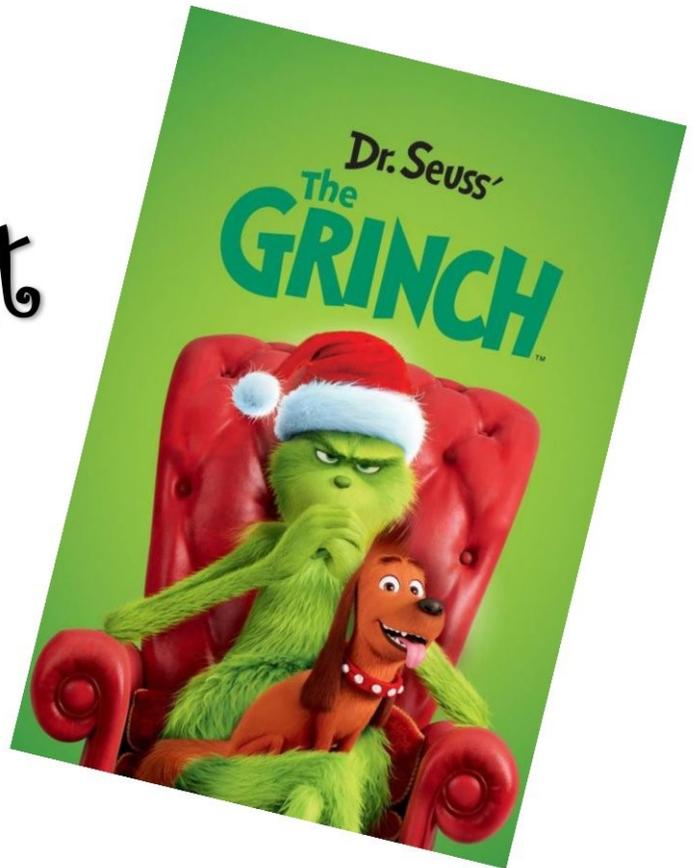
SPRING BRANCH
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Spring Branch
Presbyterian Academy

Drive-In 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



Christmas Party



Sunday, Dec. 10

6 PM

Fellowship Hall

There will be singing, games, crafts, great food and more! We are also expecting a special guest from the North Pole!

Please bring party food to share for dinner:
appetizers, small sandwiches, pizza,
chicken nuggets or dessert, etc.
Bring enough for your family.
Drinks will be provided.

Wear your Christmas best! We will have
lots of photo opportunities.

Bring an ornament for the ornament exchange game!

Please bring a can of food for the food pantry
or our Angel Tree Families.





“Voices From Bethlehem”

ADVENT PARTY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE



Please bring an ornament, either new, one of your favorite or purchased from the PCHAS Ornament Tree to exchange at the Advent Party. The ornament should be gift wrapped (or in a bag) with no gift tag. Make this fun, and everyone bring one!

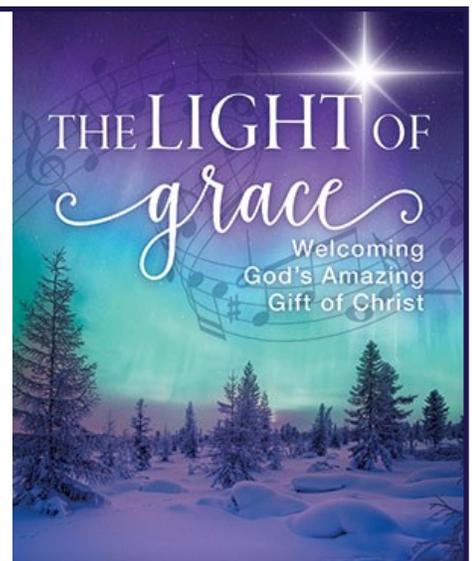
Bake an Extra Dozen or So Cookies This Season



As you are baking for family and friends this holiday season, please consider baking a few extra cookies or other baked goods for our December Fellowship events. Please let Laurie Mitchell (galamitchell@comcast.net) know if you are willing to help.

Copies our Advent Devotional for this year, “*The Light of Grace: Welcoming God’s Amazing Gift of Christ*” are available for pickup from the Narthex, Parlor, and Church Office.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the hymn “Amazing Grace,” these devotions enlighten the heart, mind, and soul with the good news that the Light of the World graces us with his presence every day of our lives.





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 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 received 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 few weeks, 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.

Wednesday Night Supper



Dec. 6 — Cheese Enchiladas &
Crispy Beef Tacos
Kay & Betty

Dec. 13 — Chicken Tenders

*We are now accepting credit card
payments at 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. 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
<i>(immediate family only please)</i>	

*During the month of December, we will be accepting kid friendly,
non-perishable food items for the Angel Tree food baskets 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.

Presbyterian Women this Month



PW at a Glance

PW MODERATORS on 12/6 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW BOARD MEETING on 12/6 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

PW UNWIND will meet on 12/4 at 6:00 PM at Fratelli's (1333 Wirt Road, 77055)

PW DAY CIRCLE meeting on 12/13 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room). We will have a salad luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share. 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, 12/18 at 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 4 Video: www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters

ZIP TRIPs and **HAPPY HANDS** will not meet in December.

Bible Study Using Zoom: December 18th at 7:00 p.m.



Lesson 4 of *Sacred Encounters* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Monday, December 18th, 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 Dinner Group is meeting for the last time in 2023 at Fratelli's (1333 Wirt Road, 77055) at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 4th. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 only if you plan to attend.



January 17, 2024 ZIP Trip for PW is visiting The Cistern with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership! Reserve your spot early by contacting Marguerite Priest at mepriest@hotmail.com, or calling her at 281-435-3941.

Happy Hands will not be meeting in December because of the holidays. However, we will meet again on January 24th. Put it on your calendar now! If you have any hats, scarves, or other handmade items for Happy Hands, take them to the church office and Doris Wright will see that they are distributed.





Come join us every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place for nearly an hour of light walking, chair-based exercises, and fellowship. We do a combination of gentle stretching and strengthening movements, which helps increase the range of motion and keeps the body more flexible. We have recently added about 10 minutes of cardio drumming to the first and third Tuesday exercise sessions.



What Shall We Bring?

Thank you to all who participated and pledged in our recent stewardship campaign. A special thanks to Matt Lassiter, Gary Mitchell, and Sarah Powell, who put together special presentations about stewardship in our world.

Thanks also to those who helped with the Dedication Lunch and mission project - Patti Nanney, Ethan Mitchell, Kay Craig, Betty Magnuson, Jan Fitts, Silvia Argyriou, Jeannie Stockton, and Jennifer Miller. I apologize if I have missed anyone.

We have received pledges of \$309,160.00 to date. There are always a few people who wait until the end of the year to pledge so we are expecting a bit more. If you plan to pledge, but have not yet, please send your card, or an email directly to Jorida for confidentiality.

In January, we will have a congregational meeting to present the 2024 budget.

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





SMALL TALK



DECEMBER

SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY

2023



Come and enjoy...

The Academy Kids

Christmas Pageant featuring

"Santa's Workshop"

Wednesday, December 13th at 5:30 PM.

Refreshments to follow



Holiday Closures

Closed

Dec 25th & 26th

Closed

January 1st

Academy is open to
all afterschool during
the Holidays

Santa's visit ...

Friday, Dec. 8th





Join us for a morning of **FREE** education regarding how to protect your personal information online!

Continental Breakfast will be provided

Date: **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Time: 8:30am-11:30am

Location: The Fellowship Hall at
Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
1215 Campbell Road
Houston, Texas 77055

Participants will have a chance to
win a Walmart gift card!

Hosted by:



Schedule of Events:

- **Registration** 8:30-9:00 am
- **Class 1-Protecting your Personal Information Online** 9:00 am
- **Class 2- How to Safely pull your Credit Reports Online-** 10:30 am

Please **RSVP** at the link
or **QR Code** below

<https://form.jotform.com/233024879441155>



Thank you to all who have shown love and care to Virginia Miller and our family these past few years. The Gathering Place Program and everyone who volunteers there have made so many fun memories for our family. We also appreciate everyone who helped with the lovely reception for Virginia's memorial service. SBPC has been the center of the Miller household since 1958, and we are thankful for our church family.



Love, Laurie, Gary & Ethan Mitchell, Emily & Adam Turner, and Kaye & Tom Fearneyhough

Cub Scout Pack 552 recently had the opportunity to partner with *Be a Resource for CPS Kids* or "B.E.A.R." to help prepare holiday toy bags for boys in our community. The Cub Scouts delivered their donations to B.E.A.R. on Saturday, December 2nd, and got to see firsthand where their donations would be going this holiday season. Many thanks to everyone who made this volunteer opportunity a success!



Our **December Craft Workshop** was held on Dec. 3, and we learned about making Charcuterie Boards.

After we made them, we ate them for lunch! A great time was had by all eleven of us! Watch for news about Sunday Craft Workshops in 2024!





Idea Spring Welcomes

HOUSTON
ARBORETUM &
NATURE CENTER



Thursday, Jan. 18

5:00 PM

1215 Campbell Road
(Dinner at 6:00 PM)

"Frogs and Fairytales!"

Observe a live specimen while you learn about the anatomy and life cycle of frogs and toads, and the habitats they live in.



Questions? Contact Ethan Mitchell at
ideaspring@springbranchpres.org.

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



Join friends and congregation members on Sunday, December 10th right after worship to celebrate our December birthdays. We will have light snacks and birthday treats. See you then!



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.



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, February 18th. 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.

Copies of the registration form are available for pickup from the Church Office and Narthex. For more information or questions, please see Ethan Mitchell.

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



Sebastian Hassett	12/3	Maurice Fayard II	12/14
Lin Sabala	12/3	Laurie Mitchell	12/14
Meredith Qualls	12/4	Adam Turner	12/14
Robert Bear	12/5	Bryan Evenson	12/15
Kay Nichols	12/5	Kristine Carpenter	12/18
Jeremy Cross	12/11	Glenn Lanan	12/20
Christian Keller	12/11	Jonathan Craft	12/21
Christopher Powell	12/11	Jerry Bigelow	12/26
Kathryn Dethloff	12/12	Scott Lassiter	12/29
Sonya Bear	12/14	Anna Farley	12/30



Happy Anniversary!

Anna and Zach Farley	12/1
Joel and Rebeca Alegria	12/15
Chad and Kristine Carpenter	12/19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>1st Sunday in Advent</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP)</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Worship Team Meeting</p> <p>1pm - Sunday Craft Workshop</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7am - Meet the Pastor (Foyer)</p> <p>6pm - PW Unwind</p> <p>6pm - Special Olympics: Volleyball</p> <p>7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg.</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Wolf</p> <p>7pm - Session</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am - PW Moderator (CR)</p> <p>10:15am - PW Board Meeting (CR)</p> <p>3:30pm - WOW (S)</p> <p>6pm - WNS</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm - SBM Arc: Movie/Dance</p> <p>6:30pm - Family Movie Night</p> <p>7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am - Digital Skills Workshop</p> <p>5pm - SBM Arc Christmas Party</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Advent</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Chime Choir</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>12:15pm - Monthly Birthday</p> <p>6pm - Advent Party (FH)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Special Olympics: Volleyball</p> <p>6:30pm - Cub Scout Pack 552:</p> <p>7pm - BSA Court of Honor (FH)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552:</p> <p>6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am - PW Circle</p> <p>5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)</p> <p>5:30pm - Academy Christmas</p> <p>6pm - WNS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Bear</p> <p>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am - Presbyterian Men (CR)</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</p>
<p>17</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Advent</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP)</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>4pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Tiger</p> <p>5pm - Blue Christmas Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am - The Gathering Place (FH)</p> <p>6pm - Special Olympics: Volleyball</p> <p>7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)</p> <p>7pm - Horizon's Bible Study on</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Basketball (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Wolf</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PresPress Articles DUE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>7pm - Rainbow's End Meeting (GP)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30pm - SBM Arc: Craft Night</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11am - Hot Meals</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>4th Sunday in Advent</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>10am - Brunch (FH)</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p> <p>5:30pm - Refreshments</p> <p>6pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Church & Academy Closed</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Church & Academy Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am - Flexercise (GP)</p> <p>6pm - Cub Scout Pack 552: Bear</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</p>
<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery</p> <p>9:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>9:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10:50am - Worship</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>



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