

# PRES PRESS

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**MARCH**



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

1215 Campbell Rd | Houston, TX 77055

**From the desk of Pastor Mark...**

*relationships matter*  
GOD · ONE ANOTHER · WORLD



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

When I arrived at Spring Branch PC, I was given three specific duties to focus on:

1. Build relationships with the Academy staff, teachers, students, and parents.
2. Preach!
3. Work with and mentor the future co-pastor that will be hired.

I have embraced those duties – as well as all the others that are part of being a pastor. I even found time to start things that will hopefully add to the overall ministry of our beloved church.

Because I was a teacher for many years, I was able to work with education students and student teachers. So, I have real-world training on mentoring our future co-workers. I often imagine what it is like to be in their shoes, and then I began to plan their training program.

When I was in seminary, many of my classmates were NOT truly given an opportunity to learn on the job when they worked in churches. I knew many who were given only a few things to do, such as work with the youth group, teach one Sunday school class with an established curriculum already in place, and perhaps lead the Lord's Prayer during worship. If they got to preach one time, it was usually because it was part of the contract with the seminary. This model is NOT a good training model and it does NOT produce quality church pastors!

I was SO BLESSED! I virtually led everything in two different churches and took on almost a co-pastor role in a third – all before I graduated from seminary!

I decided long ago that anyone coming to serve at SBPC will be “jumping into the deep end of the pool.” He or she will be expected to serve quickly as a partner in ministry, not a junior partner. If I am helping to “train up” someone to lead our church, that person deserves opportunities to try new things, take a variety of leadership roles, and plan and lead worship. This will also be true for any future seminarians we bring into our church in the coming years.

All of this will add to the overall ministry of our church. We are also in conversations with seminaries about serving as a “pipeline” for future seminary interns who wish to work in churches. If they come to SBPC, they will receive multiple opportunities to serve and to grow in their own calls to ministry – as well as opportunities to grow in their own individual faith.

Amen!



## **PALM SUNDAY** – March 24th

*Worship Service at 10:50 AM*

***Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook***



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY** – March 28th

*6:00 PM Dinner in the Gathering Place*

*6:45 PM Tenebrae Worship in the Gathering Place*

*Please RSVP to the automated emails,  
or signup in the Church Office or Narthex.*

***Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook***



## **GOOD FRIDAY** – March 29th

*3:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary*

*Reformed Stations of the Cross*



## **PRAYER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY** – March 30th

*During Holy Week this year, we are inviting the congregation to join us in a virtual Prayer Vigil on Easter Saturday. We will be coming together from 1:00-2:00 PM CST from our homes to pray for our neighbors, families, and communities around the world. The purpose of this vigil is to surround our church with prayer as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Pastor Mark will be sending prayer aids for you and your family to use during our hour together. We also want to include your prayer requests in the materials that we send. Prayer requests can be sent to Miguel at [miguel@springbranchpres.org](mailto:miguel@springbranchpres.org). We ask that they be submitted by Wednesday, March 27th, at 2:00 PM.*

## **EASTER** – March 31st

*Easter Brunch at 9:30 AM*

*Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM*

*Flowering the Cross at 10:30 AM*

*A Celebration of the Resurrection at 10:50 AM*

***Streaming Live on YouTube & Facebook***





# Missions of the Month

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church established the Academy in 1971 to meet the community's need for quality childcare and preschool education. Under the full sponsorship and authority of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, we strive to operate under the policies and guidelines of the church and its preschool ministry.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy is our primary benevolence, providing Christian childcare to the youngest members of the community. The Academy currently has 245 kids and 43 staff

members, which is the maximum number of kids our facilities can handle.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy provides:

- Day care with preschool learning experiences for children ages 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten.
- After-school care and summer camp for pre-kindergarten through 5th grade.
- "Worship on a Weekday" (WOW) where they have a time of worship with Bible stories, prayer, and songs in the afternoon one day a week.
- During the summer, the Academy includes a Summer Camp for school-aged children. The camp features Vacation Bible School as an integral part, plus "Mission Mondays", which is a different mission project on a Monday each month.
- During the school year, bus service is provided to transport children to after-school program.
- Private pre-kindergarten classes.
- In addition to our wonderful teachers and curriculum, The Academy offers a music and Spanish program each week. They also supplement their curriculum with STEAM, fitness, cooking, science, and art classes to enrich the program. Optional activities include: Gymnastics, Tumble Tykes, Soccer Shots, Piano, Arts Alive, and Dance.



## March Mission Updates and Opportunities

**Family Movie Night** – Our next movie night will be on March 22nd in The Gathering Place at 5:45pm. The movie will be St. Patrick's Day themed showcasing the movie *Luck*. This movie is about a girl that has some of the worst luck, yet unveils the unseen life lessons bad luck teaches us. It provides a new perspective on how to look at bad situations in a new light. Please feel free to bring a camping chair or blanket to sit on during the movie. Hot chocolate and light refreshments will be available. We hope you will join us!

**Blood Drive** – A big thank you to Ashley Powell for helping coordinate the February 11th event. Also thank you to all who donate for this wonderful cause. We had a total of 8 whole blood donations!

**Feed My Starving Children** – Thank you to the 30 SBPC volunteers and Girl Scouts from Troop 124182 that helped to pack meals at the Pines Presbyterian Church *Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™* event on Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24! During our two shifts, we packed 225 boxes of food, which resulted in 132 kids being fed for a year. Our group joined 550 volunteers in our area to help pack a total of 576 boxes of food, which will help 340 kids being fed for a year!

**SBPC Hot Meals on Weekends** – On February 24<sup>th</sup>, our Hot Meals on the Weekend program delivered 25 meals to seniors in our area. We also want to send a special thank you to our friends at the Spring Branch Memorial Arc who created valentine cards to give to our recipients. We deliver meals on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. We have two 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 once a month.

**Our Mo-Ranch Retreat, “Adventure Is Out There!”, is just around the corner!** We will be going to the Texas Hill Country on Thursday, March 14th — Sunday, March 17th. The total cost per person is \$185 for adults and \$120 for kids, for 3 nights, including all meals. **Sunday, March 3rd, is the last day to register to attend.** Please see Kay Craig, Laurie Mitchell, or Ethan Mitchell if you’d like to attend.

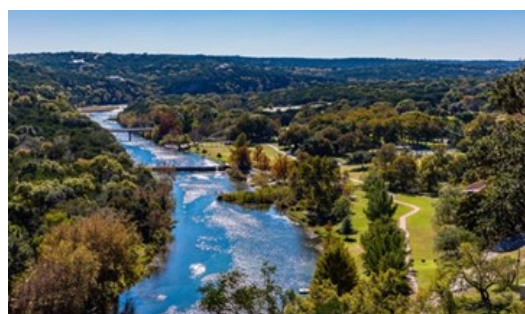
There will be lots of time for spiritual development, fellowship, recreation, worship, and good food! There will be a combination of structured group activities and exercises together, mixed with other opportunities for free time around the Ranch. We will have a Sunday morning worship service led by SBPC at Chapel on the Hill, open to the entire Ranch.

We will be staying at both the Milk Barn and the Westminster Lodge, which face each other on the NW side of Mo-Ranch.



**Here’s an idea of some of the activities that will be taking place:**

- Garden Pole craft led by Kay & Betty
- Birding expedition led by Nina Rach
- An evening class led by Nina Rach about the birds and trees found at Mo-Ranch
- A movie night
- Vespers on the tennis court under the stars
- River recreation (swimming/rapids, canoeing, kayaks, paddleboards, Mo Slide)
- Mo Pool
- Outdoor recreation: tennis, volleyball, basketball
- Games & puzzle tables
- An option to go to the ropes course with a fee of \$25/person paid to the Mo-Ranch office.
- Intergenerational Sunday School Class
- Worship led by Pastor Mark at Chapel on the Hill
- Ranch-wide scavenger hunt
- Team building games & exercises
- A mission project or two
- Watching the sunset over the Guadalupe River
- S'mores around the campfire



The online registration form can be found [here](#). The due dates for the final payments are very flexible at this point. We hope that you can join us!





## **RE-Introducing Messy Church to SPBC!**

From February 2018 - March 2020, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church hosted our own Messy Church on the first Thursday of every month!

### **What is Messy Church?**

It is an intentionally intergenerational worship service open to all but particularly attractive to those in our neighborhoods that are looking for ways to experience God that are a little more intergenerational,

interactive, and informal than what is typically found in our city's churches. A weeknight service might look like this:

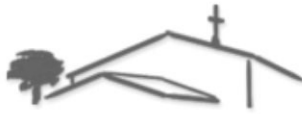
- Welcome time - people gathering informally
- Crafts/science/games/mission/activities that are centered around a single biblical theme
- Celebration - songs, scripture, and a short little talk that pulls together all of the activities
- A meal to share and continue the conversation

It attracted a number of young families from our community that you'd never met. They still will ask if Messy Church will come back post-COVID. People want to raise their kids in the faith or be in a faith community themselves, but don't find a connection to God in traditional worship.

We'd like to restart Messy Church at SBPC, but for that we need volunteers including:

- 4 core volunteer creative young-at-heart leaders to plan and coordinate Messy Church each month, identifying sessions (these can start with published materials), pulling together or purchasing supplies (the sessions could be split so one leader is lead each month, or three times per year); quarterly or bi-annual planning meetings, email contact and task execution.
- 2 volunteers to intentionally work to build relationships among the Messy Church community. Requires attendance each month, willingness to talk about faith, and looking for opportunities to engage, possibly planning joint service projects etc.
- 1-2 volunteers or paid staff to coordinate and serve snack and dinner (could be ordering pizza and making salad). Requires attendance.
- 1-2 volunteers or staff to assist with leading music; requires a musical gift, attendance and some coordination with the core leadership.
- 1 volunteer or staff member to manage community outreach and marketing; 1-3 hours per month.
- 6-8 additional volunteers run craft and game tables each month during the service, these may be a mix of youth and adults; the commitment is to arrive 20 minutes early and stay to clean up table after service; 2.5 hours per month.
- Your prayers and invitations to the community to come, by, and eat!

Learn more about Messy Church and what's needed by joining us at the Messy Church table at WNS on March 20th, or by emailing me (Kate Cross) at [clayfriar@gmail.com](mailto:clayfriar@gmail.com). Looking forward to sharing with you.



SPRING BRANCH  
Presbyterian Church



Spring Branch  
Presbyterian Academy



# Family Movie Night



**In The Gathering Place**

**Friday, Mar. 22nd**

**5:45–6:15pm Pizza, Veggies and Cookies**

**5:45pm “Bluey” Movie**

**6:15pm “Luck”**

Lemonade and water served before and during movie

Bring blankets and camping chairs





# NEWS YOU CAN USE

Ash  
Wednesday

We will have **Easter Lilies** again this year! Place your order now through Friday, March 29th. You can order by using the form in the Narthex or Church Office, contacting Ethan Mitchell at [ethan@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ethan@springbranchpres.org), calling the Church Office (713-464-7659), or using this [Google Form](#).

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.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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, March 31st)
- Donate by credit card online at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](http://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.

## There are four Catholic Churches in the Spring Branch area that host Friday Night Fish Fry's.

- ◇ **St. Jerome** (8825 Kempwood) - The Fish Fry's are on the east side of their campus in the Parish Activity Center at 2749 Hollister. You will have a choice of either Baked Catfish or Fried Catfish. The plates are \$12 for two pieces, and \$15 for three pieces.
- ◇ **St. Cecilia** at 11720 Joan of Arc (just south of I-10 off of Bunker Hill) serves from 5:30-8:00, and has a standard Fish Fry Plate (\$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$7 for kids under 10. Add shrimp for \$3/plate).
- ◇ **Our Lady of Czestochowa** at 1731 Blalock serves from 5:00-8:30 and has a Fish and Shrimp plate for \$15 with \$3 desserts.
- ◇ **St. John Vianney** at 175 Nottingham Oaks (west of Dairy Ashford off of Memorial) has various prices and meals. Their Shrimp Scampi is \$16 and is offered on March 22nd. You need to make a reservation online and pay online. There are a limited number of tickets at the door for \$20. They serve from 5:30-7:30.



*Some of the churches don't serve their Fish Fry during Spring Break, March 15th.*



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

Join church members and friends on Sunday, March 10th, 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 10th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.





## 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](mailto:kay@craig-heidt.com).

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

**Mar. 6 — Spaghetti & Meatballs**  
*Jan Fitts*

**Mar. 13 — No Supper**  
*(Spring Break Week)*

**Mar. 20 — Beef & Noodles**  
*Silvia Argyriou*

**Mar. 28 — Menu TBD**  
*Maundy Thursday*

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)	
To go plates	\$5.00



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.

# *Presbyterian Women this Month*



## *PW at a Glance*

**PW UNWIND** will meet on 3/4 at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Street Food (5709 Woodway)

**PW MODERATORS** on 3/6 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room)

**PW BOARD MEETING** on 3/6 at 10:15 a.m. (Conference Room)

**THE HORIZONS** Evening Bible study using **ZOOM** will be on Tuesday, 3/12 at 7:00 p.m.

**PW DAY CIRCLE** meeting on 3/13 at 9:30 a.m. (Conference Room).

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

*Lesson 7 Video:* [www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters](http://www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/sacred-encounters).

**ZIP TRIP** to the Sam Houston Heritage Park on 3/20 at 9:30 a.m.

**HAPPY HANDS** will meet on 3/27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

### *Bible Study Using Zoom: March 12th at 7:00 p.m.*



Lesson 7 of *Sacred Encounters* will be discussed by the group of women using Zoom on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7 p.m. All SBPC women are welcomed in this Bible study group through videoconference! Contact Sarah Powell at [mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspowelltobe@yahoo.com) to receive the Zoom invitation to join the meeting.

### **Please join the Unwind Group for dinner at Trinity Street Thai Food** (5709

Woodway, 77057). This restaurant has come highly recommended by one of our members.

The dinner is on Monday, March 4th, at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jacquie Ballesteros at 713-305-1114 or [jballesteros1103@gmail.com](mailto:jballesteros1103@gmail.com), only if you plan to attend. See you there!

**TRINITY  
STREET FOOD**



# THE HERITAGE SOCIETY AT SAM HOUSTON PARK

The ZIP Trip for March 20, 2024, is to the Sam Houston Heritage Park for a docent led tour of the Historic Homes. The cost is \$12 per person. The tour will begin at 10:00 AM and last about 60-90 minutes. We will lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please contact Marguerite Priest at [mepriest@hotmail.com](mailto:mepriest@hotmail.com) or 281-435-3941 for a reservation. This trip is open to both the Women of the Church and the Men of the Church.

Happy Hands will meet on Wednesday, March 27th, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Join us for Stiffin', Sewin', and great conversation. Hope to see you there!



## = SCHOLARSHIP =

**SBPC Scholarship applications are now available for interested students!** Completed applications are due May 1 for the year applying, and should be submitted 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**  
**2024-2025 Academic Year**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone cell: \_\_\_\_\_ home: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed: FT \_\_\_\_\_ PT \_\_\_\_\_ Work Study \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College, University, or Technical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Level: Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

1. Your goals
2. Extracurricular activities
3. Community service
4. How your faith and belief in God affects your studies
5. Your membership and involvement in Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
6. Use of Scholarship money
7. Any other information you'd like to share
8. Optional Photograph

**\*\*Applications are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of May for the year applying and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted at a college, university, technical school, or certification program. Scholarships will be awarded in the summer of the year applying. Recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0/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.**





# SMALL TALK



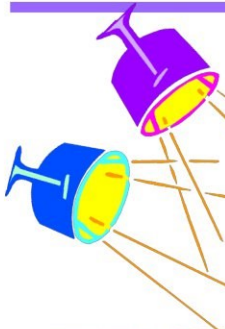
March - SPRING BRANCH PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY - 2024

## Spring and EASTER...

are on their way. That means school "spring break" - March 11-15 and our Easter "egg hunt" - March 28th is around the corner. Our school kids will be with us all day, March 11-15. Our halls will be filled with fun activities and children's laughter.



March 10th - spring ahead 1 hr.



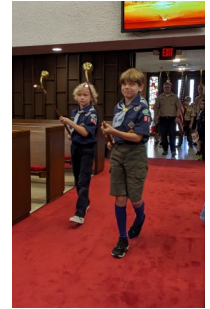
### In the Spotlight...

This past month, the Academy and teachers were very focused on creating a fun and "lovely" time for our kids on a special holiday, "Valentine's Day! The teachers showed off their creativity and talent by their awesome bulletin boards that hang by their classrooms. The Academy is proud of their ability and "heartfelt" work. Check out our boards every holiday!





**Scout Sunday** – Our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts did a great job leading worship on February 11th. These troops have been a wonderful addition to our church. If you are interested in finding out more about these organizations, please go to our website under youth to find who to contact for each age group and troop/pack.



*Save the Date!*  
For a luncheon event benefiting the children of PCHAS

April 18th

*Dare to Dream!*

2024

Lakeside Country Club  
100 Wilcrest Drive  
Houston, TX 77042

**Table Hosts are**  
*Sarah Dikeman,  
Marguerite Priest,  
Patti Nanney, and  
Miguel Carlin.*

 Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services™

## 2024 PCHAS Luncheon

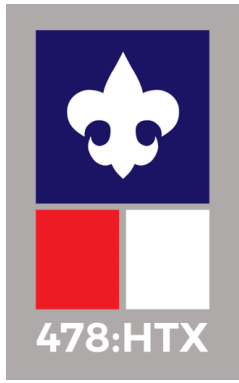
*One of our church's favorite events  
is here again!*

**PCHAS** (Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services) is hosting **The Annual Fundraising Luncheon** on **Thursday, April 18**, at 12:00pm at the Lakeside Country Club, 100 Wilcrest Drive, Houston TX 77042.

This special fundraising event will showcase the life-changing work that we are doing in our community. You will hear inspiring stories from PCHAS staff and the families they care for. The theme this year is "Dare to Dream!"

Our church will have four Table Hosts – Sarah Dikeman, Marguerite Priest, Patti Nanney, and Miguel Carlin. In the next few weeks, one of these individuals 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.





The Northern Tier High Adventure in Minnesota was nothing short of a life-changing experience for us scouts from Troop 478. In August, we embarked on a week-long journey that took us deep into the heart of the Boundary Waters, immersing us in the raw beauty of nature and disconnecting us from the digital world.

With the wilderness's strict rules, limiting campsite occupancy to nine people, we split into two groups, each forging their own path through the Boundary Waters. Carrying all the gear necessary for six days and nights was not a small challenge. From camping essentials to cookware, personal items, and our trusty canoes, we were self-reliant in every sense. It was a challenge, but the rewards were immeasurable.

The scenery was nice. The cool, clear waters mirrored the vibrant blue skies, creating a mesmerizing vista that etched itself into our memories forever. Our days were filled with paddling, navigating the waters, and taking in the untouched wilderness that surrounded us. We even had the thrill of catching a pike for dinner one night, a true taste of survival in the wild.

Nature had more wonders in store for us. Witnessing a bald eagle soaring overhead was a powerful reminder of the beauty and majesty of the natural world. The discovery of a 600-year-old Cypress tree left us in awe, grounding us in the vastness of time. The hieroglyphics painted by the Ojibwe Indians told stories of ancient civilizations, connecting us to the rich history of the land we were exploring.

In total, my group paddled an impressive 58 miles, earning us the coveted 50-miler patch, a testament to our determination and teamwork. The other group covered even more ground, tallying about 65 miles of paddling. Luck was on our side, as the rain held off during our journey, allowing us to fully appreciate the wild beauty around us.

Returning to the "civilization" of the Boy Scout base camp was a bittersweet moment. The hot shower and ice cream were luxuries we had earned, but they marked the end of our immersive adventure. We left Northern Tier with a newfound appreciation for the power and resilience of nature, and a deeper sense of camaraderie with our fellow scouts.

The Northern Tier High Adventure was more than just a trip; it was a transformative experience that tested our limits, forged lasting memories, and left us with a profound respect for the wild places that shape our world.





# 2024 SPRING Gathering

**First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena**  
4647 Preston Avenue  
Pasadena TX 77505



**Rev. Dr. Fran Shelton**, a founder of Faith & Grief Ministries

**SPEAKERS:**

**Rev. Joseph Moore**, Ministry Relations Officer of the Presbyterian Foundation, including an enlightening segment about the teachings on the “Gospel” messages from the Apple TV Series Ted Lasso

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

**Rev. Laura Grice**, Associate Pastor of Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

*Register by March 30<sup>th</sup>*

Prior Attendee - \$18

First-Time Attendee - \$15

Walk-In Registration - \$20

**Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch**

## SCHEDULE

9:15 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	PW Business Meeting in Sanctuary
10:40 am	<b>Rev. Dr. Fran Shelton</b> – “Joy is a Blessing”
11:40 am	BREAK
11:50 am	<b>Rev. Joseph Moore</b> – “The Cycle Continues: from Curiosity to Belief”
12:50 pm	LUNCH/Benefit Drawing
2:00 pm	<b>Rev. Laura Grice</b> --Worship Service
<i>Benefit Drawing</i>	

**Tickets 3 for \$10 or \$5 each**

**Mission Opportunity:** Pasadena Community Ministries, a nonprofit providing food and clothing to those in need in Pasadena and Deer Park. Please consider bringing: all types of shoes (gently used or new), men’s clothes, empty prescription bottles (labels removed), canned goods and peanut butter, plastic shopping bags, adult diapers, toiletries, laundry soap, and dish soap.

Partial funding for the Spring Gathering has been generously provided by the

# **PRESBYTERY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

## **2024 SPRING Gathering**

**First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena**

4647 Preston Avenue

Pasadena TX 77505

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

9:15 am	Registration, sell benefit drawing tickets, Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	PW Business Meeting
10:40 am	Rev. Dr. Fran Shelton– “Joy is a Blessing”
11:40 am	<b>BREAK</b>
11:50 am	Rev. Joseph Moore– “The Cycle Continues: from Curiosity to Belief” and teachings on the Gospel messages from the Apple TV Series “Ted Lasso”
12:50 pm	<b>LUNCH</b> / Benefit Drawing
2:00 pm	Rev. Laura Grice--Worship Service Leader

### **QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**

Mary Ann Thomas, Co-Moderator

[ma.thomas48@yahoo.com](mailto:ma.thomas48@yahoo.com) / 713-594-1872

### **MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO**

Cynthia Rogan, Treasurer

2410 Colby Bend Drive

Katy, TX 77450

[cynthia.rogan@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.rogan@gmail.com) 281-630-1136

**Please complete and send the form below with your check to Cynthia Rogan at the above address**

Prior Attendee - \$18

First-Time Attendee - \$15

Walk-In Registration - \$20

*Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch*

**Make your check payable to: PW – Presbytery of New Covenant**

Registration Deadline: **Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**Please PRINT; complete, detach registration form and mail it with your check to Cynthia Rogan, Treasurer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your lunch preference:** ☐ Chicken Salad on Croissant **OR**

☐ Black Forest Ham/Cheese on Croissant **OR**

☐ Cobb Salad **OR**

☐ Vegan Cobb Salad

If a salad is your choice, please indicate your dressing preference: ☐ Italian ☐ Ranch ☐ Balsamic Vinaigrette

**Special dietary needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Idea Spring Welcomes**



# SPACE CENTER HOUSTON

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM

1215 Campbell Road  
(Dinner at 6:00 PM)

**Find out the history of the  
Crewed Space Program and the  
rockets that were used, how  
rockets work, and what it takes  
to launch them into space!**

Questions? Contact Ethan Mitchell at  
[ideaspring@springbranchpres.org](mailto:ideaspring@springbranchpres.org).

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## BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH



Would you like to beautify the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings while honoring a loved one or commemorating a special occasion? The 2024 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/30E084CABAC2BA1FA7-46865119-2024>, or email [jorida.vakiari@springbranchpres.org](mailto: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.





**Children's Chime Choir:** The Chime Choir meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:megan1661@yahoo.com)) for additional details.

**Did you know that you can help the church by doing your grocery shopping at**

**Randalls?** By giving our Good Neighbor Number (1140) at the checkout line when you shop with your Remarkable Card, a portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the church.



If you are purchasing something for reimbursement by the church, please take a tax exempt form from the Church Office with you. You can keep it in your car, purse, or wallet! Help us save a few dollars the next time you make a purchase for the church. Thank you!

### 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](http://www.springbranchpres.org).

sign up for our  
Mailing List

### 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](mailto:swdmmd@dikeman.net). It is requested that prayers be for your **family members, or extended families and friends** who are in need of prayer.*

A decorative border of red crawfish is arranged around the central text. The crawfish are shown in various poses, some facing left, some right, and some towards the viewer. They are set against a light blue background that forms the outer frame of the poster.

# *Bayou Dinner and Auction*

**MARCH 2, 2024 AT 6PM**

GUMBO  
JAMBALAYA  
CRAWFISH PIE  
SHRIMP SALAD WITH REMOULADE  
SOUTHERN STYLE GREEN BEANS  
GARLIC BREAD  
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# *John Knox Spring Market Day*

**Saturday, March 16th  
10am-2pm**

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**

**JOIN US FOR SHOPPING, VISITING WITH  
NEIGHBORS, AND GETTING OUT IN THE SPRING  
WEATHER UNDER OUR BEAUTIFUL OAK TREES.  
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# Happy Birthday



Noah Fake	3/1	Madeline Powell	3/14
Andrew Blair	3/2	James Qualls	3/14
Patti Walsh	3/3	Linda Crawford	3/15
Beverly Cook	3/6	Austin Smith	3/15
David Fuller	3/6	Patty Blome	3/17
Amy Cross	3/7	Edda Chirwa	3/17
Gary Mitchell	3/7	Patti Nanney	3/18
Yolanda Martinez	3/8	Matthew Lassiter	3/20
C. Richard Nix	3/9	Amber Murphy	3/22
Sam Wright	3/9	Barbara Lanan	3/28
Floyd Christopher	3/12	Ethan Mitchell	3/29
Piper Dikeman	3/14		

## Happy Anniversary!



Cyndi and Nick Ballesteros	3/27
Patti and Steve Nanney	3/30
Lauren and Mario Tacchi	3/30

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
3rd Sunday in Lent 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship		7am - Meet the Pastor (Foyer) 6pm - PW Unwind <b>6pm - Special Olympics:</b> 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)		9:15am - Cong. Care Mtg. 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) <b>7pm - CENTI Bible Study &amp;</b>		9:30am - PW Moderator (CR) 10:15am - PW Board Meeting (CR) 3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - WNS		10am - Flexercise (GP) <b>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</b> 7pm - Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1)		<b>6pm - SBM Arc: Movie/Dance</b> 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)		<b>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</b>	
4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time starts 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 12:15pm - Faith Development 12:15pm - Monthly Birthday 5pm - Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2)		5:30pm - Academy Board Meeting <b>6pm - Special Olympics:</b> 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP)		10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) 6:30pm - Fellowship Meeting (CR) <b>7pm - CENTI Bible Study &amp;</b> 7pm - Horizon's Bible Study on		9:30am - PW Circle 3:30pm - WOW (S) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)		Church-Wide Retreat to Mo-Ranch 10am - Flexercise (GP) <b>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</b>		7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)		8am - Presbyterian Men (CR) <b>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</b>	
Church-Wide Retreat to Mo-Ranch 5th Sunday in Lent 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Children's SS Class (GP) 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship		10am - The Gathering Place (FH) <b>6pm - Special Olympics:</b> 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Worship Team Meeting (CR)		10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) <b>7pm - CENTI Bible Study &amp;</b>		PresPress Articles DUE 9:30am - ZIP Trip 3:30pm - WOW (S) 6pm - Messy Church Table (FH) 6pm - WNS		10am - Flexercise (GP) <b>6pm - Fairbees (GP)</b> 7pm - Cub Scouts: Webelos (GP 1)		5:45pm - Family Movie Night (GP) 6pm - Cub Scouts: Blue and Gold <b>6:30pm - SBM Arc: Craft Night</b> 7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)		11am - Hot Meals <b>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</b>	
Palm/Passion Sunday 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Chime Choir 9:30am - Sunday School 9:45am - Choir Practice 10:50am - Worship 5pm - Cub Scouts: Wolf (GP 1 & 2) 6pm - BSA Committee Meeting		<b>6pm - Special Olympics:</b> 7pm - Boy Scouts (Scout Hut) 7pm - Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub (GP)		10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Basketball (GP) <b>7pm - CENTI Bible Study &amp;</b> 7pm - Session (CR)		9:30am - Happy Hands (CR) 3:30pm - WOW (S) 5pm - Girl Scouts (GP 1, 2, 3)		Maundy Thursday 10am - Flexercise (GP) 6pm - Dinner (GP) 6:45pm - Worship (GP)		Academy Closed Good Friday 3pm - Good Friday Service <b>7pm - CENTI: Youth Program (YR)</b>		At-Home Prayer Vigil Holy Saturday <b>6pm - CENTI Church Service (GP)</b>	
Easter Sunday 9:15am - Nursery 9:30am - Easter Brunch (FH) 10am - Easter egg hunt 10:50am - Worship													



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