Stated Meeting of the Presbytery in Brenham, TX

We have a New Home

The offices of the Presbytery of New Covenant will be moving into the building on the campus of St. Philip Presbyterian Church that had been occupied by Interface Samaritan Counseling Center. The sudden closing of that organization was a surprise to many, and their loss will be felt in our community. It opened up the opportunity for us to relocate into that building.

At the presbytery meeting last July, we were authorized to sell the facility at 1110 Lovett for a fair market price. A sales contract was signed with another non-profit agency, which should close in late July. The property was sold “as is” without commercial real estate brokers involved which means that we are paying no commissions.

Our original plan was to move into a 2,000 square foot space in one of the original buildings on the St. Philip campus. This would have required us to pay for a renovation of the space to build out rooms for offices, and other facilities. Imagine downsizing from 15,000 square feet to 2,000 square feet. We would have made it work, but we weren’t looking forward to it.

Just at the time when more information was required to pull the permit, the announcement was made about Interface. We are grateful to our friends and colleagues at St. Philip for allowing us to move into the newer, more spacious building. Our new address will be 4803 San Felipe, 77056.

We have a New Home

Brenham Presbyterian Church, Brenham

When one thinks of Brenham, often the first thought is “ice cream.” After all, the cows think that Brenham is heaven in their fields of bluebonnets. Our next presbytery meeting will be there on Saturday, July 20, and Blue Bell is on the lunch menu.

We will host some optional conversations at 9:00 am before the meeting begins. Here are the topics:

• The congregation of Brenham is involved in their community through a new endeavor, the “Galilee Garden” from which all of the produce that is grown is distributed to neighbors in need of fresh vegetables. On a recent Monday, 100 pounds of produce was harvested. Phoebe Lake, a member of BPC and a master gardener will be sharing more about that outreach at the meeting.

• A topic dear to many of our members is General Assembly action on divestment from fossil fuels. Rob Fohr will be joining us from the Mission Responsibility Through Investment to share the work of that group as they interface with corporations to hold them accountable. Rob, and Jim Allison, an elder from Pines Presbyterian Church, will be leading a conversation about how people in New Covenant can impact the work of the General Assembly.

• Mental health is a topic on the front lines these days, and with students preparing to go off to college, it is important to know what to look for when they are stressed. Rev. Amy Klinkovsky works at Texas A&M, leading our United Campus Ministries effort on that campus. She is bringing some colleagues to lead a conversation about how we reach out as parents, pastors, and congregations.

• Vital Congregations is an effort through the Presbyterian Mission Agency to which our presbytery has been invited to participate. We are in the process of pulling together people from that agency to work with Rev. Shawn Kang to talk about the impact that work can have on our congregations.

It should be a good day to drive to Brenham! Lunch will cost $10. Call the church for child care registration: 979-836-7632. Online registration can be found here: https://form.jotform.com/91615992457166
What’s your church’s DNA?

In 1953 two British molecular biologists, James Watson and Francis Crick, developed a model that described the genetic structure of the hereditary material in each of us. The double helix became the name for that model and the hereditary material became known as our DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid.

At the annual meeting in February of the Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest, the host pastor, the Rev. Dr. Lacy Sellars, delivered a superb presentation on the history of First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. The other presentations were equally fine, but one reference Lacy made has stuck in my memory. He talked about the DNA of that congregation.

With all the talk these days about tracing our own personal genetic identity and ancestry using DNA evidence, I found it fascinating to think about the DNA of our faith, our theology, our congregations. As Christians, we certainly trace our faith to the gospel of Jesus Christ as witnessed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. As Presbyterians, we trace our theological roots to the 16th century reformers – John Calvin, John Knox, Heinrich Bullinger, Huldrych Zwingli, and Theodore Beza, to name only a few. Twentieth century theologians in this Reformed tradition include such persons as Karl Barth, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Niebuhr’s brother, H. Richard Niebuhr.

What is the DNA of your congregation? What are the special emphases or characteristics that describe the witness your church makes? For some, it may be fine preaching. For others, it might be an outstanding music program. Perhaps there is a special outreach effort to meet the needs of your community. Or maybe it’s an education program that takes seriously shared learning at every age. The art and architecture of your church building may tell the gospel story in a unique and powerful way.

The DNA of some congregations includes an interest in and involvement at the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly level. Then there are some churches that simply exude a spirit of joy and welcome to all who come through their doors. And this is not an exhaustive list. I have had the privilege of serving churches whose DNA has included one, two, and more of the characteristics that describe the life and service of Christian discipleship.

What are some of the DNA characteristics of your congregation? Who are some of the persons who over the years contributed significantly to the life and service of your church? It might be someone who goes about quietly making a difference, or it might be someone with a larger voice. Has someone written the story of your church and its DNA? It could be fun as well as important. I’d be interested in such stories. Feel free to share them.

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Making History Today
Rev. Dr. James S. Currie, Executive Secretary
Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest

What’s your church’s DNA?
There’s a Rhythm

Planning a presbytery meeting often feels like juggling. There is a sort of rhythm to the two year cycle around the General Assembly, but what goes into each meeting is determined by the business coming forth from our committees. Let’s take a look at that two year cycle.

In the even number years, we commission our commissioners at the March meeting, and hear their reports at the July meeting. Then in November we vote on the amendments to the constitution which come out of the business that was voted on by the summer assembly. In the odd number years, there is not much related to the General Assembly. We have tried to do some education at the July meeting so that people from our congregations can be ready to submit overtures to the next General Assembly. Sometimes we have some of those to vote on in July, but mostly it seems like they come to the November meeting. We also elect the commissioners to the next assembly at that fall meeting.

Every year we pass a budget, which usually happens at the spring meeting. In the fall, we consider the parity plan which evens out the number of commissioners based on church membership. There are a lot of minister members in our presbytery, and the number of ruling elder commissioners needs to be the same in our representational system.

What often is up in the air until close to the meeting date are minister retirements, inquirers and candidates moving on in the process, and those that are being examined for ordination to the ministry which includes them preaching to the presbytery. There have been years where we have had several preaching at the same meeting. Maybe we hear sermons through the day interspersed with the business, or maybe they preach at the same time in different locations in the host church facility.

Our Ecclesiastical Affairs Committee made the decision years ago that celebrating communion at each meeting is important. We open our day with worship, inviting different people to preach. They might be visiting from outside the presbytery, or they might be one of our own. It is joyous to hear so many people singing together since our presbytery meetings have more people than many of our congregations seat on a weekly basis.

The importance of building relationships has been lifted up as a value in our presbytery. One of the ways to do that is by our optional conversations around timely topics, or offering opportunities for learning through workshops. It is difficult to get to know someone when looking at the back of their head in a sanctuary.

The location of the meeting is another consideration. Not every congregation has facility to feed 150 – 175 people. This often puts the burden of hosting onto our larger churches. We also try to move around the presbytery, and we cover 39 counties across southeast Texas. Last year we met in Conroe, west Houston, and central Houston. This year we met in far west Houston, and will be in Brenham and Webster. Next year, we plan to be in Lufkin, Beaumont, and far west Houston.

The Ecclesiastical Affairs Committee has been called “the group that meets to plan meetings.” The details that go into that planning lead to the success of every presbytery meeting. I measure the success after the meeting exhibited by the many volunteers from the host church, and by the spirit of the day demonstrated by our minister member and ruling elder commissioners. I am grateful to all those who participate in the life of our presbytery, and especially for those who are willing to drive a ways on three Saturdays a year to do the work of our ministry.

CONNECTIONS 2019

CONNECTIONS theme are these words from Matthew 25: For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

For the September | October edition, the theme will be: “I was sick and you looked after me.”

Submit your articles with pictures by August 13.

Tuesday Connect Copy Deadline

Copy deadline for Tuesday Connect is every Monday at noon. Send your announcements to TuesdayConnect@pbyofnewcovenant.org
The Tithe

By RE Forbes Baker, Presbytery Staff

What is the definition of a ‘Tithe’? According to Webster’s Dictionary it is to give or pay a “tenth” part of your income for the support of the church. In the Old Testament you were to give a tithe in crops or livestock because it was an agriculture economy. Today we usually give money as a tithe to our church that represents a tenth (10%) of our annual income.

Why do we Tithe? The main reason behind tithing and giving is the fact that what we do with our money shows where our heart is. Matthew 6:21 says “For where your treasure is, there is your heart.” Many of us are aware that we as Christians are to give to our church, but we get hung up on the 10% part of the tithe. The fact is that God knows we can’t all give an equal amount because we all have different resources, so He gave us a percentage realizing that it would equal out.

Here is an example from Mark 12:41-44: “Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him Jesus said, “I tell you the truth that this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

How do we get started on giving a “tithe” to our church? Here is a true story about tithing. Many years ago a man struggled with his ability to bring himself to pledge 10% of his Income to the church. It wasn’t that he didn’t want to, it was that there just didn’t seem to be enough money to pledge 10% and still have enough funds left over to take care of all of his family obligations. He had been told for years to “trust in the Lord,” so he decided to put it to the test.

At this time in his life, he was unemployed and the only income he had was from Unemployment Insurance. After talking with his wife, together they agreed to pledge 10% of these monthly payments to the church during the annual stewardship campaign. Each month he was able to pay his Tithe to the church and still have the necessary funds to pay all of his family’s obligations. He was totally shocked but realized that the words “trust in the Lord” were true.

To this day he has continued to pledge 10% of his annual income to his church and to give additional amounts to the 4 Special Offerings of the PC(USA) during the year. If you are wondering who that person is, it is the author of this piece, FORBES BAKER. Maybe you can’t do 10% all at once, so start small and increase your percentage of giving each year until you reach the 10% level. Remember the words “Trust in the Lord,” God will always be there with you.

MATTHEW 25

Livingston, TX

First Presbyterian Church, Livingston, is the major supporter for KFCE in Onalaska, Polk County, TX. Kids’ Free Clothing Exchange is a non-profit organization that provides free children’s clothing to all families living in seven counties. Age appropriate clothing is provided to children from birth through high school. No paid staff, no federal funds, all work done by volunteers under leadership of Althea Elliott. Private donations and donated shoes, socks, etc. and funding from First Presbyterian helps support this outreach. KFCE is open every Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Besides helping fund this organization, every August a shoe collection drive culminates in a luncheon of support at the church.

Tomball, TX

We, at First Presbyterian Church of Tomball, partner with the Society of Samaritans (SOS) and The Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries, (TEAM). Both have Resale shops and SOS has a Giving Center.

Since there are times when unexpected events occur in the lives of families and individuals that often result in financial difficulties, the Giving Center strives to enhance our client’s self-sufficiency while strengthening his/her dignity and respect by helping individuals and families with basic life needs during challenging times. The Giving Center provides for our neighbors in need for just about anything required in a home from clothing, housewares, furniture and appliances all free.
St. Philip to show LGBTQ Documentary

What have been the experiences of many LGBTQ faith leaders who have been told they weren’t welcome in their churches? Or their presbyteries? All have experienced different degrees of acceptance. Some even many have taken the extraordinary step to redefine welcome for their congregations and their church communities as a whole. Out of Order is a groundbreaking feature documentary revealing the complex and painful struggles faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) clergy. One such story highlights the journey of a young man in our own presbytery.

Joining us for this showing will be the Rev. Michael Kirby, Sr. Pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Evanston, IL. Michael will describe his own experiences with acceptance as a gay clergyman. Also present will be our friend, the Rev. Susan Quinn Bryan, former pastor at Community of the Servant Savior and a longtime advocate for inclusion and acceptance of LGBTQ persons. This film will be shown at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe, Houston on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. We invite all interested persons to join us.

MATTHEW 25

The Woodlands

For over five years, Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church have sold sponsorship of dresses made by our Prayers and Squares ministry at our annual Alternative Market, which is held on the first weekend in December. A shopper pays $20 to sponsor a dress of their choice. The shopper receives a card (in the picture you can see the cards are attached to the dresses) with a picture of the dress on the front and the Prayers and Squares logo on the back. The card is blank inside so that the shopper can send the card as a gift saying that this dress was purchased in the recipient’s name and will be sent to a girl.

Up until this past December the dresses were being distributed by our mission teams going to Peru and/or Zambia. In 2018, we split the dresses evenly between girls affected by Hurricane Michael in Florida and the wildfires in California. The money collected was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (a total of $1500 was collected) and split evenly between Hurricane Michael relief and California wildfire relief. When dresses were sent to Peru and Zambia, the money collected was put into the respective mission reserve accounts for these two countries and was used where needed.

One year we sent the money to the women’s association of the United Church of Zambia Siavonga Main to provide for the “blousing” of new members that couldn’t afford it. This is one of the most popular tables at our Alternative Market. The sponsorship of dresses is usually sold out long before the market is over.
Outreach Committee Awards

The Presbytery Outreach Committee awarded grants to the following congregations:

**Vision Initiative grants: ($59,156)**
- Northwoods PC, Houston $5,000
  “Sound for the Journey”
- John Knox PC, Houston $13,831
  Kitchen Renovation for Mission/Service Ministry
- St. John’s PC, Houston $2,825
  Communications for Sanctuary Rededication
- Covenant PC, College Station $3,000
  College Leadership Ministry at Texas A&M
- First PC, Dickinson $2,000
  Marketing Renewal Campaign
- First PC, Brazoria $1,000
  Vital Congregations Initiative
- Hope of the Nations $5,000
  Introducing Immigrants Christianity
- Oaks PC, Houston $5,000
  Community Engagement
- Pines PC, Houston $14,000
  Feed My Starving Children
- Spring Branch PC, Houston $7,500
  Prayground for children ages 4-13

**Outreach grants: ($10,000)**
- Atascocita PC, Humble $1,000
  Earth Care Initiative - Reusable shopping bags
- ChristChurch, Bellaire $2,000
  Hygiene kits for impoverished children
- Pinecrest PC, Houston $2,000
  Youth Employment Program
- St. John’s PC, Houston $2,000
  Anchor Houses Med-Center Apartment Ministry
- Pines PC, Houston $1,500
  Sherwood Elementary summer lunches
- First PC, Dickinson $1,500
  Cheery Cheeks Diaper Ministry
- St. Thomas PC, Houston $2,000
  Tuesday Topic class

**Lynn Johnson Social Justice: ($3,750)**
- First PC, Conroe $2,000
  Freedom Place – to help victims of sex trafficking
- St. Philip PC, Houston $1,750
  To show “Out of Order” documentary film

**Eldercare: ($2,000)**
- Pinecrest PC, Houston $1,000
  To provide meals for elderly/disabled in community
- Spring Branch PC, Houston $1,000
  The Gathering Place – care for those with dementia

Grant applications are considered in the spring. Applications and criteria are found on the presbytery website, www.pbyofnewcovenant.org.

Congratulations Lora!

The Rev. Lora East was ordained at the Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Lora grew up at WCPC, was under care of Chicago Presbytery, and is being called to serve Brentwood Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, CA. The laying on of hands is part of the ordination service and includes ruling elders, deacons, and minister members.
Webster Presbyterian Church Celebrates 50th Lunar Communion

Webster Presbyterian Church has been nationally known as the “Church of the Astronauts” while John Glenn, Buzz Aldrin, Jerry Carr, Charlie Bassett, and Roger Chaffee were active members during their service with NASA. On July 20, 1969, when the first Apollo mission landed on the moon, RE Buzz Aldrin, as an act of thanksgiving, celebrated Holy Communion as an extension of the WPC congregation with the chalice and elements given to him by the church before he left Earth. Lunar Communion Sunday continues to be celebrated annually at Webster Presbyterian Church on the Sunday nearest the anniversary of the first moon landing.

WPC is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing on the moon focusing on the transitional community that we are, as well as the neighborhood around us with the theme “WPC... Across Space and Time.”

The Lunar Anniversary Show is in 2 parts. Part 1 is a mixed media collection of historical pieces about Apollo 11, the involvement of WPC members in the space program, and the celebration of communion on the moon by WPC elder, Buzz Aldrin, which will be displayed in Bouton Hall by exhibitors. Part 2 will be a juried show of pieces exhibited in the Sanctuary in response to the words of Psalm 8. The Lunar Anniversary Show will be unveiled on July 14 during 10:00 a.m. worship. Psalm 8 will be the sermon topic.

WPC Congregants can view the show on Lunar Communion Sunday July 20 during 10:00 a.m. worship. There will also be a public viewing at 1:00 p.m. The “WPC Across Space and Time” Service will be preceded by musical selections in the sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. The presentation will be a collection of personal stories from the early years of Johnson Space Center, the Clear Lake Community, and the Apollo program. Every July since the 1969 Apollo 11 Moon Landing, WPC has commemorated a little-known event that took place on board the Eagle shortly after touch-down. On this 50th Anniversary of that occasion, Webster Presbyterian Church has the story, and, as we’ve been told, “It's WPC's story to tell!”

MATTHEW 25

Alvin, TX

In 1967 Grace Ward Harby had a vision to provide inexpensive, serviceable clothing to school-age children and their families.

What started as a ministry in her car evolved into what is now the Clothing Outlet, located at the First Presbyterian Church of Alvin campus at the corner of Blum Street and Beauregard Street.

The Clothing Outlet serves not only Alvin, but neighboring communities and is available to anyone. This was especially crucial during the time after Hurricane Harvey, where the Clothing Outlet helped families who had lost everything, by providing clothing, shoes, and some linens to those in need in Alvin, and the surrounding affected counties.

Initially, the proceeds from the clothing sales were only used to help families defray the cost of school supplies. However, as the Clothing Outlet grew, so did its outreach endeavors. Today, groups and organizations that volunteer their time and talent are helping their fellow citizens in a myriad of ways such as providing scholarships, church camps, and building funds. During the 2018-2019 school year in partnership with Communities in Schools, the Thelma Ley Anderson YMCA, and the AISD Alvin Family Community Center, the Clothing Outlet helped fund school supplies to over 2500 students in the district.

The Clothing Outlet also provides FREE formal wear for teens in Alvin ISD to enjoy their Prom.
Is your church interested in becoming a shelter?

Provide shelter in times of need by becoming a member of the emergency shelter program. Facilities can enable the American Red Cross to provide disaster sheltering services to communities that rely on us. These partnerships we build great a network of preparedness and support for the community in times of need.

The program goal is to identify, assess, secure and document facilities that can be available for the community in times of emergencies.

There are two Shelter categories, the first is managed by the Red Cross in cooperation with a variety of partners. The second is Partner Managed which is similar to more traditional Red Cross managed shelters. It uses the standard facility agreement and is run in accordance to Red Cross standards. Partners include facility owners, other agencies and community members that may provide services, supplies and equipment, or staff who are willing to support the shelter.

This is a great way to get your community involved with disaster relief. The Red Cross will provide all necessary training to your community church members.

Contact Terry Lawrenson at 713-306-1824 or email terry.lawrenson@redcross.org

Would you be interested?

Is your church interested in working with Harvey recovery? Plan a weekend trip or week trip to any of our host sites! The only cost to your church will be food and travel costs. To make these trips as affordable as possible we also have scholarships available through the presbytery to help subsidize travel and food costs. Your neighbors need your help!

Please contact Beth Kauffman bkauffman@pbyofnewcovenant.org or call 832-438-4538

Have Questions?
Need more information?

Contact Beth Kauffman bkauffman@pbyofnewcovenant.org or 832-438-4538
Youth Mission Trip in Beaumont

This week, 41 of our youth and adults from 7 different churches (First Presbyterian Pasadena, A Community of the Servant Savior, John Knox, St. Andrew’s Beaumont, Pathways, San Pablo + Trinity and St. Thomas) gave of their time and talents to serve the community of Beaumont. For the entire week, we worked on one house that was completely devastated by Hurricane Harvey. We cleared brush, painted, helped with siding and framing, and installed insulation. We also assisted with some neighbors’ homes clearing brush and debris left by Harvey. We also had a very fun and educational free day where we went on a swamp tour (and yes, we did manage to make it back with all participants and their extremities accounted for).

Special thanks to St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Beaumont- they were amazing hosts and have done so much for their brothers and sisters throughout the city! Over the past two years, St. Andrew’s has graciously housed forty groups from Seattle to Pennsylvania. We were their last group and the last to put our “arrow” marker on the sign that stands on their grounds in front of the sanctuary. Thanks be to God for the connectional church, these youth and adults who participated, and the financial and prayerful support of the churches within our presbytery! God is good!

Sea Sunday is July 14

Sea Sunday is a time to pray for the work of seafarers, and for the families that are left at home. Here is a link to an article from Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_Sunday

The Port of Houston provides $339 billion in state economic impact, and 20% of the Texas Gross Domestic Product. Each of the almost 10,000 ships that come into the port is visited by a chaplain. Currently there are four chaplains at the Houston International Seafarers Center, 2 Presbyterians and 2 Roman Catholics, along with a few volunteers. There used to be thrice that many but we have seen other denominations pull out of the ministry to seafarers due to budgetary constraints.

Here is a link to a video which can be shared that gives some history of the Houston International Seafarers Center, which celebrated 50 years of ministry in February. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXV0wEAT0EU

Please consider including this special offering in your worship service on Sunday, July 14 to support the ministry of our two Presbyterian chaplains at the port. It is difficult and demanding work which they do joyfully. The funds can be sent here to the presbytery office where we administer their payroll.

If you have any question about PYCC, the Mission Trip or Triennium, contact Kristi Blankman, Coordinator for Youth Ministry at 713-526-2585 or kblankman@pbyofnewcovenant.org
events and happenings

On the calendar

July 16 -20
Triennium
Purdue University
Lafayette, IN

July 20
Presbytery Meeting
Brenham Presbyterian Church
Brenham, TX

July 25 - 27
PW Synod Gathering
First Presbyterian Church
Tulsa, OK

July 30 - August 1
Weekday Ministries Conference
Houston Marriott Westchase

August 1 - 3
Big Tent
Baltimore, MD

August 3 - 17
PW Horizons Overviews

August 22
Coffee House LIVE
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church

August 25
Synod Sunday
Save the Date!

August 29
Fresh Elastic
NEW LOCATION
St. Philip Presbyterian Church
Houston

September 21
John Knox Arts and Crafts
Charity Bazaar
John Knox Presbyterian Church
Houston

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OVERVIEW OF
HORIZONS 2019 - 2020 STUDY

Love Carved in Stone:
A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments
by The Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble

Saturday, August 3, 2019 - Community of the Servant Savior
11303 Hughes Road, Houston, TX 77089
Register with church office at 281-481-1692 (leave message) or email Dot-t3@juno.com
Presented by Connie Nyquist, C.C.E. (Retired), Clear Lake Presbyterian Church

Saturday, August 10, 2019 - The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
4881 W Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381
Register with Kristen Campbell at 910-322-0330 or email e.kristen.campbell@gmail.com
Presented by Rev. Laura Grice, The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

Friday, August 16, 2019 - St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Beaumont
1350 N 23rd Street, Beaumont, TX 77706
Register with Liz Webb at 409-860-5212 or email lizshanahan@aol.com
Presented by Rev. Sharon Gazaway, Trinity Presbyterian Church
and Julie Odle, Pastoral Care Coordinator, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Saturday, August 17, 2019 - Spring Branch Presbyterian Church
1215 Campbell Road, Houston, TX 77055
Register with the church office at 713-464-7659 or email secretary@springbranchpres.org
Presented by Patti Nanney, R.E., Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

All overviews are free. Registration and refreshments start at 9:00 a.m.,
followed by the overview from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. To assist in planning,
pre-registration is requested one week prior to the event.
Coffee House Live at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Houston presents Sara Grace and The Soul, Thursday, August 22, 2019. No cover charge. Donations are accepted/encouraged. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Music at 7:30 p.m. Free coffee and snacks.

The church is located at 5308 Buffalo Speedway, in the Warren Family Center. Park in lots at intersection of Bissonnet at Rutgers. Overflow parking available across Bissonnet in the ABC-13 KTRK-TV lot.

Sara is fresh off a semi-finalist run on NBC’s “The Voice”. She is a 16 year old Indie/Roots singer and musical powerhouse from Houston. Sara and her band has performed in over 100 shows in 2018. They have won multiple awards including being named the “Best Newcomer” for 2019 by the Houston Press. For more information, check out: https://www.sarahgraceandthesoul.com/

Presbyterian Women
2019 Synod of the Sun Gathering

The PW Synod of the Sun Gathering will be held on July 25-27, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK. More information, registration forms and online registration can be found at http://www.facebook.com/pwsosg and http://www.sospwconnect.com

Registration cost: $190 which covers 2 worship services, plenary sessions, 2019-20 Bible study overview, a choice of 26 workshops in 5 sessions, 6 meals, Gathering bag, and special musical entertainment. Daily registration rates available.

Special rates have been arranged at the Holiday Inn, Tulsa City Center, 17 West 7th Street, Tulsa, OK. Hotel room with 2 queen beds $109 per night available through Gathering Registration. Register for Gathering and hotel room together to enable tax-exempt status. If using a different hotel, make accommodations on your own. Please contact Janice Bradshaw at janicebradshaw@suddenlink.net or 979-777-5475 if you need further information or copies of paper registration forms.

Fresh Elastic
for Stretched-Out Educators


Welcome Stephanie Fritz, the new Associate Coordinator for Faith Formation, PCUSA, to our Fresh Elastic gathering, Thursday, August 29, 2019. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe, Houston. Stephanie will lead us in conversation about what is happening to support “age and stage” faith formation in the denomination. Stephanie’s educational background is in Early Childhood Education and Organizational Management with an emphasis in Christian Leadership.

If you are a volunteer, paid staff person, pastor or just curious, you are invited.

It will be our pleasure to serve you lunch, complete with a beverage and dessert! Your RSVP will assist our planning. Please send replies to anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com by Monday morning, August 26, 2019.

This session will be facilitated by folks with a seasoned heart for education. Please feel free to contact any one of them if you have questions.

• Connie Nyquist (lnyquist@sbcglobal.net)
• Kim Shrull (kshrull@earthlink.net)
• Anne Wilson (anne.aiko.wilson@gmail.com)
Join us under the old Oak Tree
John Knox Presbyterian Church

IIth Annual
Arts and Crafts
Charity Bazaar

John Knox Presbyterian Church
2525 N. Gessner
Houston, TX 77080

Saturday, September 21, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The 2019 recipients of the Charity Bazaar are:
Raise Up Families - www.raiseupfamilies.org
Heifer International - www.heifer.org
TWRC Wildlife Center - www.twrcwildlifecenter.org
The HUB - www.thehubhouston.org

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