

# P I N E S P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

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It's time for us to hold another  
***Feed My Starving Children MobilePack***  
on **January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>!**

We need you and your neighbors and friends to sign up to volunteer for our FMSC MobilePack! We need people ages 5-95+ to join us in packing meals to feed starving children around the world. There are jobs available for all abilities, from sitting and placing labels on food bags to running supplies to the different packing stations. We have a job and a need for you! To sign up contact Karen Davis or go online to <https://www.fmssc.org/volunteer-listing/?lid=12203&date=11%2F30%2F2022-02%2F28%2F2023&locationName=Pines%20Presbyterian%20Church> Financial contributions are also appreciated. Approximately \$.25 feeds a child one meal, \$88 feeds a child for one year. Every quarter helps stop hunger. **Also, if you or your company has something we can place in a silent auction, please get with Cindy Houlihan to work on a time that you can drop it off.**

### **Can you help?**

See Pastor Andy's article on page 3 for more information!

# Pines Family News & Current Events

The church office is open Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The office is closed on Fridays. If you need assistance on Friday, please call Cindy at 832-489-5989.



## “Unhanging of the Greens” -

everyone is invited to participate in the “Unhanging Of The Greens” on Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 am. We will be returning the church to the pre-holiday décor. This event should not last more than 2 hours and we hope you will be able to join us.

Please hold the following families in your prayers...

**The family of Pines member Ben Langston.** Ben passed away on November 25, 2022. The family took Ben to Mississippi for burial. Ben joined Pines in February of 1969. Please keep the Langston family in your prayers.

**The family of Pines member Alice Parsons.** Alice passed away in November. She had lived out of town for a long time. Alice joined Pines in December of 1984. Please keep the Parsons family in your prayers.

Thank  
you ❤️

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have registered your Kroger card to benefit Pines. From August 2022 to November 2022, 23 households made purchases that brought \$65.44 in to benefit the missions of Pines.



Congratulations to new baby boy...Walker Robert Vazquez born on December 22 in Golden Colorado! Walker is the great grand son of Bob and Lynda Barr, the grand son of Brandon and Meegen Vazquez and son of Jay & Lori Barr. This now makes the 4th great grandchild for Bob and Lynda!

## Church Seeking Nursery Workers: \$12-15 per hour based on age and experience.

Contact [kristin@pinespc.org](mailto:kristin@pinespc.org) for more information. Do you love playing with babies and young children? Pines is looking for people ages 13 and up who are willing to be trained and cleared for childcare in the nursery. Most hours are on Sunday mornings, but special events are also available.

Do you have any orchestra or band instruments taking up space in your closet? Want to find a safe place to keep them where they will be used and appreciated? Call Laurie or the church office and they will help you with that.



## Please mark your calendars with the NEWS-LETTER DUE DATE:

January 20 (for the February 2023 issue)

## Second Sunday Lunch

...Please join us for lunch on January 8th right after Worship. We will meet at Jason's Deli. Please come and join in the fellowship!

PLEASE help us conserve energy by remembering to turn off lights and AC when you leave the building. If you turn it on, please turn it off. Thank you SO MUCH!

Your Property Committee

Happy New Year in Christ's name,

I am so excited for this new year! I am excited to see where God is going to call Pines out into the world, and how the Holy Spirit will move each one of us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. We will have an opportunity to respond to the movement of the Holy Spirit by doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God on the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> as we host our third Feed My Starving Children MobilePack™.

Since our last MobilePack™ was in 2019 you may not know what a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ is. Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children around the world. Their mission is, "Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit." You see, every year millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Today, hunger still causes nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. This is heartbreaking. But we can make a difference!

Their process is simple. Financial contributions given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals at MobilePacks™. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved! Nearly 1.2 million volunteers packed more than 333 million FMSC meals in 2017. More than 90 percent of total donations go directly to feed children.

Through our FMSC MobilePack™ on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, here at Pines, our church and community will be responding to the cries of those in need by producing 100,000 nutritious meals for children around the world. You, your family, your co-workers, fellow students, social club, scouting group, team, or whomever, are invited to join 500 volunteers to pack meals for this MobilePack™ event. During a two-hour shift, adults and children 5 years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. If you'd like to learn more about what happens at a MobilePack™ click this video link or type it into your web browser address bar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ech5XOryipM&t=84s>.

We need you to make this a successful outreach event, so please consider volunteering. To volunteer for our MobilePack™ look for the FMSC link on the Pines web site. If you are unable to attend, we can still use your help in raising some of the funds needed to pay for the meals. Remember \$80 feeds a child for a year, \$365 feeds a family for a year and \$1,800 provides a pallet of food. To make a donation please go to <https://pines.breezechms.com/give/online> and click the drop down arrow, then click "Give to Feed My Starving Children" or write a check to the church and note FMSC in the memo line.

Scripture reminds us in Psalm 146, "He **upholds** the cause of the oppressed and **gives food** to the hungry." I promise you this will be an amazing time at Pines as we welcome the community and feed the hungry. I hope you'll pray about being part of this amazing day!

Until all are fed,



# Family Ministry Calendar for December

## PLEASE HELP!

To keep growing and supporting our small but growing youth group we need help!

**Sunday evening program!** Adults (ages 19-99) to come help - no prep needed - just be present and have some fun yourself as well! Please arrive 5:45 PM to youth rooms and stay until the youth are picked up by 8 PM.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4AB2BA0F9C07-pines>

**Dinner for youth on Sundays:** (10-14 people - paper products and drinks provided)  
[www.TakeThemAMeal.com/XAPG7147](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/XAPG7147)

**Youth group will meet** 6-7:45pm on Jan 8, 15 and 29<sup>th</sup> including a Youth Council meeting during dinner on January 8<sup>th</sup>!

**Children and Youth BIG EVENT FOR JANUARY:** Feed My Starving Children!

This special event and fundraiser helps so many- please plan to give your time, energy and money as you can:

[Search Results \(fmssc.org\)](#) (Sign up link on website)

January 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>! Spots available from 9am-8pm- great for ALL ages and abilities!

Small group Sunday Schools 9:15am-10:15am on Sundays (no class Jan 1)

### Calendar for January:

Sunday morning small groups 9:15-10:15 Jan 8-29<sup>th</sup>- all ages

7—Saturday 9am *Unhanging of the Greens*- all family welcome

8—Youth Group/ Council 6-7:45pm in youth rooms

15—Youth Group

20-21—Feed my Starving Children- register online

22—NO youth group

29—Youth Group

**Coming soon:** Youth Bake Sale for summer missions! Sign up on website or with Kristin!

[Pines Youth: Youth Sponsored BAKE SALE \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

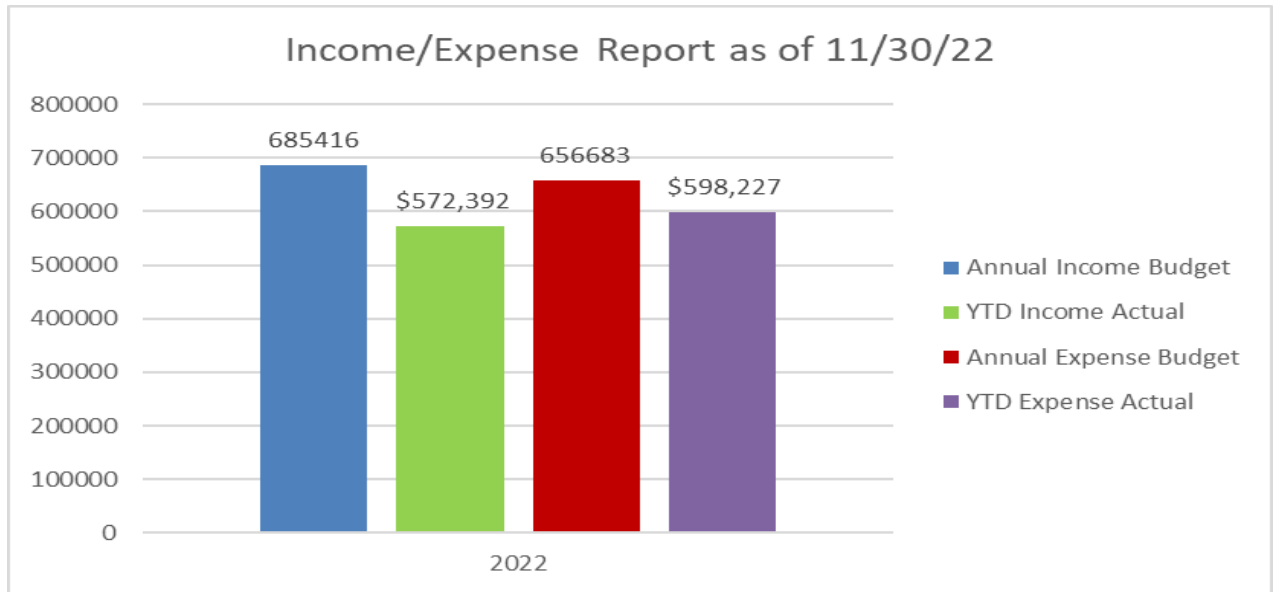
We had so much fun at the family advent night in November, advent play, hose head night and at the youth Christmas party in December! Thank you for all the ongoing support of Family ministries!



Youth and children's activities over the last month. Come join in the fun! Talk to Kristin about how to get involved!!



# Stewardship



## STEWARDSHIP NOTES:

1. Pledge and non-pledge income are running behind through November 2022. December is typically an important month for year end contributions. We hope that both amounts will be close to budget as we finish the year.
2. Expenses in most areas are close to or slightly under budget for the year. Property expenses are above budget due to needed repairs.
3. Net income through November 2022 is a \$25,835 deficit. We are hopefully on track for year end contributions in December to bring us into a positive net income position for year end 2022.

## Session

Session does not meet in December.  
A report will be in next month's newsletter.

## OPEN HOUSE

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 2023/2024 PINES PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE.** YOU WILL HEAR AN OVERVIEW OF OUR SCHOOL, MEET OUR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION.



**PARENTS ONLY PLEASE**

### 2-YEAR OLD CLASSES

**BEES & BUTTERFLIES:**  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023  
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

### 3 & 4-YEAR OLD CLASSES

**FROGS, RAINBOW FISH, TEDDY BEARS & TURTLES:**  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023  
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM

### BRIDGE & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES | LADYBUGS & OWLS:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023  
7:00 – 8:00 PM

WE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING **PAPER APPLICATIONS** (CASH OR CHECK ONLY) FROM NEW FAMILIES AT **10:00 AM ON JANUARY 23.**

OUR **ONLINE APPLICATION** WILL OPEN AT **2:00 PM** ON **JANUARY 25.** WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS.

**2023/2024**  
**PRIORITY REGISTRATION:**  
**JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 3**

**more info | register: [PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com](https://PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com)**



Christ caring for people through people

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

*Stephen Ministers are there:*

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

[www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

# Missions

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**Calling all Taco-makers and Prayer Warriors!** Come join our Taco and a Prayer Team for school year 2023-24, and see first-hand what a fun, rewarding, and precious ministry this is. We have the privilege to give fresh breakfast tacos to folks who might have missed breakfast, or who might not have any other food for the day, or are just hungry for a taco and maybe a prayer. Our cheerful team members bring smiles and warm food to our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. We are rewarded with smiles, occasional cash donations, tears of gratitude, and sometimes even songs (from a school bus driver)! Join us!

For more information contact the church office or Margaret Schafer.



and a prayer!



**Please join us** as we gather for more Bingo in the Fellowship Hall on January 19th at 6:30 PM. There will be food and drinks provided and of course...lot's of fun with BINGO! Don't miss the fun! Contact Linda Aldred or the church office if you plan to attend so we can make sure there is plenty of food for all.



Dear Friends -- On a cold and wet December afternoon, "Hop-along Santa" delivered 164 knitted hats and 124 knitted scarves to Tammie Jeffers, Development Director at the Mission of Yahweh (MOY). Given the cold weather that is headed to Houston, Tammie was very appreciative and thrilled to receive this donation of knitted items which were made by the Pines Needles group at Pines Presbyterian. Although not physically present, Kari and John Work, (MOY's guardian angels) were with us in spirit given their year-round support for MOY. This is another wonderful example of the outreach ministries that are a vital part of Pines' efforts to serve those in need.  
Phil



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