



# Pines News

OCTOBER 2018

*Growing Upward, Inward, and Outward...*

Grace and peace in Christ's name,

I hope you are getting excited about our community wide outreach and mission project happening at the beginning of November! In response to the New Beginnings survey results the Session approved an event geared towards welcoming people to Pines while also serving those in need. The event we will host is a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack™.

What is a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ you ask? 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, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</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, 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 banner at the top of the Pines web site or go directly to <http://pinespc.org/feed-my-starving-children/>. 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://give.fmsc.org/give/181687/#!/donation/checkout> 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,



**See page 3 for an important message from the session concerning the new Worship time.**



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**The Macmillan family** with the passing of Pines member Elinor and  
**The Deidrick family** with the passing of Pines member Anne.

Both of these lovely women were involved for many years in the life of Pines. They will be missed.



Nina Hendee,  
Owner of Taste of Texas

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## Back By Popular Demand -

The Pines Presbyterian  
Women  
are  
Pleased to Resume  
the

## 9th Annual Tablescapes Luncheon

Our Featured Speaker  
is  
**Nina Hendee**

**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Catered  
by Massa's  
Grill**

Wait Staff - The  
Men of Pines



**What is Tablescapes?** It is a special day in the life of our church where hostesses (ladies who are members of the church) volunteer to decorate a table in their own "unique" theme. It's an event where the ladies of the church are encouraged to invite friends and also an opportunity get to know other church members on a more personal basis. The men of Pines get involved by volunteering to be the servers. Every year there is a wonderful guest speaker and this year it will be Nina Hendee. Nina and her husband Ed own "Taste of Texas" steakhouse and both are very involved in the community. If you interested in being a hostess, please contact Linda Aldred ([lindaaldred1@aol.com](mailto:lindaaldred1@aol.com)) or Connie Sipp ([cbsipper@gmail.com](mailto:cbsipper@gmail.com)). For those wishing to just attend the luncheon, sign-ups will begin in a few months; just look for updates in the church newsletter and bulletin.

**Please mark your calendars with the following NEWSLETTER DUE DATES:**

**November 23** (December newsletter)  
**December 14** (January 2019 newsletter)

Bible Quiz....

God gave Manna to the Israelites while they were in the desert. What does the word "Manna" mean?

- God Provides
- What is it?
- Angel Bread



**Answer: What is it?** - The greek word māna literally means "What is it?" This is what the Israelites asked about the bread

# Our New Worship Time

The new 10:45 a.m. Sunday service has begun, marking a new season in the life of Pines Presbyterian. In order to best nurture this new beginning at Pines, the Session wants to communicate the reasons for this decision and its hopes for what it will bring. Christ prayed that His Church would be one as He and His heavenly Father are one. The Session has sought to discern what this means for Pines as a community united to serve God in Houston. In addition to other steps that have already been taken to promote the call to grow upward, look inward, and serve outward, the Session believes that at this time a vital way to be one community is to worship the Lord together as one body.

It had become clear that the pressures accompanying the early 9:30 a.m. service were increasing in number and intensity. It conflicted with Sunday school. It was not well attended for the space allotted to it. It placed a strain on the lay volunteers. Many saw that Pines was becoming a house divided between the 9:30 a.m and 11 a.m. services. The Session, staff, and people of Pines have discussed the need to address this for many years.

The Worship Committee saw the success of the 10:30 a.m. service during the summer and unanimously passed the motion to continue to offer this service. The Session agreed that it was time to move to one service year-round and worked to decide the best time in the light of many considerations. What is a good time for Sunday school? What time would be best for our older members? How can we best accommodate the youth program? With prayerful consideration, your elders, who represent all of the members and ministries at Pines, discussed these various concerns until the decision was reached that 10:45 a.m. was the optimum time for Pines to grow in worship as one body. Our hope is that God answers our prayer for unity as we worship together.

The Session will attentively, carefully, and prayerfully observe the effects this new service will have upon Pines. The needs of Pines have changed and will continue to change. Our responsibility as those chosen by the congregation is to seek God's wisdom and make decisions with the faith that God is the One who causes Pines to grow. We trust that your faith in us will result in an earnest desire to understand this decision and we seek your comments on its effects over time.

We also ask that you seek to discern how you may contribute to guiding Pines as the people of God. The Nominating Committee is seeking out a new class of elders, the Worship Committee is forming a new Task Force to examine the practices of worship at Pines, and there is always a need for congregants to join the church's committees and ministries. Our call to worship is ever before us. And thus we are always reforming together as we approach the face of Him who changes not and whose compassion fails not. Great is His faithfulness.

On behalf of the Session of Pines,

Cameron Moran, Moderator of the Worship Committee

# Youth Happenings!

Calling all 6th-12th grade students! Join from **Friday, October 26th to Sunday, October 28th** for a weekend at the beach! We will be retreating to Bolivar Peninsula to relax, recharge, and reconnect with God.

Registration is now open and can be done online through the homepage of our website! **The price is \$25** and can be paid through the Breeze link on the registration page (Please put your/ your child's name in the comments when you pay!) Also, if you have not filled out a travel consent form this year, you will need to do so!

Questions? Contact Jesse at (713) 467-2234 x121, or [jesse@pinespc.org](mailto:jesse@pinespc.org)!

Packing list will follow soon!



## Pines KIDS

On October 31, we'll be hosting a booth at CityCentre's Halloween Trick-Or-Treat. Come out from 5-7 PM and join us for a fun evening! For more information visit:  
[citycentrehouston.com/events](http://citycentrehouston.com/events)







**IS** the theme for our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. "i AM..." refers to what we think of when we think of Pines. When asked about what members love about Pines they often reply with statements such as, "I am supported", "I am home", "I am challenged", or "I am loved". For many of us we are who we are because of this church, its ministries, missions and its amazing people. As you think about what Pines means to you, the Stewardship Committee invites you to a Stewardship Celebration Luncheon following worship on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please watch your mail for a very special invitation to the "i AM..." luncheon and RSVP to [www.pinespc.org/iam](http://www.pinespc.org/iam).

We look forward to celebrating all Pines is, and glorifying God, with you on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 11 Day Splendors in Eastern Europe— Passion Play in Oberammergau

Are you ready to travel? It is with great pleasure and excitement that we invite you to join us on our 11 Days Splendors of Eastern Europe tour with a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the world famous Passion Play in 2020 in Oberammergau, Germany departing June 3, 2020. The villagers of Oberammergau first performed the play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague, and it has been presented there every 10 years since then.

This tour will take us to some of Europe's most interesting countries including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria and Germany. The scenery is absolutely spectacular as we travel through the plains and valleys of the magnificent eastern European countryside. The points of interest are very diverse spotlighting historical places and natural wonders.

In addition to our time spent in Oberammergau, we will have the opportunity to enjoy visits to Prague, the beautiful 1,000-year-old capital of the Czech Republic; Budapest, Hungary's enchanting capital on the Danube River; Vienna, Austria's elegant city with an old world ambience and a rich musical heritage; and Munich, the capital of Bavaria. The price of our tour includes roundtrip airfare, first class/select hotels, private homes/pensions in Oberammergau, most meals, first class admission tickets for the Passion Play, the services of a professional tour director, taxes, most tips, and sightseeing in a deluxe motor coach. Our cost is \$4,499 per person based on double occupancy and you'll have until 2020 to make the final payment.

We look forward to having you join us on this trip of a lifetime. It promises to be a wonderful experience for all with time to enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new. Nawas International Travel is making the arrangements for us and has earned a reputation for reliability and excellence in their near 70 years of business.

While the year 2020 seems a long way away, NOW is the time to make plans and reserve your place on the tour as space is limited. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see the Passion Play and experience the history, culture and remarkable scenery of Eastern Europe! Space is limited, so if you are interested in this amazing trip please email pastor Andy at [andy@pinespc.org](mailto:andy@pinespc.org)



# The Music Department

## Greetings from the Music Department!

We often think of Martin Luther as a great reformer, Bible translator, political leader, fiery preacher, and theologian. Luther was also a musician, having been born in the area of Germany well known for its music. In his tiny village, young Martin grew up listening to his mother sing. He joined a boys' choir that sang at weddings and funerals. He played the recorder with great ease, and as with all musicians, his emotions came through his music.

When the Protestant Reformation began, Luther was determined to restore worship to the German church. He worked with skilled musicians to create new music for Christians. He helped revive congregational singing and wrote several hymns.

In the forward of a book, Luther once wrote: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits."

His most famous hymn is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," based on Psalm 46. When in difficulty or danger, Luther would resort to this song, saying to his associate, "Come, Philipp, let us sing the 46<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

These words still apply to us today:

A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing:  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not His equal.

God is still our mighty fortress! Lean on Him for our every need!

Blessings! Tim



## Stephen Ministry News-Soul Friends

The body needs a certain amount of salt. If a person does not get any salt at all, that is bad for one's health and in the end deadly—but on the other hand, too much salt is harmful and can even be lethal.

Water is something we cannot live without, we can go without food for some time but not long without water.

Salt and water sustain our earthly lives but what sustains our souls? Love is the very center of what sustains us and love and acceptance are essential for our emotional and spiritual health. Love and acceptance are felt and known through those who deeply care and listen to our heart. Even when we have loving and caring friends and family sometimes we need a soul friend—who is like salt and water for the soul. That is where the Stephen Ministers come in, Stephen Ministry is the salt and water for the soul. Trained and caring friends walk with you and listen with utmost confidentiality.

We hope you will reach out to those who care and are accepting, your Stephen Ministers are here for you. Contact Barbara Retzloff, 713-+467-2234.



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

**OCTOBER AGAPE:** Our October Agape Offering will benefit a PYCC (Presbytery's Youth Connection Council) service project. PYCC is collecting items for Comfort Cases - <https://www.comfortcases.org>. Comfort Cases provide a proper bag, filled with comforts and essential items. These bags are given to youth in foster care as they begin their journey to find their forever home. Items needed: toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, deodorant, crayons, coloring books, pens, journals, small stuffed animals, books and small blankets/throws. If you're able, please pick up an item or two. If we all give a little it adds up to a lot and will show the youth how much we appreciate them. Allie Liles will be present on Sunday, 09/30 to provide additional information about PYCC and Comfort Cases. Thank you for making an impact on so many children of God through your continued support of our Agape offerings.



Thank God  
for his many  
blessings in  
your life!

## TAAP (Taco and A Prayer)



Would you like to serve our community but not able to attend our breakfast taco deliveries each month? Taco & A Prayer has a job opening! We need a volunteer to be responsible for putting out the banner the Sunday before delivery day. We also need a person who's job each month is to figure out what we want to share with the community as far as Pines events. That person would also create the flyer to go in the bags and would work with other committees to get info to announce. This sounds like 2 jobs but the same person could do both if they choose. Please contact me at [lesa.j.smith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lesa.j.smith@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to join our TAAP team this way.

## Session Meeting Notes

The Session met for its regular Stated Meeting on September 24, 2018. Here are some highlights:

- Welcomed Bill Deffebach into the Pines family.
- Approved holding an All Saints Day worship service at 7:00 p.m. on November 1, 2018
- Approved the expansion of the December Alternative Gift program to include Brookwood, New Life School, Arrow Ministries, and Heifer International.
- Elected Commissioners to the meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant on November 17, 2018.
- Heard an update on the very successful launch of the All-Church Study on September 23, 2018. More than 100 people attended lunch and the showing of the movie The Case for Christ.





**SPACE CITY SOUND**  
HOUSTON, TX

JOIN SPACE CITY SOUND FOR THEIR

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***ASCENT***



**MATINEE: 3 pm EVENING: 7 pm**

**Pines Presbyterian Church**

12751 Kimberley Ln, Houston, TX 77024

**TICKETS**



**\$15 Adult**

**\$10 Child/Student/Pines Church Member**

For tickets, scan QR code or visit

<https://tinyurl.com/SCStix>

**OCT  
20  
2018**

The female group "Six of One" will sing a set during the Space City Sound concert!

Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the show.

Just hold on a little longer....  
cooler weather is on it's way!