



# Pines News

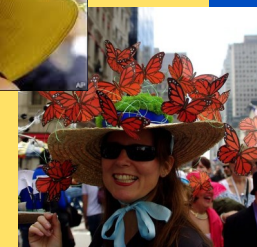
MAY 2019

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

## Youth Car Wash



No, we are not washing your youth!  
But, we will wash your car if you bring it to  
the church on **April 27th at 9 AM.**  
Hope to see you there!



## Ladies Spring Luncheon

The Ladies of the church are invited to a Spring Luncheon  
on **May 1st from 12-1:30** in the Fellowship Hall.

Wear a hat if you wish, or for the truly creative, make  
your own. Please RSVP to the church office by 4/28.  
Bring a friend and let us know when you RSVP if you  
need transportation. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Pines Family News

**REMINDER:** the church office will be closed on May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.



Get your tickets today for the Concerto Competition Winners concert at the Hobby Center this Sunday night at 8 PM. Featured in this performance will be our own Hannah Han! Tickets are on sale now at the Hobby Center.



Please keep the following families in your prayers over the loss of :

Jane Sorrell (former Preschool Director)

and

Priscilla Collipp (former Pines member)

and

Rosemary McCurley (Pines member Courtney Wilkinson's mom)

**Do you wonder how to honor your pledge commitment in a world where handwritten paper checks seem to be a thing of the past?** Pines accepts online donations! Visit our website at [www.pinespc.org](http://www.pinespc.org), click on the Donate button and you'll find a secure place to make credit card or ACH payments. You can also set Pines as a recipient in your bank's secure online bill payment center and your bank will generate a check and mail it for you.

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

**May 24** (June 2019)

**June 21** (July 2019)

**July 19** (August 2019)

**Bible Quiz....**

Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion?



Joseph of Arimathea

Answer:

# Pastor's Page

## Happy Easter!

It's hard for me to believe Cheryl and I celebrated our third Easter with you all this year. What a joy it has been these past two years to be your pastor and friend.

We have been through quite a bit in these two short years. We have celebrated the birth of several children within our family of faith, and we've mourned the loss of some very dear friends. We welcomed three new staff members who seek to help us look upward, grow inward and serve outward. This family of faith stood together as brothers and sisters in Christ during what can only be described as a Noah like flood when Harvey hit just months after my arrival. I was so impressed at how countless of our congregation linked arms literally, and figuratively, to help our neighbors who were in distress.

I'm thankful for these two years, but because of the unforeseen circumstances during my first year I was unable to accomplish one of my primary goals. My primary goal was to sit down with as many of you as possible in small group settings so I could get to know you and you could get to know me. Now that we are entering our second year together, I would like to make meeting you in small group settings my priority. Ann Guerra and several hosts have helped me to create a calendar of dates and times for these small group meeting opportunities for which you can sign up.

I would love to sit with you and hear your story. Would you please consider signing up? We have three ways to help you get connected to a small group. You may use this web link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45A4A72AA46-small/>, or stop by the sign up table outside Fellowship Hall, or you are welcome to call Ann Guerra and have her assist you.

I love being at Pines because of the wonderful people and what God continues to do through each of us who call ourselves part of the Pines family of faith. I look forward to sitting down with you very soon.

With joy in the resurrection,



Andy



# Youth Happenings!



## "Praise God for our High School Seniors!!

We want to extend our sincerest congratulations to our 6, amazing High School seniors: Elizabeth Babineck, Moorea Brady, Alondra Kumar, Andrew Lade, Cole Liles and Olivia Williams!

We will be recognizing their graduation on Youth Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:45 service. Come celebrate their amazing accomplishments with us!"

## Children's Ministry



## **A TASTE OF TRIUMPH** **MAY 3—PARENTS'** **NIGHT OUT** **6:30-8:30 PM** **PINES GYM**

4-year-old's through 5th graders are invited for an evening of games and sports as Triumph Sports gives us a taste of what our VBS Sports Camp will be like. Pack a sack dinner and come ready to play. The evening is free, but space is limited! Register by emailing Ashley Sullivan at [Ashley@pinespc.org](mailto:Ashley@pinespc.org).

**Shopping = \$\$ for Pines**

If you shop at Randall's, Kroger or Amazon,  
YOU can help raise money for Pines Benevolences. Here's how:



1. Get a **Kroger** card & create an account at Kroger.com
2. Click on "Community" & "Enroll Now"
3. Enter Pines' number: **81486**. **Do this YEARLY!**



1. Get a **Randalls** card and/or take your card to a Randalls Courtesy Booth, fill out a form
2. Ask to link Pines to your card with #2210



1. Create an **Amazon** account online
2. Go to Smile.Amazon.com
3. Click on "Supporting" & put in Pines Presbyterian Church

## Deadline to sign up is May 19th!

**SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE**  
*Including The Passion Play Of Oberammergau*  
 11 Days: June 3 - 13, 2020  
 Prague • Budapest • Vienna • Munich  
 Hosted By  
 Pastor Andy Gans

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## \$4499 Per Person from Houston

(Air/land tour price is \$4049 plus \$450 government taxes/airline surcharges)

*Visiting Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Munich, and Oberammergau*

**Price Includes:** Roundtrip air from Houston, first class/select hotels, hotels & guesthouses in Oberammergau, first class (Category 1) admissions tickets for the Passion Play, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing with an English-speaking guide and more!!

**For a brochure & more information, please contact: Pastor Andy Gans**

Tel: (713) 467-2234 / Email: [andy@pinespc.org](mailto:andy@pinespc.org)

<http://pinespc.org/trip-to-eastern-europe/>

**SPACE IS LIMITED - BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

*This is your last chance to experience the world-famous  
 Passion Play of Oberammergau until 2030!!*

# The Music Department

## Greetings from the Music Department!

It was Advent Sunday, December 2, 1873 when hymnist Frances Havergal first saw clearly the blessedness of true consecration. She saw it as a flash of electric light, and what you see you can never unsee. There must be full and total surrender before there can be full blessedness.

Not long after that experience Frances found herself spending several days with ten people in a house, some of them unconverted. Others in the group were Christians, but not fully committed to Christ. "Lord, give me all in this house," she prayed. She went to work witnessing to the group, and before she left all ten yielded their lives to Christ. On the last night of her visit – too excited to sleep – wrote the lyrics to this great consecration hymn.

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.  
Take my hands and let them move,  
At the impulse of Thy love, at the impulse of Thy love.

She also wrote of the Lord taking her feet, her voice, her lips, and her love.....dedicating all to Christ. I love the last verse:

Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

It is my prayer that we all strive for that kind of consecration to our Lord and Savior, remembering after this Easter season, all He has done for us.

Blessings,

Tim



**Please join us for Camp Pines 2019!**

**3-WEEKS OF SUMMER CAMPS**

PACKED WITH FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, DAILY ART PROJECTS!

with Linda Barber

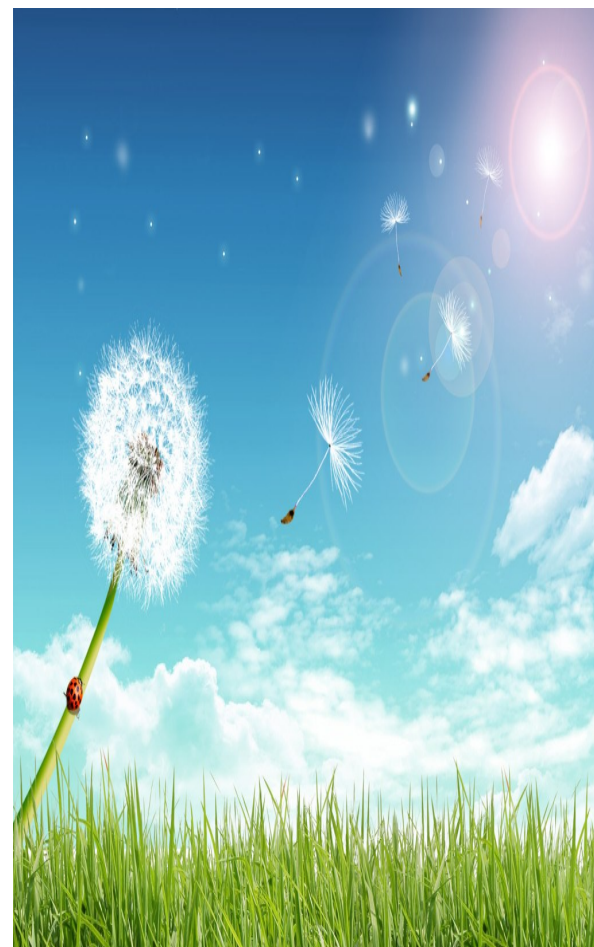
**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

WEEK 1 (JUNE 10-13): OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

WEEK 2 (JUNE 17-20): TELL ME A STORY

WEEK 3 (JUNE 24-27): WET AND WILD!

Pines Presbyterian  
—PRESCHOOL—





## How are you active and serving in God's Kingdom?

In an effort to lift up and highlight the many ways Pines members are active and serving outward in the community we will be adding a section to the newsletter. This new section will rely on you, our members, to share stories and pictures of ways you see church members serving outward in God's Kingdom. These highlights might be special ways you see people serving within the church and church activities. There might also be occasions where you see our members serving and doing things outside the walls and projects of the church. This month we would like to highlight Ryan Lade who recently had the honor on his 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier honoring our veterans. Well done Ryan!



Dear Pines Community, Thank you for your generous hospitality! Your community exemplified the giving spirit of the early church. Thank you for also caring for us when we were sick. May you have a blessed Easter and continue to spread God's love throughout the world. In Him, Catholic Mission Trips, Inc.

*This note was from the group of 40 mission workers that came to Pines the week before Easter and stayed in our building. Multiple people from Pines, Beth from PDA, and 3 other churches in the area came together to prepare meals and give this group the Texas welcome that we are known for. What a blessing to be able to give to those that are coming to help the citizens in Houston that are still not back in their homes!*

### **Enjoy the Newspring Student Art Auction Friday evening, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the beautiful lobby of the A.D. Players George Theater!**

Original paintings and 3-dimensional designs created by middle and high school students from Spring Branch are featured at the auction. Student artists will be on hand to visit about their artwork. The auction provides a terrific opportunity for each student to be recognized for their talents and experience the marketplace at work. Newspring created the Student Art Auction to encourage students to remain in school and utilize their God-given talents.

**Proceeds from the sale of the artwork go directly to the student.**

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The George Theater, 5420 Westheimer Road, 77056

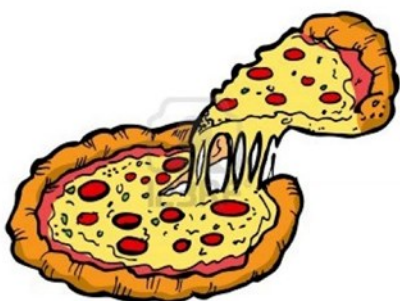
<https://newspringcenter.org/artauction/>



# Missions and Current Events

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH AN EVENT AT SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY

Pines is hosting a Party with a Purpose for the Sherwood students and their families that are part of the Communities in Schools program. The party will be held on Wednesday, May 8 from 2:45 to 4:45 pm on the soccer fields at Sherwood. Pizza, drinks, cupcakes, treat bags, water balloons and a soccer game are some of the highlights planned during the party. Volunteers are needed to help serve and encourage the students. If interested please contact Kari Work at [kwork@mgcinc.net](mailto:kwork@mgcinc.net) by Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.



## MAY AGAPE OFFERING

In honor of Mother's Day, the May Agape Offering will benefit L.I.F.E. Houston, the only local agency dedicated solely to providing emergency food and supplies for babies. The Mission of L.I.F.E. Houston is to *provide emergency nourishment for hungry babies and provide education about proper infant nutrition to families in need*. L.I.F.E. Houston provides approximately 100,000 infant feedings each year.

Items most needed are:

BABY FORMULA –specifically **Similac Advance** (blue top) and **Similac Sensitive** (orange top)  
Store generics of these types are welcome. They're about half the price of Similac.



(BE SURE TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATES)

DIAPERS – sizes 3, 4, and 5 are most needed.  
All brands are acceptable.



Our collection box is set up in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. We appreciate your donation of formula or diapers to help the tiniest Houstonians in need. If you have any questions about L.I.F.E. Houston or other Agape beneficiaries, feel free to contact any member of the Missions Committee.



## THANK YOU, PINES!

Once again, your generous response to the March Agape Offering was overwhelming.

Thanks to you, we delivered the following items to MAM's Home Care Cupboard:

- 68 rolls toilet paper
- 8 units laundry detergent
- 25 rolls paper towels
- 7 units garbage bags, assorted sizes
- 9 units general household cleaners
- 12 units dishwashing soap
- 21 boxes facial tissue
- 5 bags assorted personal care items ( toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, hair brushes, haircare items, socks, body lotion, makeup)

Proverbs 19:17 The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the LORD, and the LORD will repay him for his good deed.

## ATTENTION: CANCER SURVIVORS AND CAREGIVERS

Become a trained  
CanCare Volunteer  
and make a difference

Share HOPE with others  
who are currently fighting cancer.  
Support an individual with a similar  
diagnosis, or make hospital visits.

June 22nd-23rd, 2019

Town and Country area

Apply at [cancare.org/volunteer](http://cancare.org/volunteer)

CanCare has been providing cancer support for over 25 years.



More info about CanCare  
or volunteer training: 713-461-0028

*CanCare is a mighty community of survivors who lift up and inspire cancer patients  
and caregivers through one-on-one support, empathy, and hope.*

## 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.



**“By the grace of God, I am what I am...”  
(1 Corinthians 15:10)**

Easter is over but the power of God’s love and the promise of renewal and redemption and resurrection still saturates this world . But how often do we carry on with our days, blind to God’s presence and beauty...even within ourselves. How often do we forget this incredible gift and fail to live as ones so loved that Christ went to the cross for us. My friends, we are called to live out of our belovedness and to embrace the gift of who God has designed us to be...anything less or false denies the love of God shown to us on the cross.

In the last month, I have heard two songs that spoke to me of this.....  
The first one is from the, “The Greatest Showman”. One of the strongest messages of the movie came from the song,  
“This is Me”...

*I am not a stranger to the dark. Hide away, they say  
‘Cause we don't want your broken parts  
I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars. Run away, they say. No one'll love you as you are, but I won't let them  
break me down to dust...I am brave, I am bruised, I am who I'm meant to be, this is me!*

Then I went to a Francesca Battistelli concert and one of the songs she led off with was “Free to Be Me”...

*‘Cause I got a couple dents in my fender  
Got a couple rips in my jeans  
Try to fit the pieces together  
But perfection is my enemy  
And on my own I'm so clumsy  
But on Your shoulders I can see  
I'm free to be me.*

My friends, Jesus walked that road to Calvary, suffered and died, and rose again for you and for me and for this world...just as we are, no more, no less....in spite of our broken parts, our scars, and the dents in our fenders. That message and that love and that acceptance is one of the many gifts our Stephen Ministers bring to their care receivers....it is the grace to be. If you or someone you know would like to know more about getting a Stephen Minister who will offer you this precious gift of grace, call Barbara Retzloff at 713-467-2234.  
With the joy of Jesus, Barbara

## Session Meeting Notes

The Session met for its regular Stated meeting on April 22. Here are some highlights:

- Welcomed Ethel Kelly to the Pines family. Ethel comes to us by transfer from her church in Louisiana. She has jumped right in and already is contributing her voice to the choir!
- Approved a motion from the Missions Committee to transfer \$10,000 from the Next Generation funds to the Missions budget for 2019.
- Approved a motion from the Christian Education Committee to offer the Alpha Program at Pines in the Fall of 2019.
- Approved a motion clarifying the policy regarding what may be placed in a Columbarium niche.

Dan Schafer, Clerk of Session



April 2019



## MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

We partnered with the City of Houston to host students from the Mayor's Youth Council. These enterprising young men and women painted, framed, and house wrapped. The future of Houston is in good hands with these students!

## SPRING BREAK MISSIONS

Spring Break is a perfect time to serve, and we are grateful for the wonderful college students from the Wesley Foundations of UT Arlington, Tarleton State, and TCU who chose to spend theirs in Houston.



## OUTREACH

We have a new way to volunteer: Block-Walking! This outreach has volunteers knocking on doors in West Houston neighborhoods to find out who is still in need of assistance and distribute helpful resources to homeowners.



## MELVIN'S HOME



During Harvey, Melvin had water come up to his feet as he sat on his roof, the third time his house has flooded. The Restoration Team has partnered with West Street Recovery and Bayou City Relief to replace Melvin's roof, upgrade the electric and plumbing, insulate, sheetrock and side the home. We cannot wait for Melvin and his family to finally come home!

## MARCH NUMBERS

79 Local Volunteers  
12 Out-of-Town Volunteers  
624 Volunteer Hours



## WE NEED YOU!

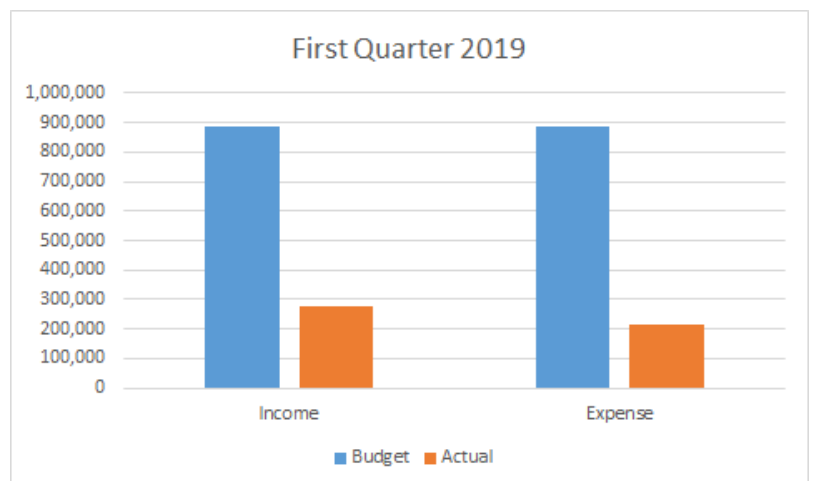
The work to be done in Houston is far from finished and we need your help! We welcome all skill levels and have opportunities for different ways to serve, not just home repair. Email Carson Tucker at [ctucker@chapelwood.org](mailto:ctucker@chapelwood.org) for serving opportunities.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with the Methodist Disaster Assistance to schedule work groups now! Call Cindy in the church office if you have or know of a group willing to help in this outreach! Pines is now an official host site for disaster workers!!

- Thank you! Pledge and non-pledge receipts continue strong through the first quarter (31% of annual budget received.)
- Expenses are right on target with 25% of budget spent during first quarter.
- Summer usually is a time for travel. Thank you for maintaining your financial gifts during these upcoming months.
- Try out online giving via the Pines Website, [www.pinespc.org](http://www.pinespc.org). Click on Donate Now! and make your secure contribution via ACH bank withdrawal or credit card payment.

## Stewardship







Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services<sup>SM</sup>

Save the date!



A luncheon benefiting the children of PCHAS

Houston, TX • May 9, 2019 • 12-1pm

Kindly RSVP by contacting your table host or:

Contact Kathy Ropshaw [kr@jhyi.com](mailto:kr@jhyi.com) to RSVP

**You are invited to attend:**

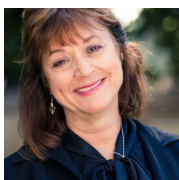
## The #MeToo Movement and the Church with Dr. Mimi Haddad

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Fuller Texas is pleased to present a lecture "The #MeToo Movement and the Church" with Dr. Mimi Haddad.

Dr. Mimi Haddad is president of CBE International. She is a graduate of the University of Colorado and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary and holds a PhD in historical theology from the University of Durham. She is author of *Is Gender Equality a Biblical Ideal?* with Sean Callaghan. Dr. Haddad is an adjunct assistant professor of historical theology at Fuller Theological Seminary and Zinzendorf School of Doctoral Studies. Mimi has taught for colleges and seminaries around the world. She currently serves as a gender consultant for World Vision International, World Relief, and Beyond Borders. Mimi and her husband, Dale, live in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

This lecture will discuss how the #MeToo movement demonstrates the global power imbalances between men and women not only in culture but also in the church. Will also consider how churches can prevent harassment and abuse today while learning from Christians through history who have advanced the Gospel, justice and the dignity of women and men created in God's image. This event is free and open to all denominations.



Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, CLC Building Amphitheater  
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