

# Pines Presbyterian

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

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## Red, White, & Blue Picnic!

Come and join the fun on July 1st right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will grill hamburgers and hotdogs, enjoy a patriotic sing-a-long, have water activities and a treasure hunt on the playground for the kids, and of course, great fellowship!

Kids, bring a bathing suit and towel...

**and everyone, wear red, white, and blue!**

# Pines Family News



**Heidi Akemi Popp**, daughter of Philip & Harumi Popp and granddaughter of Charlie and Makiko Asano was born on Friday May 25.

Congratulations!

**We have a new location for tablecloths that have been used.** Please place these tablecloths in the labeled plastic bin in the fellowship hall storage closet. They will be picked up by the cleaners and returned. We ask that you send an email to Cindy to let her know what committee used the tablecloths so that the cost can be applied to the correct committee. Of course, you can always save money for the church by taking the tablecloths you use home and washing them. We just ask that you return the cloths to the location you got them (either the Parlor or the Library) when you bring them back. Thank you for helping to take care of your church!

**Pines is hosting the Presbytery Meeting here on July 21st.** Many hands are needed in all areas. We need: Cookie Bakers, Lunch Servers, a Photographer, and Parking Lot Directors (morning only). If you have a few hours to share, please consider signing up to help. Sign ups will be in the Fellowship Hallway at 10 AM each Sunday. Thank you!

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

**July 20** (August newsletter)

**August 24** (September newsletter)

**September 21** (October newsletter)

**October 19** (November newsletter)

**November 23** (December newsletter)

**December 14** (January 2019 newsletter)

**A big Texas WELCOME to ...**

Jesse Parker (our new Youth Director) Jesse will begin at Pines on July 8th.

and

Micah Meyers (our new Communications Coordinator). Micah will begin on July 9th.

Please be sure to introduce your self when you see them.

Thanks be to God for the addition of these two wonderful people!

## JUST A REMINDER...

Please remember, this is your church home. We all want to be good stewards of the many blessings God has provided in our building. When you borrow something from the church, please return it to where you found it. Also, when you bring something into the church, please remember to mark it with your name in case you leave it here. Finally, ANY item/service that you would like to donate to Pines should first be approved by the Property Committee. With these thoughts in mind, we can all enjoy our church home!

# A Message From Our Pastor

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Warm summer greetings in Christ's name,

We are in the throws of another very warm summer and activities around the church continue to heat up. This summer the Adult Education Committee is offering a wonderful slate of Sunday School classes. Our Congregational Fellowship Committee has an exciting Red, White & Blue celebration planned following worship on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Missions Committee is busy helping feed Sherwood elementary children and families involved with Westside Homeless Prevention. The Children's Ministry group has all kinds of things happening under the direction of our new Children's Ministry Director, Ashley Sullivan.

As you can see there are many things happening at Pines! This month the busyness continues in Youth Ministry as our new Director of Youth Ministries, Jesse Parker, begins his ministry among us. Jesse comes to us by way of our partnership with Austin Seminary and the Center for Youth Ministry Training (CYMT). Jesse will be with us for three years as he works on his Masters of Youth Ministry degree at Austin Seminary.

Jesse's love of youth ministry started several years ago. He is a lifelong Presbyterian who appreciated the value of youth ministry in the lives of the youth and the church so much that he began volunteering in the youth ministry of his home church when he was in high school. Following high school Jesse attended Eastern University where he received his bachelor's degree in Youth Ministry. While at Eastern, Jesse kept himself busy volunteering and interning in youth ministry programs near the university.

When you speak to Jesse you immediately sense his passion for the Gospel and for youth. He feels the role of the youth minister is to be the voice that reaches out to the youth, calling on them to take the next step in their faith, while also offering guidance and support in a way that connects and relates to the youth. Jesse feels he can reach the youth and help them grow by meeting them where they are and having deep conversations with them about life and faith. Jesse realizes that youth ministry doesn't stop with the youth. He believes partnering with the parents is just as important in developing a complete and successful youth ministry. He feels it is imperative to work together with the parents during the time we disciple students, so together we nurture well rounded, faithful disciples for the journey ahead.

As I read Jesse's resume and application to Austin Seminary and the CYMT I was struck by the clarity of his goals for youth ministry. He said:

*"My ministry goals include always making sure my ministry encourages students to always look towards the Church as a place of love and support. I want the students to always view myself and my volunteer leaders as a role model of what Christ in the world looks like. I want the students, and anyone who observes the ministry I am a part of, to see that I love God and teaching about Him to students more so than I value personal success."*

Jesse's ministry among us will begin on July 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will either join us at a reception following worship on the 8<sup>th</sup> or stop by his office and welcome him to our family of faith.

This is a very exciting time in the life and ministry of Pines. I know God has great things in store for us. I hope you will pray for your staff as we change and grow over these next few months. I also hope you will invite your friends and their families to worship, the many activities and what promises to be a growing youth ministry.

Serving by His grace,



# Youth Happenings!

## Pines Youth Events

New Youth Director, Jesse Parker Starts July 9th

Mission Trip Info

High School Trip - July 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Local Harvey recovery work coordinated through Son Servants. Participants meet up at Pines at 2:00pm Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We Need You!

Sign-up NOW to help with Kaleidoscope Camp/VBS on Aug. 6-10, 9:00-noon. Training is July 29. Your energy and fun spirit is greatly needed, **PLUS** you will receive very important high school service hours for your time! Contact Ashley Sullivan ([ashley@pinespc.org](mailto:ashley@pinespc.org)) for more info and to sign up.

Youth United Movie Night @ Pines in August - Stay tuned for details

## Pines Youth Celebrates!

- ✓ Congratulations to our middle school mission trip participants who served God by assisting with Harvey recovery efforts in Texas City.  
Youth - Thomas Babineck, Gillian Brady, Hannah Lui, McKinley Wood  
Leaders - Phil Wetz, Shana Saucier, Ron Langston
- ✓ 13 youth attended our June 1<sup>st</sup> lock in, sharing food, fun and fellowship while preparing food bags for Sherwood and painting garden stones for a pre-school garden at Mission of Yahweh.

*"And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity...And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed - keep that dusted off and in use. Cultivate these things. Immerse yourself in them. The people will all see you mature right before their eyes!" 1 Timothy 4:12-15*

## Pine's Kids!!!

**Kaleidoscope Camp – A late summer VBS!**

August 6-10 from 9:00-12:00. Potty-trained 4's-5<sup>th</sup> graders, come spend the week with us as we learn about God's heart for **PEACE**! We hope to see you there! \$5 per child or \$10 per family. To register, visit [pinespc.org/kaleidoscope/](http://pinespc.org/kaleidoscope/). To volunteer, text or call Ashley Sullivan at 713-467-2234 or email her at [ashley@pinespc.org](mailto:ashley@pinespc.org).

## **Fall Children's Sunday School**

We hope you'll consider volunteering with us! Our hope and prayer is that (if we have enough people) we will be able to create a week-on, week-off rotation. **Also, you will not have to do the lesson preparation - Ashley Sullivan will be prepping all Sunday school lessons!**

Everything will be ready for you when you arrive on Sunday mornings in the fall - you would only be responsible for teaching the lesson, executing the crafts/games, and loving on our kids!

To volunteer, text or call Ashley Sullivan at 713-467-2234 email her at [ashley@pinespc.org](mailto:ashley@pinespc.org).



# The Houston Horizon Chorus PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL SHOW *"Sentimental Journey"*



**Saturday, June 30, 2018 - 4:00 pm**

Memorial Church of Christ, 900 Echo Lane, Houston TX 77024

DOORS OPEN AT 3:15 TO SHOP OUR AUCTION ITEMS!

Featuring our very own...

*Reunion Street Quartet*

*And Our Special Guest, Space City Sound Chorus!*

*with Stranger Rings College Quartet*



*Silent Auction, Sweet Shop, Door Prizes!*

**\$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors, \$10 Children under 12**

[www.houstonhorizon.org](http://www.houstonhorizon.org) - Tickets Available Online



## ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!!

Many of you already pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. Pines is now offering this service as a convenience to you – you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash or a check every Sunday.

Simply go to our website ([www.pinespc.org](http://www.pinespc.org)), and click on the "DONATE NOW" button. You'll register your account and within minutes you'll be giving your first online donation. Once set up, you can choose to give one time, or on a scheduled basis if you prefer. You will also be able to pay registration/book fees, for worship flowers, and give to special offerings.

*Your Stewardship Committee would like to mention that Pines does pay fees for online giving – 3% for credit card donations, and 1% for ACH bank transactions. If you'd like to slightly increase your donation to cover all or part of those fees, it will be appreciated!*

Another giving option (with no fees) is to set up a Bill Pay transaction with your bank – you can have your bank mail a donation check to Pines (one time, or each week, month, quarter, etc.). There is usually no charge for this service, and the bank pays the postage. And, if you prefer, you are more than welcome to continue making donations using personal checks or cash!

If you have any questions about online giving, please e-mail our Accounting Manager, Alexis Graham ([alexis@pinespc.org](mailto:alexis@pinespc.org)).

As always, we thank you for your generous sharing of treasures in the spirit and practice of stewardship.

May God Bless You!

# The Music Department

**Greetings from the Music Department!**

As most of you know, the Chancel Choir takes a month's vacation from the Choir Loft in the month of July. They use this time to take vacations, or, when at Pines, to sit with friends and family in the congregation.

We still have a choral presence in July with the Jubilant July Voices. Anyone in the congregation who loves to sing, but cannot commit to the schedule of the Chancel Choir rehearsals is welcome to join in this July music ministry.

We meet in the choir room at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday in July, prepare an easy anthem (usually melody only), learn an Introit, go over the hymns for the day, pray.....and then go to the Choir Loft to share God's gift of music in the 10:30 Worship Service.

All are welcome! There is NO audition! If you like to sing, please join us every Sunday in July at 10:00 in the Choir Room. And remember to.....

**Keep a song in your heart!**

**Tim**

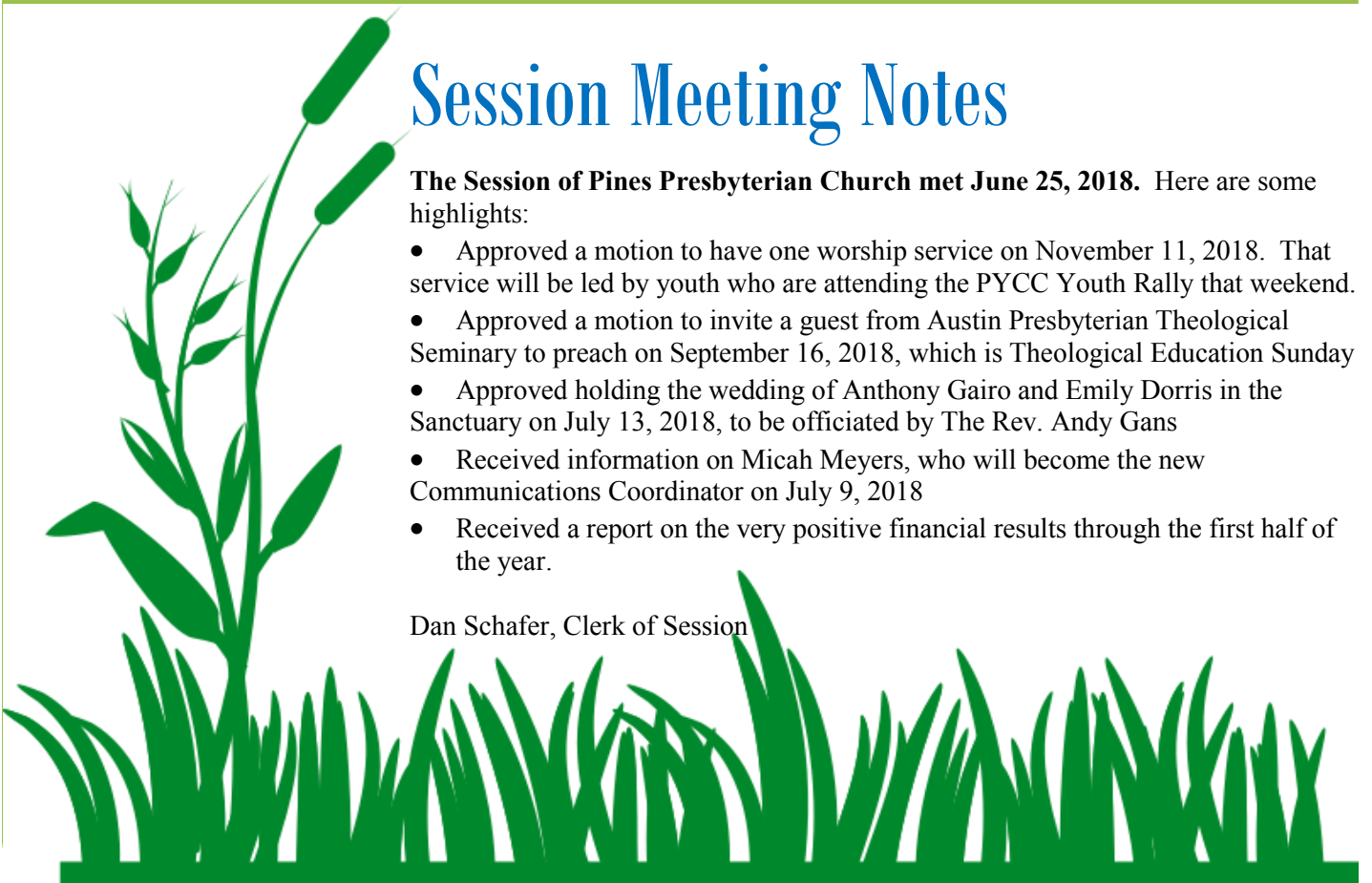


## Session Meeting Notes

**The Session of Pines Presbyterian Church met June 25, 2018.** Here are some highlights:

- Approved a motion to have one worship service on November 11, 2018. That service will be led by youth who are attending the PYCC Youth Rally that weekend.
- Approved a motion to invite a guest from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary to preach on September 16, 2018, which is Theological Education Sunday
- Approved holding the wedding of Anthony Gairo and Emily Dorris in the Sanctuary on July 13, 2018, to be officiated by The Rev. Andy Gans
- Received information on Micah Meyers, who will become the new Communications Coordinator on July 9, 2018
- Received a report on the very positive financial results through the first half of the year.

Dan Schafer, Clerk of Session



## SHERWOOD MENTORING PROGRAM

We're looking for mentors to spend 30 minutes – 1 hour per week with a Sherwood Elementary student. The program will begin next school year, Aug 2018. You will be able to choose the subject and will be guided by the teacher and/or Sherwood counselor. And don't worry if you can't make every week. We know things come up. Sign up this Sunday if you're interested or if you just need more info please contact Kathy Ropshaw at [kr@jhyi.com](mailto:kr@jhyi.com).



### June & July Agape Offering School Supply Drive Benefiting local Mission Partners

*Drop off in the Missions Bin*

1 package #2 Pencils  
1 box of markers  
1 plastic supply box  
2 bottle Elmer's liquid glue  
4 spiral notebooks  
Children's Safety Scissors  
Hand Sanitizer

2 boxes of crayons  
1 box of colored pencils  
2 Erasers (pink beveled)  
2 glue sticks  
6 pocket folders w/brads asst. colors  
Ruler (12-inch)  
Kleenex



Nina Hendee,  
Owner of Taste of Texas

If you want to be a hostess  
or need more info, please  
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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

Walt 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.



## Sunday School for Adults

June 3 ~ August 26, 2018

9:00-10:00 AM every Sunday

### Giants of the Faith

Join us for this engaging study of two humble giants of the Christian faith...C. S. Lewis and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Each session includes a DVD study which explores the history, meaning, relevance behind the life and writing of these two men:

June 3 ~ July 22: Discussing C.S. Lewis by Eric Metaxas

July 29: Judy and Ken McDyer will be with us to share about their mission experience in Taiwan.

August 5- 26: The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Facilitators: Bill Willis, Susan and Mark Babineck

Room: C-3

### Coffee & Conversation

If you are looking for a relaxed time on Sunday morning to talk about life & faith, then join us by the fire place in the Fellowship Hall.

Facilitator: Barbara Retzliff

Room: Fellowship Hall

### Vocation ~ A Place for Young Adults

We are a group of young adults...in college and out of college...who gather each week to explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Our discussions are open and honest as we look at the Christian faith including prayer, worship, service, etc. All are welcome for bagels, coffee, and a safe place to be and grow.

Facilitators: Linda & Phil Johnson, Cheryl Gans

Room : C-7



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY –**

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2

We weren't meant to bear our burdens alone. But when we're overwhelmed with despair, grief, loneliness, loss, uncertainty, or tragedy, the fact that God is invisible can make it hard to experience Him. A Stephen Minister is like "Christ with skin on." A Stephen Minister has been specially trained to be there to listen to you without judging you, to honor your confidence, and to walk along side you until you're able to regain the path God has planned for you. If you or someone you know is bowed down by emotional burdens, please contact Barbara Retzliff at 713-467-2234 or [barbara@pinespc.org](mailto:barbara@pinespc.org). She will prayerfully match your needs with the gifts of a Stephen Minister.