



# PINES

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2019

Pines Presbyterian Women  
Invite you to attend our

### Tablescapes Luncheon

Saturday, October 5, 2019

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Check-in begins at 10:45am

Featuring Beautifully Decorated Tables designed by these  
Individual Hostesses:

Kelly Aldred, Linda Aldred,  
Susan Babineck, Kezzie Deffebach,  
Colleen Foster, Melissa Gravett,  
Ann Guerra, Cindy Houlihan, Ann Lewis,  
Virginia Rutherford, Connie Sipp,  
Morgan Stephens, Lesa Smith,  
Yohanna Tirayoh, and Tindy Youngflesh  
The Men of Pines will be our gracious waiters

Following lunch we will be entertained by

**The SPA Girls**

Spiritual, Practical and Amusing Ways to live the Godly Life!

Tickets can be purchased for \$15.00 from any hostess or  
you can contact

**Linda Aldred, Connie Sipp  
or Cindy Houlihan  
at 713-467-2234**

*Luncheon attire - Childcare will be provided*

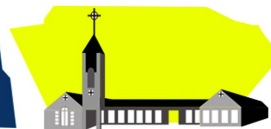


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## OCTOBER 11 & 12

**Join Us!**



**PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**VOLUNTEER. DONATE. LEARN MORE.**

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ph. 713.467.2234

**DON'T MISS OUT  
on either of these  
exciting events!**

# Pines Family News



**This is it!! Mark your calendars and save the date!!!**

**Tablescapes** is coming to an end ~ We are currently in the planning stages for our 10th and final **Tablescapes** which will be presented by the Pines Presbyterian Women on **Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 11 AM**. If you are interested in being a hostess or would like to find out more information for this final year, please contact: Linda Aldred, Connie Sipp or Cindy Houlihan at 713-467-2234.

*The Spa Girls* will be entertaining us for the event, so don't miss the fun! Come and join us!

**Looking for a way to serve the church?** Shirley Bollich could use some help setting up, serving and cleaning up with memorial service receptions. Please give Shirley a call if you feel led to help in this way. This is a wonderful ministry to the families that have lost a loved one. Thank you for considering serving in this way!

**See something around the building that needs a little attention?** Please fill out a Blue Form found on the counter behind the receptionist's desk and place it in the Property inbox (forms can also be found on top of the black file cabinet in the office supply room), or send an email to the Property Committee via [cindy@pinepc.org](mailto:cindy@pinepc.org). Please help us to keep our building looking it's best!

**Blessing of the Pets** - "God's arms are open to receive all creatures of the earth".

Bring your pet(s) to be blessed at the Blessing of the Pets, a worship service open to all.

The Rev. Dr. Belinda Koenig will preside over this service at **9:30 AM, Saturday,**

**October 19, 2019**, on the front lawn of the church. If your pet is unable to come or does not get along well with others, you are welcome to bring a photograph or a stuffed animal in its place.

**Please mark your calendars with the following**

**NEWSLETTER DUE DATES:**

**October 25** (November 2019)

**November 22** (December 2019)

**December 20** (January 2020)

**January 24** (February 2020)

# Pastor's Page

Greetings all,

As many of you know we will soon begin our annual stewardship season. This month, members will share stories about what makes Pines and their faith so important to them. We will hear from members who have been here a short period of time and from members who have been a part of this church for generations. In recent years the common theme in their message was the friendliness of the people and the congregations desire to reach out into the broader community.

I am thankful you, and others, continue to be a constant witness to God's love and welcome in the Kingdom. This is part of being good stewards to what God has given and entrusted to each of us. Stewardship is about what we can joyfully give back to God because God has given us so much. Often times people feel stewardship is only about how much money you can give to the church. It is NOT. Here at Pines we try to help people understand that stewardship is more than just giving money. Stewardship is about your joyful response to what God continues to give to you. Are financial gifts part of that equation? Yes, but they are only a portion of how we respond to God's grace. Your gifts of time and service are just as important. Just as we need each person to financially give to the church, we also need each person to give of their time and talents, to be involved. Without you sharing with others what God has given you to share, then we cease to exist as a community of faith impacting people's lives with the message of welcome, hope and grace.

I encourage you, especially during this stewardship season, to reflect and pray about what God has so abundantly given to you and how you can respond in faith and action to God's amazing grace. Help Pines continue to be a transformative body of faith for all people.

May we be ever faithful,



**New Opportunity**—Have you ever had questions about a sermon, scripture, God or the church? If you have, then I want to invite you to a monthly conversation with me following worship on the first Sunday of each month. This will be a wonderful opportunity for me to hear your heart about faith, the challenges and the joys, the questions you might have about a sermon and how scripture is impacting your life. I look forward to sitting with you in room C-5 on the first Sunday of the month.

# Youth Happenings!

## Youth Lock-In this Month!

Who: All Students from Grade 6-12 (and their friends!)

When: Saturday, October 19th—Sunday, October 20th

Where: The Pines Youth Rooms!

Why: To enjoy some fun and games, and get too little sleep!

## Children's Ministry



Join us in the W. Bough parking lot **after church** on **Sunday, October 27** ! We'll enjoy a light lunch before volunteers open their trunks for some Trunk or Treating fun!

**Don't forget to bring your costumes and candy baskets!**

\*If you're interested in volunteering your trunk for this event, please contact Ashley Sullivan at 713-467-2234 or at [ashley@pinespc.org](mailto:ashley@pinespc.org).



## Staff Spotlight



### Genny Bogue

Say “Hi” to one of the most seen and heard people at Pines, Genny Bogue, our Church Receptionist. Genny’s smiling face and welcoming voice has been greeting people at the front desk and on the phone for over fourteen years. Prior to her years here at Pines Genny worked with Shell Oil headquarters here in Houston.

Genny’s days are filled with greeting and welcoming members and visitors to Pines. She is often directing folks to different areas of the building for meetings and gatherings. If you pass by her desk you will probably see her on the either on the phone or computer fielding inquiries about church happenings. When not greeting people

Genny spends her time preparing the Sunday bulletin, Power Point presentation for worship and “This Week”. Genny’s gifts of being a good empathetic and compassionate listener, along with being a calm presence at the front desk make her a good fit for her position.

Genny loves this church and its members. She has said she truly enjoys her daily interaction with members and visitors. She said, “It is fulfilling to know that I have been able to assist [members and visitors] with whatever request or inquiry they may have.” Above all she says, “I care about the Pines members who continue to make me feel like a part of their family and not just an employee for which I am very appreciative.”

When Genny is not at Pines her days are filled with adoring her several cats, home projects, occasional dinner with friends, skyping with her brother in Kansas City, her sisters in California and Colorado.

The next time you are at Pines I hope you’ll stop by the front desk and take a few minutes to talk with Genny about her cats, family or other interests of the day. Whatever the topic you will be blessed by your conversation.



**Faith in Practice has a need for 2-3 more volunteers on the pharmacy team, October 5-12, 2019.** If you're available and would like to serve on this non-medical team, which will package medicines for the 2020 mission season, please apply online at <http://www.faithinpractice.org>. Pines members Larry Shamp and Terecia Burgess are participating on the team and can answer questions.

# The Music Department

## Greetings from the Music Department!

We have been singing a wonderful new hymn, "Healer of Our Every Ill," as the response to the Prayer of Confession. I am sure it will become even more meaningful to you when you hear of how it was written.

Marty Haugen wrote this meditative song during the winter of 1985-86. During this period, his family was staying at a retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. On January 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger crashed shortly after take off.

According to Haugen:

"In addition to the loss of seven astronauts, this crash was a symbolic loss for Americans. At Holden Village we had very infrequent communication with the outside world, so we did not know of the disaster for a couple of days. When we got some information, we held a service in the evening together, and "Healer of Our Every Ill" was written as an expression for our community to grieve together."

Haugen uses the text of this hymn as a prayer for healing, not only of the body, but also of the mind and spirit. The refrain, "Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow," is a powerful prayer and helps us express thoughts we find difficult to put into words.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.  
You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.  
Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Keep a song in your heart!  
Tim



## "New spots just became available!"

Join your Pines family as we travel to Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and southern Germany **June 3rd, 2020**. While on this journey we will experience the centuries old, world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. This Passion Play is only held every 10 years so tickets are limited. For more information and to sign up check out the following link:  
<http://pinespc.org/trip-to-easterneurope/>



## LABOR DAY OBSERVATIONS

This federal holiday was established to celebrate the efforts and contributions of our nation's workers. When we think of the day, most of us relate to jobs which are done for monetary compensation. However, I would like to focus on the "work" of some of the members of the Pines family which I observed on Labor Day as they "worked" with the Holy Spirit to minister to God's children.

To begin, I agreed to meet a Pines family member at church that day in order to deliver a card and cross she wanted me to share with a patient at Methodist Hospital who I was visiting. This thoughtful gesture was so impactful that the patient held the cross for the entire hour during which we shared fellowship.

While I was awaiting the "delivery" at Pines, I observed another devoted Pines member quietly doing some needed maintenance so that his church family would have a fully functional facility in which to gather. I know that this individual has completed similar maintenance projects hundreds of times over the years at our church and I was so thankful for the dedicated use of his talents.

After I completed my visit at Methodist, I went to visit Sam Singer who at that time was still in the hospital after suffering a stroke. During my visit with Sam, he let me know that another devoted member of Pines had already visited him that morning (in addition to the visit Andy and Cheryl made the prior day) and that both visits had lifted his spirits.

As I was nearing the end of my visit with Sam, I realized that he had done far more to lift my spirits than I had done to support him. I had observed him affirm the efforts of the ICU doctor who had treated him throughout his stay and enabled him to make a quick recovery. I had also watched him explain to the speech pathologist the therapy work he had begun on his own to improve the clarity of his speech because he was determined to again help lead the Pines family in worship as the lay liturgist, a task he does so well. Even though he was in the hospital, Sam had been ministering full time to those around him.

In the time since Labor Day, I have given thanks multiple times for the gift of being surrounded by the many angels in the Pines family who "work" and minister on federal holidays and every other day of the year. Thanks be to God.

Phil Wetz



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

### **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 also harmful and lethal.

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

Salt & 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 when others who deeply care and listen to our hearts. Even when we have loving caring families and friends sometimes we need a Soul-Friend who is like salt and water for the soul. That is where our Stephen Minister's come in.

We hope you will reach out to those who have love and acceptance, your Stephen Ministry are here for you.

Please contact: Barbara Retzloff - 713-467-2234 and she will pair you with a Stephen Minister



FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN



2019 - GET READY!  
**OCTOBER 11-12**



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**Feed My Starving Children – Signup online now!**

Visit: [pinespc.org/feed-my-starving-children](http://pinespc.org/feed-my-starving-children).

This year's MobilePack is on October 11th & 12th.

You don't want to miss out on this exciting mission project. Make sure you invite your friends, family, co-workers, teammates and neighbors to this amazing mission to feed the hungry children of the world.



**Order your  
Packing HOPE in HOUSTON t-shirt  
in time for the event!**

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**OCTOBER**  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

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To order visit: **PinesPC.org**

### Special Edition

Houston Feed My Starving Children MobilePack T-shirts are now available!

Get ready for the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Oct. 11&12 at Pines. Claim your local Houston T-shirt in time for the event! You can place your order online by visiting our website:

<http://pinespc.org/feed-my-starving-children>.

### Take a can –

Please take a specially marked FMSC tin can and begin collecting a quarter every time you eat. By placing 25 cents in the can at each meal you feed a starving child. The cans are located on the Narthex table and will be collected on Sunday, October 6th.

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STARVING  
CHILDREN





**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.

**November 2-3, 2019**  
**West University area**  
Register 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.*



What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

- **\$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease**
- **Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes**
- **If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases**

The **6 for Life Health Assessment** measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment. These are separate from our vascular screenings.

Pines Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on:

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019.**

Protect your health by registering today for this or any other testing that is done.

Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or **text** the word **circle** to **797979** to schedule your appointment. Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.



# RUMMAGE

# Sale

for charity

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

[Proceeds benefit the Feed My Starving Children Mission Project]





PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

~ Location ~

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

12751 Kimberley Ln.  
Houston, TX 77024  
[in the Family Life Center]

In back of the church – look for signs in the parking lot.

IF YOU ALSO WANT TO DONATE ITEMS FOR SALE:

Bring donations to the Family Life Center.  
Friday, Sept. 27, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Rummage Sale on Sat., Sept. 28, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, organized by the Miriam Circle to benefit the upcoming Feed My Starving Children project. You can help: save up items to donate to the sale on Friday, September 27 (11:00-5:00) and volunteer to help with Friday setup or during the Saturday sale. Contact the church for Bethel Strawser or Karen Davis.

### News from Center Ministries...

In addition to the middle and high school students that Mark Trotter's group feeds each week and leads in bible study, the need has risen to work with the elementary aged children. So, on Tuesday nights, Center Ministries works with the middle and high school youth (up to 75 kids now) and now on Wednesdays, they have begun working with elementary aged children (see picture below).

They meet every week, see the time schedule below. Mark and his volunteers are always looking for more help leading the bible studies, feeding the kids (on Tuesdays only), and just being there as a mentor/friend to the kids. If you are interested in helping once or twice per week, please give Cindy a call. The group now meets at the community center behind St. Thomas Presbyterian. They would welcome you with open arms!



### On Tuesdays...

**4-5 PM** - VOLUNTEERS WILL MENTOR/TUTOR STUDENTS ON HOMEWORK. OTHER VOLUNTEERS WILL SET UP FOR MEAL.

**4:30 PM** - MEAL WILL BE PROMPTLY SERVED ON BOTH DAYS. CLEAN-UP WILL BE FINISHED BY 5 PM.

**5 PM** - BIBLE STUDY BEGINS. WE WILL DISMISS ELEMENTARY GROUP AT 5:30, BUT BE AVAILABLE TO COUNSEL/MENTOR STUDENTS THAT WALK HOME UNTIL 6 PM. MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 6 PM.

**6:30 PM** - ALL CLEAN UP/BREAK DOWN WILL BE COMPLETED AND ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE DISMISSED





**Sunday Mornings:** Classes meet from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

### FOUNDATIONS | BIBLE STUDY & MORE

If you are seeking to grow closer to God through Bible Study, if you want to deepen your faith and connect with others, if you want a new vision for serving our Lord, then join us for this comprehensive Bible study. Disciple Fast Track, an adaptation of the original, bestselling **Disciple Bible Study**, provides a viable option for busy people. This fall, we will dive into the Old Testament with a close look at Genesis and Exodus. Then in at the beginning of 2020, we will open the New Testament to Luke and Acts. | **Room: C-3**

**Teachers: Joan & Tim Jenkinson, Belinda Koenig, Steve Retzloff, & Bill Willis.**

### FRIENDS, BIBLE, BAGELS & COFFEE

We are a group of young adults who gather each week to explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Each week we read and discuss a different passage of scripture. Our discussions are open and honest as we look at the Christian faith as expressed in prayer, worship, service, family life, etc. **All are welcome** for bagels, coffee, and a safe place to be and grow and connect with others and with God. | **Room: C-7 Leaders: Linda & Phil Johnson, Cheryl Gans.**

### TRAVELERS

This class will be studying the Bible, using the online course **"Bible Background"**. We will explore what the Bible means to us and to the Christian community, survey the history of how the Bible came to us, and consider methods and resources for studying the Scriptures. We will use the resources provided in the online course, and – perhaps most important – class discussion. Come join us -- no matter where you are on your faith journey! | **Room: C-10 Teacher: Jim Allison.**

### CONNECTIONS | A SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

Each week we will gather to learn, pray, and support one another in this journey of drawing closer to God through the spiritual exercises and the observations of God in our daily lives. This year we will journey through the books, **"Prayer and Worship"** and **"Living the Mission"**.

**Room: C-5 | Leader: Barbara Retzloff.**

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# Session Meeting Notes

The Session met for its regular Stated meeting on September 23. Here are some highlights:

- Received information and discussed the PCUSA Vital Congregations Initiative, which is the successor to New Beginnings. The Presbytery is participating in Vital Congregations beginning in 2020.
- Received a positive update on sign-ups for the Feed My Starving Children event in October.
- Received a report on year-to-date financials and the preliminary 2020 budget.
- Received a very positive report on the success of Back to Church Sunday activities.
- Heard plans for World Communion Sunday (first Sunday in October), which will include participation by Mosaic Church.

Dan Schafer, Clerk of Session

## Stewardship

### Income/Expense Report as of 8/31/2019

