



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2021

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

GIVE BLOOD.ORG

Channel 2 - Pines Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 13
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Gym

****FREE T-SHIRT WITH
DONATION!****

Contact

Shirley Bollich or Cindy Houlihan
by calling the church office at
713-467-2234 x110
Sponsor code: 90020758



Aiden, blood recipient



Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center

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THE BEST WAY
TO FIND A
BLOOD DRIVE
AND SCHEDULE
YOUR
DONATION!



Pines is hosting a Blood Drive!!!!
Please plan to support our Blood Drive!

When: Sunday, June 13th
Where: In the Family Life Center

When do I sign up? At church on May 23rd, 30th and June 6th
Who can give blood? Anyone who is at least sixteen years of age can donate.

In the U.S. all blood is voluntarily donated.
About 800 donations per day are needed by patients in area hospitals!
Be a hero and donate blood!!!!

Pines Family News & Current Events



Please join us as we pray for the family of Gloria Anderson. Gloria passed on May 4th, 2021. Please keep her son Mike Anderson, daughter and son-in-law Barbara & Larry Greenlee, and extended family members in your prayers.

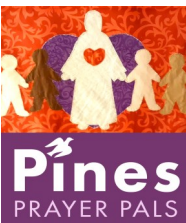
The Worship Committee is looking for a volunteer to take over the care and watering of the Majestic Palms in the Narthex. These palms were purchased for the past Palm Sunday and have been repotted and placed in the front windows of the Narthex facing Kimberley. Palms should be watered bi-weekly. If you interested in naturing and caring for the palms, please contact Connie Sipp.



The Pines Columbarium – The Pines Columbarium is a great alternative for the final resting place for your loved ones. Eligibility includes any past or present member of the church and their immediate family. Also eligible are past or present members of the Ordained Staff of the Church and his or her immediate family. Other individuals may also be interred with committee approval.

The average funeral cost can be \$10,000 and up. Niches in our columbarium are \$3,000 for a single placement or \$5,000 for the entire niche which will accommodate two urns. If you are interested in more information, please contact Connie Sipp.

Memorial Stones are also available for purchase as a remembrance of a loved one or other special person in your life. Purchase price is \$250 per stone.



Volunteer needed to head up the Children's Prayer Pal team!

The CE committee would love your help to organize our Prayer Pals for the children. The Pals and children have already been partnered up. All you have to do is send a few emails to help the committee get them connected and started. This is a job that can be done at home and will have a very small time commitment. If the Spirit is leading you, reach out to Phil Buelow at pbuelow26@outlook.com. Thank you!



Wondering how to order flowers for the Sanctuary?—cost for Narthex flowers is \$50 and the Sanctuary is \$75. We offer the option to give to a benevolence or order a live arrangement.

Please email:

Melissa Gravett at mgravett0123@gmail.com or Linda Aldred at lindaaldred1@aol.com.

You may also call the church office to get a message to either one of these ladies.

Please mark your calendars with the NEWSLETTER DUE DATES:

June 18 (for the July issue)

July 23 (for the August issue)

Pastor's Page

The Blessing of Community

When I was a kid, we went to John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Henrietta, NY. I guess I was predestined to be a pastor (sorry, I couldn't resist!) It was a small church painted rustic red and sitting up on a hill. We weren't a family that was there every time the doors were open, but my mom did bring us most Sundays for Sunday School and worship. I can't say that I had a great experience because we were the only ones from our school, we made no friends, and only a few adults knew us. When I was a teenager, the youth group met on Sunday afternoon and was more appealing to me than worship, so I often struck a deal with my mom to go then instead of Sunday morning...but even that was more about the cute boys than the draw of the Christian faith and community.

Somewhere along the way, God changed me. Certainly, it was that freshman year in college when I gave my life to Christ. But it was also through the friends I found in the United Campus Ministries college group...and it was in my experience of serving on Cursillo weekends...but above all, it was in the beautiful family of faith here at Pines Presbyterian Church. In this place, God has shown me over and over again the value and the gift of community...of being connected, belonging, cared for...of knowing that my story is known, my kids are loved, my gifts are nurtured. Community is such a powerful and understated gift in our very independent, hustle and bustle world.

The blessing of community is as simple as someone bringing a casserole when there has been a death in your family or calling when they know you are stretched to the limit caring for your elderly parents or reaching out to your children when they are celebrating a milestone in their lives. And community is as profound as taking the time to really listen...to deeply care...to laugh, celebrate, weep, and rejoice with another. Real community happens when we bring all of ourselves ...scars and brokenness, successes and joys to the table of every relationship. It is mysterious and simple, profound and precious, and it is God's design for His church.

Pines, you have been on a long and hard journey these past 15 months, and the strength and blessing of this community and the faithfulness of God have seen you through, and now you are about to enter a new season...you are about to embark on a new journey of being the church that God is calling you to be. I will be leaving ... again...and Andy will be back to lovingly serve you. I pray that you will always remember that you are God's beloved, that you will always have the grace to acknowledge your brokenness and the courage to embrace forgiveness. I pray that your worship will bring you together for God's glory, your community will be a source of unity and support, your lives will always be tuned to the Holy Spirit in prayer, and that you will have hearts that love our Lord Jesus Christ.

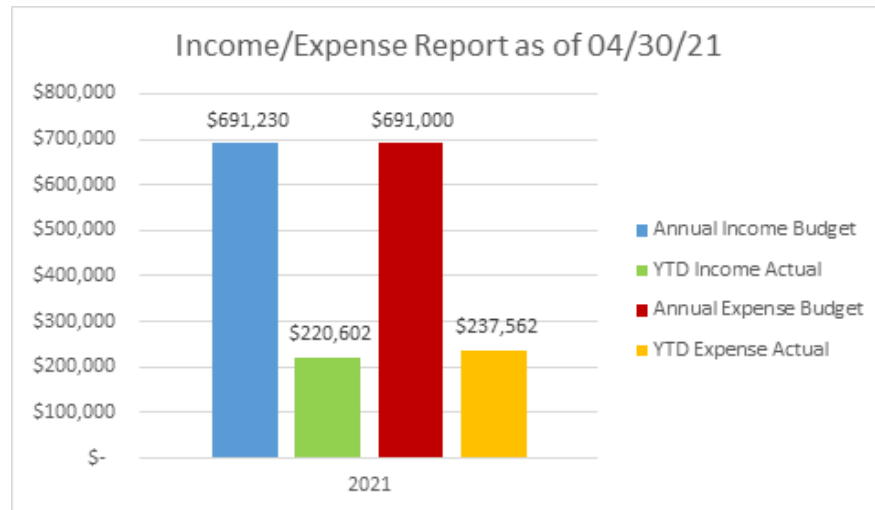
I love you all!
In Christ,
Barbara

Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

April 2021 financial statements are included with this report and can be summarized as follows:

1. Total Income for the four months is \$220,602, 32% of Total Income budgeted for the year. This is right on target for this time of the year, although non-pledge income is slightly below forecast.
2. Expenses for the four months are \$237,562, 35% of Total Expenses budgeted for the year and close to being on target.
3. In looking at our top 3 expenditure areas, Staff, Property and Missions, Property continues with heavier than expected expenses due to some HVAC and other repairs, Staff is running just slightly under budget for this time of the year and Missions is accruing expenses, in preparation for paying benevolences when the committee has reviewed our benevolence organizations for the year. The Preschool is expected to pay their building use fee (\$15,700) in May, which will assist with budgeted Property expenses. All other committees are under budget for the four month period.
4. Total Expenses exceed Total Income for the three month period generating a negative Net Income of \$17,190. While a negative net income is concerning, it's too soon to make generalizations about where we'll end up at the end of the year, based only on first four months income and expenses.



Session Meeting Notes

The Session met for its regular stated meeting on May 24. Here are some highlights:

- Approved the Health Committee latest protocol recommendations in light of new CDC and State guidelines including: masks are now optional beginning May 30 for all who are vaccinated; pews will be open, but one section will be available as an option for anyone desiring more distancing and masks; and coffee fellowship will begin on May 30. Look for more details in the upcoming newsletter and on the Pines website.
- Reviewed communications from Presbytery noting Rev. Andy's positive progress during his exclusion and clarifying the timing of his return to ministry at Pines. More details will be provided in a letter to the congregation later this week.
- Approved the Staff Committee's recommendation for sermon preachers as needed for the period prior to Rev. Andy's return to the Pines pulpit.
- Approved the COVID protocols to be implemented by Armored Sports for Life Camp, August 2 - 5 (formerly VBS).

Craig Walker, clerk



Summer is here!

Congratulations on finishing up another school year! We're excited about the great plans we have for the summer. We'll kick off Summer Sunday School by decorating ceiling tiles in the Youth Room on June 6th. Make sure you're in Sunday School to leave your personal touch at Pines!

We're also excited for a variety of Fellowship opportunities in the Summer.

Be on the lookout for more info about an outdoor event in June. On July 9th, look forward to a beach day on Bolivar Peninsula! Finally, all LifeCamp volunteers can enjoy a celebration of a week of service on August 6th. We can't wait for Pines to be a part of all of your Summer plans!

Children at Pines

What's New with the Children?

The children of Pines have grown so much this year, both physically and in their love for Christ. Our Bible display has taken us through the lifetime of Jesus from his birth to his teaching, healing, performing of miracles, crucifixion and resurrection.

We learned that Jesus met with his disciples before he ascended to heaven to be sure they knew to carry on with his ministry. Our children are learning to be disciples in His name, too! We are never too young or too old to share the love of Jesus with others. So, let's all follow Him!

We celebrate the recent baptisms of our Pines' babies! Mary Alice and Daniel Ray, children of Jessica and Dustin Priemer (siblings to Josie!), were baptized on Sunday. And, Lilian Aimi Popp, daughter of Harumi and Phillip Popp (sister to Heidi!) was baptized a few weeks earlier.

We look forward to see what God has planned for these special friends and with all of our Pines' children!!!!



Join us for Family-Style Sunday School in W-12 as we continue
“Learning to Love like God”

The Music Department

Greetings from the Music Department!

Since we just celebrated Pentecost last month let's look at the song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" written by Doris Akers.

"There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord."

In Acts chapter 2 we read, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them."

This song has blessed me all my life, by knowing that the sweet Holy Spirit dwells within me and guides me day by day. Some may say they feel a still small voice, or a gut feeling, or an intuition, but all of these are the urging of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

As I celebrate my 7 year anniversary as the Director of Music Ministries of this church, I remember the first time I walked in to Pines Presbyterian. I was overcome with peace, joy and serenity in feeling the Spirit of the Lord dwelling in this place. That feeling has never left me, as I know that this house of worship is a place where the Holy Spirit not only abides, but is welcomed.

This has been a rough year not only for the nation, but our church as well. The pandemic made us worship at home through a streaming device. We all longed for the community of church. As we gather back together in this sanctuary, I feel a new anointing of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As I listen to the inspiring messages of Barbara and Jesse, as I hear the congregation sing joyfully the old hymns, as the choir blends so harmoniously in Introits and Anthems, my heart and soul rejoice as a fresh wave of the Holy Spirit washes over my soul. Let's keep the fire of Pentecost alive and well in Pines Presbyterian Church.

"Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessing we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place."

Keep listening to those nudges from the Holy Spirit, and keep a song in your heart!

Tim

Mosaic and Pines In-car-nation



Join us for ***In-Car-Nation***

Sunday's at 5 PM

on our back parking lot!

Bring your family...bring your friends...bring a chair, or sit in your vehicle...all as you tune into the service on your car radio! If you have not had a chance to attend, don't miss this meaningful Worship opportunity!

Missions



Wrapping Up Cancer.



JUNE AGAPE

Our Agape offering benefits CanCare, a community of survivors that supports cancer patients and caregivers through one-on-one support, empathy, and hope.

Bring **lap blankets, shawls, scarves & warm caps** to “wrap up” cancer patients in love and hope.

Pines’ Agape offering for the month of June benefits CanCare, a community of survivors that supports cancer patients and caregivers through one-on-one support, empathy, and hope. **Bring lap blankets, shawls, scarves and warm caps** to “wrap up” cancer patients in love and hope. CanCare will distribute these items to patients having chemotherapy or other treatment to help keep them warm during and after treatment.

CanCare

Save The Date

A Day In The Park
in honor of
**National Cancer
Survivor's Day**

Saturday, June 5th, 2021
10 a.m.- noon

Rick Rice Park, CanCare Plaza
700 Westgreen Blvd
Katy, TX 77450

Join us for this meaningful
time to honor those who
have faced cancer.

THANK YOU!

The Missions Committee is so grateful to everyone who contributed to the March and April Agape Offerings. Thanks to your overwhelming response to our April Agape, we will be providing many more food bags to needy Sherwood families. Bonnie Reyes, the Communities in Schools Coordinator at Sherwood Elementary reports the parents are so very grateful and surprised when they receive their big, green bag of food. These groceries mean so much to these struggling families.

The same gratitude is seen at L.I.F.E Houston as they receive the diapers, wipes, formula, and other baby items you so graciously gave during May's Agape offering. We wish you could witness the heartfelt joy we see when we deliver your gifts.

Thanks to your generous giving, the love of Christ is surely flowing beyond our walls.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2



Love to drive and navigate your way through the Greater Houston Area?

Then, become a volunteer driver for Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center!

Retrieve, Transport, and Deliver Blood Samples Using a Company Vehicle!

All volunteer drivers will go through a volunteer orientation, background check, drug screen, road test and complete defensive driving training provided by The Blood Center to ensure the safety of the volunteers as well as the products.

Volunteer drivers are asked to commit to 2-4 driving shifts per month with a four hour per shift minimum. Volunteer drivers will receive material about the program and its policies, essential contact information, a T-shirt and personalized volunteer badge. Their shift will begin at the Hospital Services department, where they will sign in and receive their vehicle and route assignments.

info@volunteerhouston.org | www.volunteerhouston.org | 713-533-3190



MAM is in need of volunteers to work in their resale shop. If you have a few extra hours to spare, please give them a call to see where you can help out. It is such a fun place to volunteer and a great place to shop while you are there!



300 Homes Repaired!



The Restoration Team has a huge milestone to share: 300 homes!

Since the Fall of 2017, the TRT family of supporters and volunteers have made 300 homes safe and livable. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible!

On top of the 300 homes repaired, we have also mucked out an additional 167 homes after disasters, bringing our number of families assisted to 467 - not bad for three and a half years!

We have been able to do this with over 2,000 volunteers putting in 68,000 hours of hard work. Between repair costs and volunteer labor, the impact of our work has generated \$5.5 MILLION dollars into our community!

Dear Friends, Genny Bogue our church receptionist, will be retiring at the end of June. Genny has been with Pines since April of 2005. Please stop by the church, send a card or give her a call to wish her a hearty thank you for the time she has given to our church family. Genny has been a dependable presence in the church office and a friend to many. She will be deeply missed.

In the meantime, we will be looking for someone to replace Genny. If you know of anyone interested in a part-time position, please contact Cindy for a complete job description and more details. cindy@pinespc.org or 713-467-2234 x110



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

LEARNING ABOUT GRIEVING – WHAT TO DO AND WHAT TO AVOID

As part of their monthly continuing education programs, the Pines Stephen Ministers were honored to participate in a discussion on April 22 facilitated by Ann Guerra in which Ann shared some of her learnings about the grieving process. Ann's comments were based on her personal experiences as well as the book, "It's OK That You're Not OK", by Megan Devine which has greatly influenced Ann's thinking on this issue.

Since all of us interact with people who are grieving, the Stephen Ministers wanted to share some of the learnings we derived from this informative session.

WHAT TO DO

- Our goal in supporting those who are grieving is to give them the opportunity to experience and express their pain and sorrow, and not to make them happy or cheer them up
- The most important gift you can give a grieving person is to actively listen to them share their thoughts and emotions without being judgmental. In doing so, we are loving that person through the "ministry of being present".
- When experiencing grief, it can be helpful to think of "working on it" just as we would tend to a garden. There are times of intensive work and times of light work and times when we just sit and let God "work on the garden" with rain and sunlight.
- After the loss of a loved one, we are changed forever but, with time and effort, one can again find JOY in life, although the sources of the JOY may be different.
- Grieving can trigger a wide range of emotions, including anger. Give the grieving person the opportunity to express these emotions without trying to "fix them".
- Allow the grieving person to share their memories of their loved one because there can be healing in remembering. Feel free to share your own memories of the loved one who has died.

WHAT TO AVOID

- Do not impose your experiences on another person's grief journey because each person's experience is unique. Do not say "I understand what you are experiencing" or discount the pain they are experiencing by saying "Your loved one is in a better place" or "Your loved one is no longer suffering".
- Do not express false hope by saying "You will get over it" or "Things will soon get better".
- Do not say, "Call me if I can help". Consider making an offer to help in a specific way(s)

Stephen Ministers at Pines are available to walk and speak with anyone who is grieving any type of loss – the loss of a loved one; or of good health; or of a relationship; or of a job. If you would like to explore the possibility of working with a Stephen Minister on a CONFIDENTIAL basis, please contact Rev. Bill Willis at bill.00.willis@gmail.com.



MAKE THE MUSEUM YOUR CLASSROOM

NEW IN 2021 Every Home School Day this year begins at 9 a.m., which means Home School Day guests get an extra hour to explore before the center opens to the public.

Become a scientist in our Pop-Up Science Lab demonstrations, discover our [live presentations](#) about life aboard the International Space Station and the science behind combustion.

See how NASA continues to benefit humanity with innovations that help control the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in [Mission: Control the Spread](#).

Board the [NASA Tram Tour](#) and experience NASA's Johnson Space Center. Explore Rocket Park and the massive Saturn V rocket as well as a new one-of-a-kind bronze statue depicting the Apollo 13 crew.

Walk underneath the [SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket](#) to get a close-up look at an important piece of reusable technology that has improved our potential for space travel.

Hear from NASA experts about the present and future of space exploration, and get a glimpse into the space program from an astronaut's perspective in our Astroanaut Mission Memories presentations.

UPCOMING HOME SCHOOL DAY GUEST SPEAKERS:

- **May 28** - Jessica Voss, Systems Engineer for the Orion Program at NASA Johnson Space Center
- **JUNE 11 - CANDICE PALACIOUS, SPACE TECHNOLOGY MISSION DIRECTORATE INTEGRATOR (STMD) AT NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER**

HOME SCHOOL DAY ASTRONAUT SCHEDULE:

- **May 28** - Clay Anderson
- **June 11** - Mark Polansky
- **Aug. 13** - Mike Foreman
- **Sept. 3** - Bill McArthur
- **Oct. 15** - Clay Anderson
- **Nov. 12** - Clay Anderson
- **Dec. 3** - John-David Bartoe

[GET TICKETS](#)

Purchase your ticket in advance to take advantage of our Home School Day discount. Tickets purchased before the day of the event are \$14.95. Tickets purchased onsite, the day of the event, are \$24.95 for children and \$29.95 for adults. Discounted tickets are limited. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis, and discounted tickets must be purchased in advance.

Space Center Houston parking is \$5. We encourage guests to purchase parking online. Cash and credit cards are accepted at the ticket booths.

REMINDER: Please, if you move to a new address, change your phone number or your email address, please call or email the church office so that we can update our files. Also, if you feel you are not receiving communications from the church, **please** contact the church office at 713-467-2234! You may also email Cindy or Genny at cindy@pinespc.org or genny@pinespc.org Thank you.



Please join us for Camp Pines 2021 !

WE ARE OFFERING 3-WEEKS OF SUMMER CAMPS ★

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

★with★ *Linda Barber* ★

**CAMP PINES starts in June
at Pines Presbyterian Preschool!**
Come join us for 3 weeks of summer camps
-- Packed with fun, hands-on activities and
daily art projects.

For more details visit: pinespc.org



Pines Life Camp is this SUMMER!

August 2-5, from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Online registration is available!

You can also register in person at our sign-up table at Pines.

We missed your precious children in 2020 but we will welcome them with joy in 2021! The
fee is \$5.00 per child, \$10 per

family. Registration ends June 30, but space is limited, so

sign-up soon! More info | Register: pinespc.org/lifecamp

To sign up to volunteer, go to the link below (you can also copy this to your browser to access):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45a4a72aa46-pines>

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