



## COMMUNIQUE

### Veterans Day Celebration & Outdoor Service

This Sunday we'll be having a special service to honor veterans as we kick off our sermon series on the Beatitudes. Last week we had a beautiful day of outdoor worship due to several positive coronavirus tests in our surrounding community. Sadly, we've also learned that a few church members have tested positive as well. They're doing okay and we don't have reason to believe that others have been exposed but out of a desire to be overly cautious (yet still reasonable in our measures) we've decided to meet outside once more. The weather is supposed to be even better than last Sunday. We'll have outdoor seating available again for those who don't want to sit in their cars. Kids programming is canceled but kids activity bags will be available for every child. We hope to see you Sunday at our 9AM service or our 10:30 service.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

The next Board meeting will be November 17 at 6:00 PM.



Board Meeting

**GLOW Student Ministry:** Regular meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:30 and for Food, Fellowship and Bible Study. They are back at the church now. Contact Stefanee O'Hagan, 713-449-9828, for more information.

**"Kids Church":** The Kids are back meeting in the downstairs during the 9 and 10:30 am services. We are using very aggressive sanitizing policies. Masks are encouraged for children above 2 yrs.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR:** Meets Wednesdays in the Sanctuary at 5:30-7 PM. We would love to have you! They are social distancing and keeping everything safe during this pandemic. They are currently working on their Christmas music that will be part of an Advent gathering outside on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Discussions are being held to determine how and when to resume these classes.

**WinGS** Bible Study "Crossing the Waters" Monday, November 9  
**THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CONCERNS WITH SOME COVID CASES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. CONTACT JANET TO FIND OUT HOW TO ACCESS IT ONLINE.**



"O Holy Night" WinGS Christmas Celebration / Monday, December 14 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall (Childcare will be provided!)

**CHOP Missions:** Next month's breakfast Tuesday, November 17.

Get involved: Donating, Packing, or Delivering! Contacts: Lauri Malone / laurimalone@yahoo.com or Paula Langellier / [plangellier@gmail.com](mailto:plangellier@gmail.com). If you cannot join us in person & choose to study Crossing the Waters at home, just pick up a book and study guide in the church office. Contact Janet Allen to get the code for accessing the videos for the lessons.

**WinGS** is sending out weekly info and inspiration to the ladies of our church. If you are not receiving these messages & would like to be added to the contact list, please let Janet know: [allenmuller53@gmail.com](mailto:allenmuller53@gmail.com)

**KNITWITS AND CROCHETERS** <sup>2</sup> Everyone Welcome! Bring our needles to the church library, Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 to work on scarves for children on Indian reservations in South Dakota. Please pray for these children.

#### **4 LOVE AND COOKIES: CANCELLED FOR THIS MONTH**

#### **THE SIMPLEST PRAYER**

An eccentric blind man nicknamed Joybubbles reportedly loved Mr. Rogers so much he listened to 10 hours of the TV show daily until he'd heard them all. One night, when Joybubbles was in a kind of awake dream state, he said Mr. Rogers visited him and offered to teach him how to pray. Joybubbles protested that he couldn't pray because he always forgot the words. To which Mr. Rogers said not to worry; the prayer he'd teach had only three words. "What kind of prayer has only three words?" Joybubbles asked.

"Thank you, God," Mr. Rogers replied. —adapted from The Wired Word

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:** All donations of non perishable foods are welcome. We are collecting canned goods this month for Coat of Many Colors: **the cupboards are bare!!**



**GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE:** Please call the church for little handyman jobs if you need a helping hand. If we cannot fix it we will help find someone who can.



**Samaritan Purse "Operation Christmas Child"**

Build a box online at <https://www.samaritanpurse.org> or use a shoe box or get a box from the church. Remember, no food or toothpaste allowed. We will again be a drop off site for the boxes from November 16-23th. Dan Groves has agreed to be in charge of this project. The hours each day will be 12-2. If you can come help unload boxes please click on the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a8ad2ba4fecf8-operation>

#### **HELPING HANDS:**

It's that time of year again where April Sound Church partners with Stewart Creek Elementary for the Christmas "Angel Shopper" Program. Please contact Kathy Jackson if you are interested in being an Angel.

**NOVEMBER: A meaningful month**



In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday and the start of Advent. What does it mean that Christ is our King? How can we truly give God thanks and prepare for Jesus' coming? It's a good time to ponder what hurts God's heart — and how we can help. If God is in pain because some of his children have too little, we can share our resources. In so doing, we welcome Christ the King among us, and give him meaningful thanks.



**COMING IN DECEMBER:**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday, **December 3 at 7 PM** in the library. They are working through Hebrews 11, and will be studying "Faith and disbelief mixed, The story of Abram part 2." This is facilitated by Wessel Cronje. Contact him at [mens@soundchurchtx.com](mailto:mens@soundchurchtx.com)  
**POTLUCK ON DECEMBER 11:** The men will host a potluck for everyone (not just men) with an "international twist". Plan your favorite international dish to bring to share. They would like to have a head count for the evening so call Wessel at 832-474-1000.

**ADVENT EVENING:** Sunday, December 13, 4pm, children's activities, food truck and fun. 5:30 Choir program.