



Spring Interfaith Council
United for Understanding

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Spring Interfaith Council is truly excited to announce that for the first time in two years we will hold an in-person Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Cypress Creek Christian Church will host this **Thanksgiving service at 7 PM on Thursday November 17th** (Thursday before Thanksgiving). The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Klein Stake; the Congregation Jewish Community North; St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Community; Champions Mosque; Baha'i Northwest Houston Community; Holy Comforter Episcopal; Hosanna Lutheran; and Plymouth United Church have all been contributing to the planning phase for this service. The next planning session is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd, at 10:00 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Church. Please contact Pastor Bruce Frogge (bfrogge@cypresscreek.cc) if you would like to be involved.

This year we are choosing to celebrate in gratitude for the blessings of the past years. Participants will share stories of celebration from a variety of faith traditions. We will re-knit the circle of community that has kept us isolated from each other. It will be wonderful to join together and remember that we are not alone – in times of struggle or in times of joy! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 PM** and invite your friends and neighbors of all faiths.



VOLUNTEER



The Hope Center Houston and Northwest Assistance Ministries support those in need in our community. Right now they both are in urgent need of our help!

Please consider volunteering to help one or both of these groups. And if you belong to a faith community perhaps one of your outreach groups might be able to help so, please mention these groups to your faith community. This is an opportunity for each of us to make a difference right here in Spring.



821 Peakwood, Houston, TX 77090

Phone 832-965-5511

Volunteers & Donations Needed

The Hope Center **NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to serve meals and tend the showers. They also need teams to cook and bring lunch to the center. They need teams to make take-away meals, manna bags and hygiene packages. You can find information about volunteer opportunities by clicking <http://www.hopecenterhouston.org/volunteers> or simply contact our volunteer/kitchen coordinator Stephanie at stephanie@hopecenterhouston.org. Just a few hours of your time can make a difference in the life of a homeless person.

And The Hope Center currently has urgent need of the following **Breakfast & Lunch Items:**

- Jelly – any size, any flavor
- Iced Tea Mix – a canister makes 30 quarts of iced tea
- Granulated Sugar – 2, 4, or 5 lb. bags
- Ground Coffee - in a canister. Extra-large size, please
- Salad Dressings – any type, no specific container
- Bottled Water

Donations may be dropped off Mon.-Fri., from 9am-12pm. For a complete listing of their current needs please visit: <https://www.hopecenterhouston.org/>



NAM has an Urgent Need for Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

**We are in desperate need of drivers!
If you can drive, you can help!**

***Monday-Saturday Morning Shifts.
You can volunteer to drive every day, once a week or once a month, any time your schedule allows.***





Women's Voices

The **Women's Voices** interfaith discussion group will hold our regular monthly gathering on **September 1st** from **12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**. We invite women of all faiths (or women with no faith community) who want to engage in respectful discussion about spiritual issues with their neighbors to join us. This meeting will be a "Hybrid" meeting. We will meet in-person in the Oasis Room at **Northwoods Presbyterian Church**, 3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy (FM 1960), at the intersection with T.C. Jester, Houston TX 77068. But if you are not able to attend in person but you would like to participate online, please contact Linda Barry in advance (l_barry@sbcglobal.net) to make a reservation to join the meeting via Zoom.

In our next two gatherings, the group is continuing to work with journaling and learn ways to reflect on our life happenings and to pass on our stories as a legacy. For the next "story" in our journal the suggested writing prompts are: 1) Write about a valuable interfaith experience, and share what you learned from it. 2) Tell the story about how you met your life partner. 3) Tell about some family sayings that you remember. Or write whatever is on your soul that needs to be written now.

In the fall we will read and discuss The Book of Hope by Jane Goodall. If you'd like to know more about this group, please contact Nancy Agafitei. Her email address is: nancy.agafitei@gmail.com

On August 16th Ooma Lakshmanan hosted a Women's Voices luncheon in her home. It was an opportunity for conversation and sharing. Here are some pictures from that gathering.





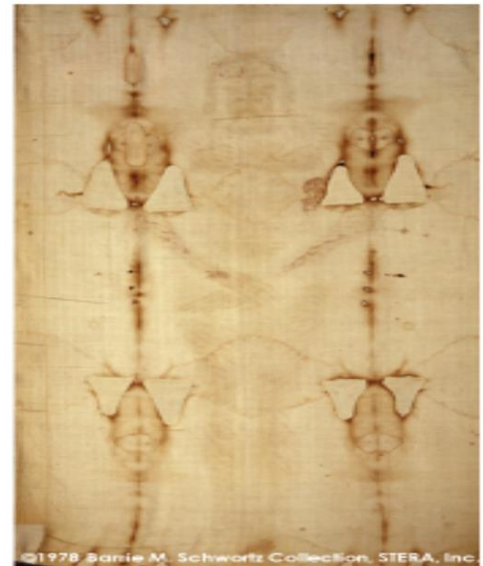
Mobile Food Distribution

September 3rd & September 24th

The Houston Food Bank Mobile Truck will be outside at Kinsmen Lutheran Church, 12100 Champion Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77066 on Saturday, September 3, and September 24th from 8 – 11 AM.

If you or someone you know needs food assistance you are welcome to come to these distribution days. For more information contact Lynnae Schatz (lschatz@kinsmenlutheran.org).

The Shroud of Turin



Cypress Creek Christian Community Center invites you to attend a free lecture on the Shroud of Turin that will take place on **Thursday, September 8, 2022, 7 – 8 PM** at the Cypress Creek Community Center's Centrum Auditorium, 6823 Cypresswood, in Spring. The Shroud of Turin is an ancient linen cloth, which holds a mysterious image of a scourged and crucified man. The Shroud is believed to have covered Christ's body in the tomb.

This presentation is co-sponsored by the [National Museum of Funeral History](#) in anticipation of the upcoming permanent exhibit 'The Shroud of Turin: The Most Famous Burial of All Time.'

The presenter is Fr. Andrew Dalton, a Catholic Priest of the Legionaries of Christ and an international Shroud speaker. He is an assistant professor of Biblical Theology of the Passion of Christ at the [Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum](#) in Rome, Italy. Fr. Dalton is on the Board of Directors of Orthonia, the international organization committed to the promotion and dissemination of knowledge relating to the Shroud of Turin. An Atlanta, GA native, Fr. Dalton has lectured all over the world, emphasizing the evangelical opportunity Shroud science affords. According to Fr. Dalton, "...the most rigorous science continues to champion a cloth that signals the central mysteries of Christian faith...the Incarnation and the Resurrection."

Following the lecture there will be a question-and-answer session. For more information, call the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center at 281-376-7113, or email gwhitten@cypresscreek.cc This lecture is free to the public.



A few months after September 11, 2001, a small group of 9/11 family members and friends discussed how to pay tribute to their lost loved ones. Inspired by the unity seen throughout the United States, they chose to transform the anniversary of 9/11 from a day of tragedy into a day of DOING GOOD.

They invite others to do at least ONE GOOD DEED on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks each year in the spirit of national unity and in tribute to the 9/11 victims, first responders, recovery workers, military, those injured and others impacted by the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

This idea has now grown into the largest annual day of service in the nation. On SATURDAY, 9/10/22 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Klein Stake invites you to join us in serving on that weekend and/or day as we remember the tragedy that occurred and also the strength and unity we witnessed. For more information click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWBPWZUOJFw>

Specific local opportunities can be found at: <https://www.justserve.org/911dayhouston>





5927 Louetta Road
Spring, TX 77379

Join us for
“Full Moon Circle”
Saturday, September 10 2022 | 6:30 p.m.



Plymouth United is offering a “Full Moon Drum Circle” on the night of each full moon. **The next Full Moon Drum Circle will be on Saturday, September 10th, at 6:30 PM.**

Everyone is invited and welcome on any or all of the dates listed below. To participate in the Drum Circle, you need to bring a lawn chair and if you have a percussion instrument such as a drum or tambourine, etc. you can bring that as well. If you do not have an instrument or if you don't want to bring an instrument, simply bring your chair and come. You can select an instrument from those provided at the entry table or you may simply clap or tap your foot.

When you arrive bring your chair into circle, listen, meditate, join in the rhythm of the drumming. Relax and find the rhythm that feels natural and then do what your body does naturally.

Plymouth United invites everyone to join us for our next Full Moon Drum Circle on **Saturday, September 10th at 6:30 PM.** Also please join us on the following dates as well:

Full Moon Circle are dates.

Sat, Sept 10

Sun, Oct 9

Tues, Nov 8

Tues, Dec 6

Each gathering will begin at 6:30 PM



AED/CPR Training

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**Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
2322 Spring Cypress Road, Spring TX 77388**

Saturday, September 17

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

- Hands on and video training
- HIS Certificate good for 2 years
- Cost \$65.00 (PayPal, Venmo, due by Sept 9)
- Lunch provided
- Need a minimum of 10 people for the class to make

[Registration Form](#)

Open Wide Our Hearts Community Conversations Group

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Spring, Texas invites you to join us for a monthly online community conversation about race, faith, and finding our way forward in love. Each *Open Wide Our Hearts* meeting includes a presentation on a relevant topic. Our guest speaker this month is Mr. Johnnie Dorsey. He will speak on The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver, the largest historically African-American Catholic lay organization in the United States. After Mr. Dorsey's short presentation, a small group discussion will follow. Meetings are held online from **10am-noon**. This month's conversation will be on **Wednesday, September 21st**.

Please join the conversation by clicking on the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAude-rqDMjHdM-AbcNDBZLVhUnNPFQ2SDL>

Or for more information contact Amy Auzenne at aauzenne@silcc.org or call **281-370-3401**.



Hope Center Houston

Hope Center Houston is hosting our 5th Annual Golf for Hope Tournament at Gleannloch Pines Golf Club on **Monday, September 26!** This event will benefit Hope Center Houston and its efforts to offer a safe place and a caring community for our homeless brothers and sisters. Will you be joining us this year? Would you be able to be a sponsor? Register now for Hope Center Houston's 5th Annual Golf Tournament [here](#).



The poster features a central image of a white golf ball with the Hope Center Houston logo (a blue dove) on it. The background has green brushstrokes and a faint image of a golf club. Text elements include: a red ribbon with '5th Annual', a yellow banner with 'REGISTER NOW!', the word 'GOLF' in large red letters, 'TOURNAMENT' in red, 'BENEFITING HOPE CENTER HOUSTON' in blue, a date banner for 'MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022', the venue 'GLEANNLOCH PINES GOLF CLUB 19393 CHAMPION FOREST DRIVE', a blue bar with event details, and a registration link at the bottom.

5th Annual

REGISTER NOW!

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

BENEFITING HOPE CENTER HOUSTON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

GLEANNLOCH PINES GOLF CLUB
19393 CHAMPION FOREST DRIVE

12:30 PM SHOTGUN START ★ 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE ★ \$130 PER PLAYER ★ \$500 PER FOURSOME
INCLUDES GOLF, LUNCH & DINNER ★ SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDING RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

TO REGISTER VISIT: GOLFFORHOPE2022.EVENTBRITE.COM
OR CALL 832.965.5511

Public Education and You

On August 3, 2022 the "Pastors For Texas Children" held a public forum titled "Public Education and You" at Spring Creek Barbecue. Faith leaders, school administrators, and interested citizens packed the meeting room to hear a report on the current state of public education and school board elections.

Speakers at the "Public Education and You" event (left to right in the photo) were Rev. Glenn Wilkerson, founder of ARK (Adults Relating to Kids); Troy Reynolds, former principal who founded Texans for Public Education; Anne Vallette, retired director of the Klein Educational Foundation; Rev. Charlie Johnson, founder of Pastors for Texas Children; and Rev. Dr. John Ogletree, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church and a former CyFair ISD school board member.

One of the members of the Spring Interfaith Council, Nancy Agafitei, attended this forum and she reports School Board elections used to be low on everyone's radar, but this should no longer be the case. During the last election cycle, established board members were challenged by candidates who wanted to control curriculum, censor textbooks and libraries, and advocate for vouchers for private schools. In the Cy-Fair district, such challengers were elected into office by only 11% of eligible voters. As a result of such actions, pastors across Texas are uniting to make sure that voters are aware of the issues at stake for public education.

The following are resources that were suggested by "Pastors For Texas Children":

https://baptistnews.com/article/houston-pastor-voted-off-local-school-board-by-angry-parents-who-called-him-a-black-liberal-racist/#.Yur_daROk0E

<http://www.pastorsfortexaschildren.com/>

Also, the CNN produced a documentary called "Deep in the Pockets" looks at how just a few people have been able to influence Texas elections: <https://youtu.be/7B3PTuADIHQ>



Klein Texas Family History Center

YOU'RE INVITED

to visit the Family History Library to find your ancestors using FREE sites like FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, Find My Past, and more.

Volunteers are there to help YOU during the hours show below



**16535 Kleinwood Dr.
Spring, TX 77379**

Klein Texas Family History Center

Email:
TX_Klein@familyhistorymail.org
Phone:
212-960-3709

Open:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday Evening
7 - 8:30 pm

Zoom Classes are offered every Thursday at 7 pm CST

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87539232330...>

Meeting ID: 875 3923 2330

Passcode: 216471

A list of the Topics can be found here:

[Zoom Class Topics](#)

The Museum of Fine Arts - Houston

Audrey Jones Beck Building

5601 Main Street
Houston, TX 77005



The Houston Museum of Fine Arts is offering an opportunity to explore Jewish ceremonial art from across the world, spanning ancient to contemporary Judaica, from exquisite pieces of silver that adorn the Torah to one-of-a-kind Hanukkah menorahs (*menorot*).

This offering is entitled *Beauty and Ritual: Judaica from the Jewish Museum, New York*, this exhibit marks the first presentation in a partnership between the MFAH and the Jewish Museum in New York City.

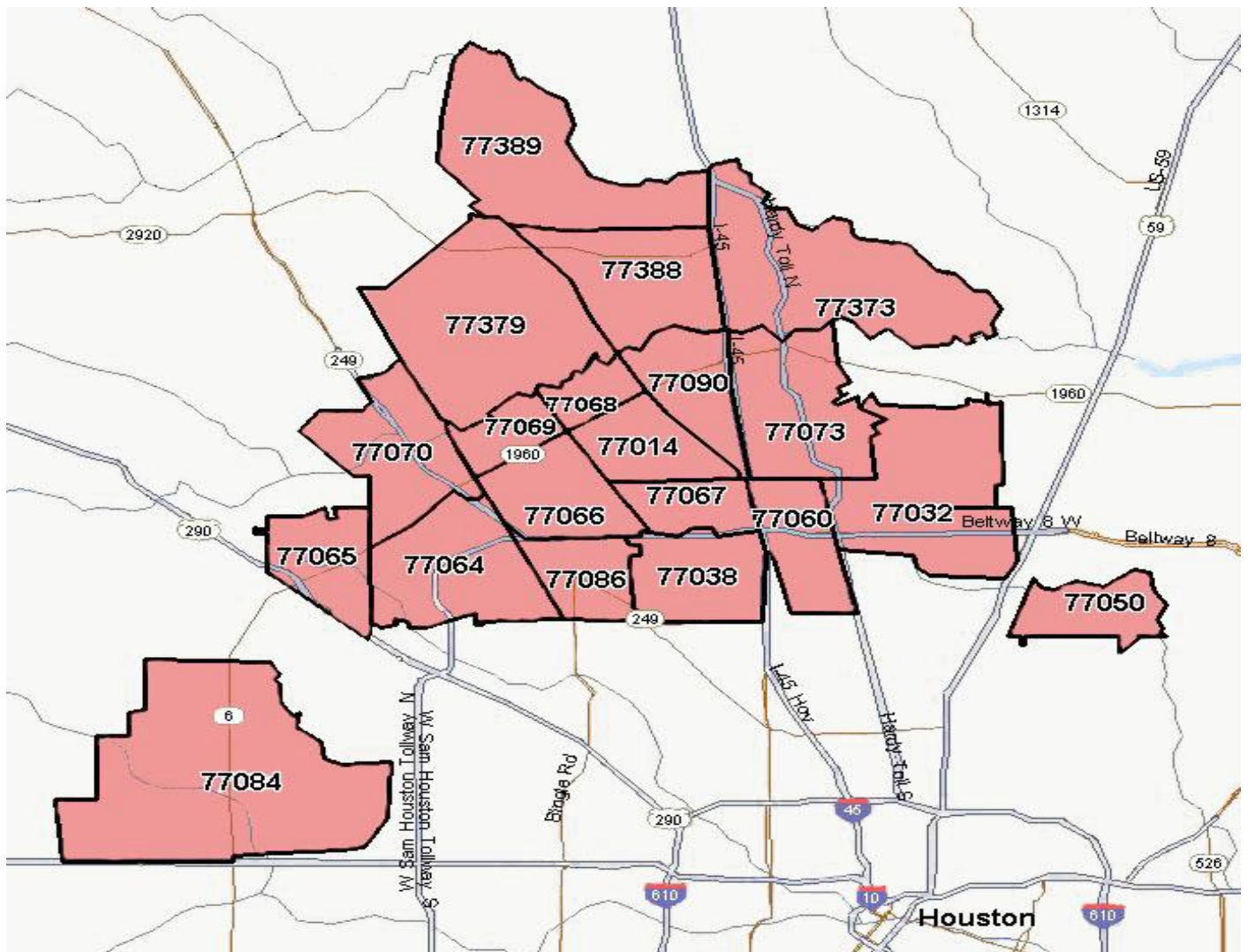
It will be available for viewing through September.

Read more at <https://www.mfah.org/exhibitions/beauty-ritual-judaica-jewish-museum-ny>.



NAM offers many programs and services to those in need in our community including, food Assistance programs, Meals on Wheels for seniors, rental assistance, showers and clean clothes for the homeless, support for families experiencing domestic violence, employment training, as well as mental health programs and assistance for Veterans.

ZIP Codes Served by Northwest Assistance Ministries



Resources Available to the Spring Community

So, if your faith community has a resource to offer, please send an email containing information about that resource to springinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com and we will include the information on the listing.

Resources for the Spring Community - Updated 3-27-2022

Resource	What is provided	Provider/Sponsor	Contact Information
Medical Clinics	Medical Care	Masjid Al Salam Mosque	ahsanhuq@sbcglobal.net
	Medical Care	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
Housing	Rehousing (1)	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
	Rehousing (2)	Hope Center Houston	Mon- Fri at 821 Peakwood Houston, TX 77090 Phone 832-965-5511
Transportation	Transportation	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
Family Support	Food pantry, Counseling, Health Services, After School Clubs, Literacy, Educational Support	Bridging For Tomorrow www.bridgingfortomorrow.org Serving ZIP Codes: 77066, 77086,	5351 W. Richey Road Houston, TX 77066 Phone: 281-203-0830 Email: infor@bridgingfortomorrow.org
Employment Assistance	Counseling and training to help those who lost jobs	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
Food	Food	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600
Mobil Food Distribution	Food	Kinsmen Lutheran Church, Bridging for Tomorrow, Houston Food Bank	1 st & 3 rd Saturdays 8-11 AM Mobil Food Distribution at Kinsmen Lutheran Church, 12100 Champion Forest Dr, Houston, 77066 Phone: 281-444-3137, ext 143
Clothing	Clothing	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)	Assistance Office at 281-583-5600

Do You Have An Announcement?



If you have an event or announcement you would like to include in future newsletters, please send the information to Linda Barry at springinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com. Our newsletter will be sent out via email no later than the first week of each month. Therefore, please send the information about your event or announcement no later than the 15th day of the month prior to the event.

Subscription Information

If you have friends who might enjoy receiving this newsletter, please forward this copy of the newsletter to them. Anyone can subscribe by clicking the following link [Subscribe to Newsletter](#) and then ask to receive our newsletter. Or if you do not wish to receive this newsletter in the future, please click the following link and ask to have your name removed from our subscribers list. [Please remove my name](#) Or you may call Linda Barry at 281-350-8420 to subscribe or unsubscribe. Also, please feel free to print and post this newsletter on your faith community bulletin board.

BULLETIN BLURBS

These snippets are available for you to copy and paste into your faith community bulletins or to print out and serve as a personal reminder

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9.11 National Day of Service

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and JustServe.org offers several opportunities to serve our community on **Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11**. For more information click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWBPWZUOJFw> and for specific local opportunities click on: <https://www.justserve.org/911dayhouston>

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Exhibit Beauty and Ritual: Judaica

The Beauty and Ritual Exhibit is offered at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 5601 Main Street, Houston, TX 77005 through **September**. For more information including dates and times that the exhibit is available to the public click on <https://www.mfah.org/exhibitions/beauty-ritual-judaica-jewish-museum-ny>