

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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The Woodlands, TX 77381

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"An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."

April 2017



Holy Week
Worship times

Palm Sunday
8:30 & 11:00 am
Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm

Good Friday
12:30 pm

Easter
8:30 & 11:00 am



Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast, April 16
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

April 9

Palm Sunday

April 10

Austin College Choir, Sanctuary 7:00pm

April 10-14

Holy Week Meditations in the Prayer Garden 7:00am

April 13

Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00pm

April 14

Good Friday

Pot-luck Fellowship and Egg Hunt 10:00am-Noon

Good Friday Worship Service, 12:30pm

April 16

Easter Sunday

8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services

Godly Play Stories at 9:50 and 10:15 in the Prayer Garden

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Festival 9:30am-10:45pm

Butterfly Release 10:30am





Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

Most of you are familiar with Shirley Barclay who has worked at WCPC for 10 years. She greets members and guests alike with a warm welcome and handles all of our publications (i.e. worship bulletin, Life of the Church, newsletter, etc.). And of course many other tasks necessary for the church office to run smoothly.

If you were concerned that I was about to announce she's leaving, relax. Just the opposite. The Personnel Team has recommended to the Session, and they have agreed, that she be given more responsibility and she has accepted. As of March 20 Shirley is now the Director of Communications for WCPC.

What does that mean? All of the things she has already been doing but now she will update and manage our website. Our website is the most important tool we use, not just to inform our members and guests, but to help others looking for a church home discover our ministry and mission. Since she already handles other publications this seemed like a good fit.

Also WCPC was looking for someone to be the Administrative Facilitator for our Under 18 ministries. Personnel is reworking Shirley's job description so that those duties will now be hers. If you know Shirley you already know she is gifted in administration. She already helps your program staff keep on top of things. Her work, behind the scenes of the Under 18 teams, will enable them to focus on the children, tweens and youth, while Shirley handles the administrative tasks.

The Session has also hired, through the Personnel Team, a Sound/Media Technician. His name is Aaron Spina. Aaron's responsibilities will run our sound and media on Sundays, and at other special events. He will also assist with the PowerPoint presentations we use on Sundays and display during the week on other monitors. The funding for both Shirley's added responsibilities and also Aaron's was part of the 2017 budget.

WCPC couldn't function without the many volunteers and we are indebted particularly to Cindy Looney who has been managing our website for 2 years. We are going to miss her and Charles (our network go to guy) when they move but the difference they have made will continue to be felt. Also the many hours our sound/media team has put in is amazing. Jeff Keiser, Chris Liddell, and Doug Cordier aren't going away but now they can relax on Sundays with their families.

As always, if you have questions about either positions, don't hesitate to reach out to your Personnel Team or me as Head of Staff.

Your pastor,



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

A few weeks ago my extended family and I gathered in Tulsa to celebrate my grandmother's 92nd birthday. Not long after my aunts picked me up at the airport, one or both of them said or did something that made me sigh and think, "ah, I am among my people." Four generations of Grices squished themselves into my grandparents' 2 bedroom apartment. Since we live scattered across the western half of the US, we spent most of our time catching up with each other, sharing stories of times past— mostly the 4 siblings telling stories about each other, and of course eating. My aunts were positively giddy to meet my niece for the first time, and she loved all the extra attention. Love was definitely there in that place.

Late Sunday afternoon about half of us went to the hymn service at my grandparents' place. Sitting next to my aunt, I was reminded once again why I love the church so much. The church (at its best) is one of the few places where, regardless of age, we are made to feel welcome. The (mostly) happy 7.5 month old chatter, mingled with the occasional "puff-puff" of an oxygen tank as we sang, prayed, heard the Word proclaimed and gathered at Table for the Lord's Supper. I was reminded of my childhood in the pews. Both sets of grandparents lived far enough away that we did not see them often, but every Sunday I was greeted by countless grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles. Like my own family members they taught me a love of scripture. They taught me an appreciation of our rich hymnody. A select few of them taught me my fanatic love of Presbytery meetings— no one in the family takes credit for that one. I sit in the pews, whether they are chairs in a senior center, the wooden benches of my childhood camp, auditorium seating at General Assembly, the newly-ish cushioned ones of my home church, or our pews here at WCPC, and I listen and I sigh, and I think, "ah, I am among my people." Because, like any family, when we gather we like to catch up with each other, we like to share our stories, and of course we like to eat. Love is in all those places. Maybe I'm "preaching to the choir" but this is why I think we need church.

Grace and Peace,

Laura

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was established to provide financial assistance to those in need who make requests to the pastors of WCPC. Primarily it is used to assist non-members, but on occasion funds are used to assist members with short-term needs. Individuals and families in the past have been helped with rent, utilities, car repair, and prescriptions. A person requesting aid meets with one of our pastors. Their needs are assessed and typically referrals are provided. As an example, if someone lives in the area supported by Interfaith of The Woodlands they are encouraged to contact Interfaith. Your pastors have the discretion to assist those requesting financial help if they believe the need is legitimate and other avenues of help have been explored and are either not available or have been exhausted. If you would like to make a special contribution to this fund you are invited to prayerfully consider doing so. Please make certain that your check to WCPC notes that it is for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact any of our pastors.



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



April WCPC Newsletter

Dear WCPC Friends,

Spring has officially sprung! ELP is in full swing and we are starting our month off with Spring Fling! This celebration is full of New Life with butterflies, earthworms, planting flowers, a live ladybug tent and more hands-on SPRING FUN!

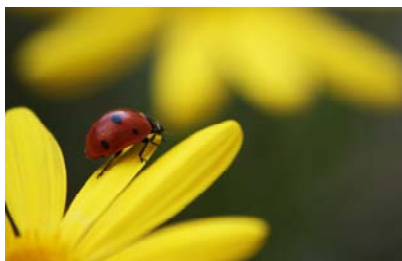
Our Bible verse is "Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:5. This verse will be recited, memorized and lived during April as we celebrate all of God's wonderful gifts of nature.

Thank you to the Gathering Place for welcoming our Pre K students into their meetings each month. We enjoy singing with them each month. The Gathering Place is such a special ministry and feeds ELP as much as it feeds its participants.

The All Ears Program has been such a blessing to us for the past three years. The children and families bring so much to our school. We are so fortunate to be able to include and support this program.

Thank you for your prayers and support of The Early Learning Program.
HAPPY SPRING!

Rita



Along with learning how to listen and speak, we are becoming scientists!



KITCHEN CLEANUP

In April, the Kitchen Angels will be cleaning the WCPC kitchen. We also will be going through cabinets, fridges and freezers. If you have any belongings in the kitchen, be sure to pick them up as soon as possible. Any questions, see Libby Greeley, greeleyfamily@hotmail.com, 281-296-0497.



HOSPITALITY TEAM IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS!

The meals and receptions that happen throughout the year are the result of our own church members' participation. Please consider becoming a part of this behind-the-scene team. If your gift is preparing food, serving, making tables beautiful or cleaning up, this team has a place for you. Making these special events happen is a wonderful way to get to know other WCPC members better while being of service to others. Remember that by spreading the work around, team members don't need to work at every event. Contact Cinda Hitchcock, cchtx@att.net or 281.363.2723 to join us.

7:00 pm April 29, 2017

The Woodlands Chorale with live orchestra

\$15 in advance & online \$20 at door
www.thewoodlandschorale.org

Presented for YOU at

The Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church
4881 West Panther Creek Drive

The Creation
Franz Joseph Haydn



Spring Adult Class & Study Opportunities

March 5– May 28, 2017

Sunday Morning 9:45 – 10:45 am

The World of Biblical Israel CHEB 301a

led by Corliss Lentz, Bill McCleary & Neville Walker
How did ancient Israel emerge? Who were the Israelites and where did they come from? What was it like to live in biblical Israel? Using this series from The Great Courses, this class will explore these questions and more.

Lectionary Class CHEB 303

led by Bob Campbell

In this class, we dig more deeply into the day's Revised Common Lectionary readings so that we can increase our understanding, enhance our worship experience and equip ourselves and each other to apply these biblical lessons in our daily lives.

First Place 4 Health Parlor

led by Patty Ahern

This class is a Christ-centered weight-loss and healthy living program that will build the whole person and create balance in your life. First Place 4 Health is based on three core principles:

1. Christ-centered priorities-Bible study, prayer & scripture memory
2. Choices for total health-addressing the whole person: body, mind, emotions and spirit
3. Community- support and accountability through small groups.

Holy Grounds CHEB 306

led by a rotating team of pastors & class members

Each week we explore and discuss what our faith has to say to what is happening in the world, holding scripture and news items in conversation with one another.

Men's Meeting CHEB 304

led by Mike Devoley

Like the other Men's groups that meet during the week, this class will check in with each other, discuss the day's sermon topic and other topics of interest.

See back for Weekday Study Opportunities

Monday

Women's Bible Study CHEB 301b

9:30-11:30 am

led by Tricia Knight

This fall this group will be studying the book of Romans. Only Bibles are needed! New members are always welcome!

Moms of Young Children Study CE 206

Fourth Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am

Contact Marnie Bush

This year we will be reading *Boundaries with Kids* by Harry Cloud.

Tuesday

Dorothy Johnson Circle Parlor

First Tuesdays, 10:00 am– 12:00 pm

This year we using the Horizons Bible Study "Who is Jesus?" by Judy Yates Siker. This study is a "journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is."

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

First Tuesdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This year we are studying This Book We Call The Bible by James E. Davison.

Wednesday

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group CHEB 301b

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

The focus of the study is the text for the upcoming sermon our pastor will be delivering.

Wednesday Morning Study Group CHEB 301ab

10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is currently using the study "Cultural Literacy for Religion" by Mark Branson.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group Crust Pizza

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

The focus of the study is the text for the upcoming sermon our pastor will be delivering.

Thursday

Circle of Blessings (NEW Women's Bible Study)

2nd Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This year we are using the study Deeply Rooted: Knowing Self, Growing in God by Christopher Maricle.

Moms of Young Children

A Fellowship and Support Group for Mothers of Children from Birth through the Elementary Years
A Ministry of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

April 2017

For additional information contact any of the following Steering Committee Members:

Marnie Bush	marniebush@gmail.com	Kim Falcone	kimfalcone@gmail.com
Sarah Parker	ssnyder888@gmail.com	Robin Ward	robinmctx@yahoo.com

Monday, April 3 rd	Mom's Meeting	9:30am-11:30am	Youth Room	Come and craft! Put your hands to work over good conversation! We'll be crafting decorations for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks come fall.
Monday, April 10 th	Egg Hunt Prep	9:30am-11:30am	Youth Room	Come help set up for the Good Friday Egg Hunt
Friday, April 14 th	Annual Egg Hunt	10:00am-noon	Fellowship Hall	Join us at the annual WCPC/ELP Egg Hunt. Festivities include games, crafts, lunch, and an Egg Hunt! Please bring 12 filled eggs and a basket/container for each child. Good Friday service with childcare at 12:30pm
Sunday, April 16 th	Easter Festival	9:45am-11:00am	Fellowship Hall	Easter festival and butterfly release before 11 am Easter Service
April 21 st -23 rd	Womens Retreat		Camp Allen,	Join the Women of WCPC for the 2017 Retreat "Sisters in Faith" at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. Retreat speaker is Rev Carrissa Murray. See WCPC website for details.
Saturday, April 22 nd	PNO	5:00pm-8:00pm	CHEB 303	This month's theme is: Earth Day! Let your kids spend an evening with friends, enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie and crafts right here at WCPC. Cost is \$20/child or \$40/family. RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org).
Monday, April 24 th	Book Study	9:30am-11:00am	Youth Room	We will continue study from <u>Boundaries With Kids</u> , a parenting book that teaches ways to give your kids healthy limits in order to help them build the skills they need to live realistic and full lives in meaningful relationships. As always, there will be a chapter review and accompanying video followed by discussion. Contact Marnie Bush at marniebush@gmail.com .

Moms in Mission

It's springtime! Come enjoy some fellowship with Moms in Mission! We'll meet for lunch on Wed., April 5, at 11:30 at Crisp, 2520 Research Forest (832.562.2520). MIMs will meet again on Wed., April 19 from 12:30-2:30 in the WCPC Parlor to make heart pillows for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. All supplies are provided, light hand-sewing skills are helpful but not required. Questions? Contact Jeanne Bonnette

PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares, quilting/knitting/crocheting group will meet on Mondays, April 3rd and 17th. Come join us for fellowship, learning, and sharing of ideas and projects as we supply quilts and shawls for caring and comfort for those in need. Meeting is from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays each month. Contact: Nancy Kiefer.

THE SANCTUARY GUILD APRIL 4, 2017 in the LIBRARY

The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is on **Tuesday, April 4 in the library** with coffee at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Nancy Schlirf at pschlirf@comcast.net.



PW SPRING GATHERING

Presbytery of New Covenant PW and the Mission Committee of Webster Presbyterian Church invite ALL WOMEN to the Spring Gathering, "Walk With Me," on Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Helen DeLeon, Associate Pastor at Webster Presbyterian Church, will lead our worship service.

Take a journey with Keynote Speaker, Jim White of Free the Captives, a faith-based anti-human trafficking 501(c)(3) non-profit that fights the exploitation and trafficking of Houston's youth. Become engaged and mobilized in the fight against modern day slavery and human trafficking. Lunchtime speaker, Jeff Carr, former Director of

Public Affairs and News Chief at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, will help us trek to the moon and share experiences of lunar communion. The art exhibit created by artists and builders from Webster PC and the local community guide you to a greater understanding of walking in the shoes of victims of human trafficking.

Details about mission opportunities, schedule, registration, meals, and childcare can be found on the presbytery website : www.pbyofnewcovenant.org - click on Ministries and follow the link to Presbyterian Women.

The day promises to enrich women of all ages and stages of life. Hope to see you on April 29!

Webster Presbyterian Church 201 West NASA Parkway, Webster, TX 77598 (282) 332-1251
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed:" Luke 4:18



WCPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 21-23, 2017

Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas

Retreat Speaker- Rev. Caressa Murray

Register ASAP before all the rooms are gone!

Cost: \$230, double or \$295, single

\$75 deposit due at registration.

DOROTHY JOHNSON CIRCLE

APRIL 4

This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Church Parlor from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE

APRIL 4

The Evening Circle meets at 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of the month in member's homes. Our next meeting is April 4 at 7 pm hosted by Barbara Brock. The devotional will be presented by Susie Lindsay. This year we are studying This Book We Call The Bible by James E. Davison. Contact Rev. Laura Grice for more info.

CIRCLE OF BLESSINGS

APRIL 6

The Circle of Blessings Women's Bible Study group will meet on Thursday, April 6th (April 14th is Maundy Thursday) from 7:00-8:30 PM **in the WCPC Parlor**. Kristen Campbell will be our study leader. We will be studying Part III - Strength (Chapter 5 Powers of the Soul, and Chapter 6 Virtues of the Soul). We look forward to seeing you all then.



Get away with your grandkids to Mo-Ranch!

Grandparents, bring your grandkids for an incredible experience in the Texas Hill Country. If you're looking for something memorable and exciting to do this summer with your grandkids, Grand Camp is it!

What's included?

Adventure-filled days to pray and play together! Activities include worship, Bible study, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, vespers, swimming, paddle boarding, snorkeling, archery, ropes course, pool party, nature and critter classes, arts and crafts, campfires, s'mores, square dance and much, much more.

Cost?

Grand Camp pricing is all-inclusive (food, lodging and program activities are all included). Mo-Ranch will take care of the details, planning, activities (including rest time!) and prepare the meals. You'll get to enjoy quality time and fun with your grandkids!

Adults 18 and up: \$465 per person

Ages 13-17: \$300 per teen

Ages 5-12: \$200 per child

For more information visit the Mo-Ranch website:

<https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/intergenerational-conferences/grandcamp/>

CHORAL CONCERTS

traditional choral music vocal jazz madrigals

Austin College A Cappella Choir

The Consort The Camerata

Dr. Wayne Crannell, director
Libby Jennings, student director



Woodlands Community Presbyterian
4881 W Panther Creek The Woodlands TX
Monday April 10 • 7:00 pm

All concerts free of charge

Childcare available in the Hendricks Building Rm 307



Department of Music

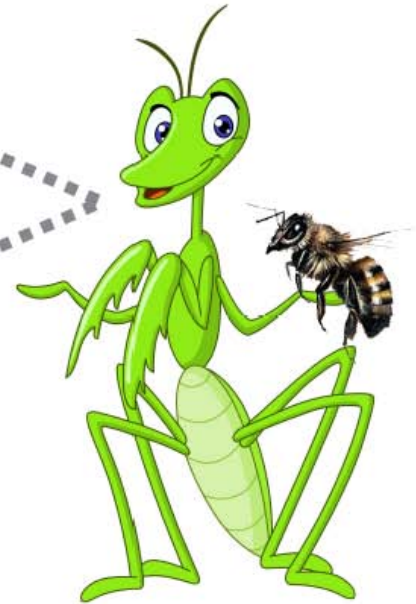
Sherman, Texas
www.austincollege.edu/music

The Austin College A Cappella Choir is a traditional college choir singing unaccompanied music from the Renaissance to the present. While most of their concerts draw from standard literature in Latin, German, Russian, and English, the Choir regularly performs avant garde and world music as well as larger orchestral works. Joining the A Cappella Choir will be The Camerata, a 7-voice ensemble singing music of the Renaissance and Baroque, and The Consort, a 12-voice a cappella vocal jazz ensemble.

We need to provide overnight housing for the Choir members.

Hosts are asked to take "their" singers home after the concert (about 8:30 Monday night, April 10), provide breakfast the next morning, and return them to the church by 9:00 a.m. for departure. If you can provide housing for 2–4 singers, contact Peggy Hendricks at pphendricks@yahoo.com

This is my friend Billy Bee. He and his cousins are super heroes for humans (and insects!). You see, these little buzzers are responsible for pollinating over 40% of the food we eat. So they are important little workers. We must not let them die out! Yes, they have stingers. But if you don't bother them, they will mind their manners around you. So let's give a big shout-out to Billy and his hard-working friends in the field!



W. C. PEEZY is the official Praying Mantis for the WCPC Creation Care Team.

SEAMSTRESSES NEEDED

Mission dresses needed for Africa and Peru. If you are a sewer please pick up a pattern in the church office. For any questions contact Mary Lou Machle, 832-928-9022.



WCPC NOW HOSTS WEEKLY AA MEETINGS. Each Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Hendricks 306 a local AA group is meeting. If you know of anyone who would like to attend please share this information.

Stephen Ministry Is Your Ministry...

All Alone? Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. God wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Need prayer? We'll be there for you. Following worship, Stephen Ministers are available for those in need of prayer.



Creation Care Team News and Announcements

TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE

For months, hidden in the branches of a WCPC tree, an enormous colony of bees had constructed an elaborate beehive. Hundreds of people had unknowingly parked directly beneath it, a hive with thousands of these busy and amazing creatures. Once we discovered the hive, the immediate thought was how to get rid of it. Word spread and people around the church, the Forum, and groups meeting at the Hendricks building began to know about the hive. After a couple of weeks, we heard from Tina Davies' niece, Amy Jacobs, who is a fledgling beekeeper. She checked out the hive and offered to get help from other beekeepers/hobbyist to move the hive.



On the morning of February 15th, Sarah and Dr. Tim O'Brien, a beekeeper and emergency room physician, arrived. Dr. Tim pulled a ladder from his truck and quickly climbed up. The plan was to cut the branch holding the beehive and lower it to the ground. (I was offered a bee suit but said I would just run.)

Dr. Tim took his chainsaw up to cut limbs away from the hive, but lowering it to the ground was just too risky. He started the chain saw to cut away the smaller limbs around the hive, and, of course, bees swarmed everywhere (I ran and then asked for a bee suit). Armed with a small saw, Dr. Tim began carving off bee covered slices of the hive somewhat like carving a watermelon. These were then fit into frames that were then slipped into a beautiful red beehive, soon to be the bees' new home. After several trips up the ladder, most of the hive in the tree had been removed.

The bees that didn't initially make it into the beehive continued to swarm around the area (and the three people in white suits). At some point, the top of the new hive was locked down and an opening in the bottom of the box served as the front door for bees that would eventually find their way to this new home where the queen was located. The box was left on the ground for several hours and by then only four or five bees were still out. Dr. Tim relocated the hive to where his other hives are located.

The process itself was exciting (an understatement for someone fearful of bees and wasps), but the beauty, complexity and importance of these tiny creatures was clear. Also clear was the excitement and knowledge of these two avid beekeepers as they talked and worked to save this beehive. Nature can bring us to a sense of awe, and an intimate awareness of our Creator. We may find it in the life and death of these small, life giving creatures. And we can find it in other human beings who have the knowledge and passion for participating in these creatures' lives.

Later in the day, a staff member from the Forum found me at Starbucks. She had watched what was happening while the beehive was being removed. She saw me and asked, almost with tears in her eyes, "Are the bees all right?" They are. They have a new home.

David Hitchcock
281-705-5650 (cell)





Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

Because God's love knows no bounds, the Mission Outreach Team encourages the congregation of WCPC to be a servant people, witnessing to the light of Christ through actions and words so that the world might know the grace, peace, and love of God.

WCPC has a long history of mission outreach, whether locally, globally or in our own church family. We don't have to look very far to find people who are in need of our love and care. Each one of us has unique gifts and can make a contribution for the glory of God. We are called to reach out to our neighbors, whether across the street, across town, across the country, or across the ocean. That is because God's love knows no boundaries.

MOT meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4th.** New members as well as new ideas to engage in caring for each other and for others throughout our community, nation and the world are always welcome. For more information about MOT or mission outreach opportunities, please look on our website, www.wcpc-tx.org or contact Michele Stelter at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040 x 7.

BY GIVING TO ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING,

you're supporting programs that provide food, clean water, disaster relief, and self-improvement tools to those who need it most.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Every year since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. **This special offering collected joyously on Easter Sunday** provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of this offering, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent. **Please give generously to this offering.** Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it OGHS. There are also specially marked envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. Sharing brings joy to others, to God and to us.

Blankets for Foster Boys Completed



Sue Watkins & Nancy Kiefer
with completed blankets

Nancy Kiefer from the WCPC Prayers & Squares Ministry recently presented Sue Watkins, advocate for the Love Fosters Hope mission project, with 42 fleece blankets to be given to the foster boys aged 12-15 attending camp this summer. The blankets were sewn by various WCPC women on Love Your Neighbor Day and also during the Monday meetings of Prayers & Squares.

Love Fosters Hope is a Texas-based non-profit with many facets, but one purpose: to impact the lives of children and teens in foster care who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Providing summer camps for foster kids ages 6-19 is one of their main programs. This summer Love Fosters Hope will have four separate camps for ages 6-12, 12-15 and 16-19. Each camp provides love, encouragement and most of all fun for children and teens who have been abused and neglected. There are many ways to volunteer at camp and also in preparation of camp. If you are someone who loves kids, is patient, encouraging and most of all likes to have fun, you might be just the person these kids need this summer! For more information, please contact Sue Watkins at suewatkins2@icloud.com

Help Wanted

The Mission Outreach Team needs your help! We have openings for the Mission Projects listed below. No experience necessary just the desire to help others. If you are interested, please call Michele Stelter in the church office at 281-363-2040 x 7.

Montgomery County Food Bank

We are looking for an advocate to coordinate our annual Love Your Neighbor Day Project at the Food Bank as well coordinate an annual Food Fair and other work days at MCFB.

Montgomery County Homeless Coalition

We are looking for someone who is interested in the homeless issue in our county and would be available to attend a few monthly coalition meetings as well as coordinate possible projects working with the homeless.

Come Celebrate



At The Gathering Place

**Friday, April 21st
10:00am to 1:00pm
(Lunch is provided)
WCPC Fellowship Hall**

The Gathering Place of The Woodlands at WCPC is a ministry for those who are living with memory loss and the people who love and care for them at home. The Gathering Place seeks to help both the care partner and the caregiver. If you or someone you know are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's, or other dementia, you know that caregivers often find it difficult to do things such as run errands, visit friends, or just have free time alone. The Gathering Place provides the caregiver a few hours of free time or they may choose to participate along with their care partner or they may attend Common Ground, a caregiver support group which meets in the WCPC Parlor from 10:30am to noon.

The Gathering Place provides a time of fun activities and fellowship in a safe, caring environment for the care partner during a time where it may be difficult for a caregiver to find appropriate social activities for their loved one with memory loss. The monthly programs will vary, often featuring a festive theme to help the care partner identify with the current season, event or holiday. In a fun, interactive atmosphere, our volunteers offer music, games, chair exercises, crafts, reminiscing, guest performers, and a light lunch.

A representative from InterFaith CarePartners or our care team helps determine if we can meet the family's need with our program. This is done by arranging for the caregiver and the care partner to attend The Gathering Place together for the first visit. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you. For information, call WCPC coordinator Kathy Bray at 281-419-0373.

Interfaith OF THE WOODLANDS **Care Partners**

PRESENT THE SPRING 2017

Caregivers Conference

SPECIAL SESSION
Ask the Experts: Elder Law Panel!

Free skill-building and informative workshops for family members caring for a loved one, including children with special needs.

Registration Available Online at woodlandsinterfaith.org
Complimentary respite care will be provided for Senior Adults.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call Raymona Lewis, Interfaith of The Woodlands, at 281-367-1230 or
Becky Villarreal, Care Partners, at 713-682-5995.

"Building a More Loving and Caring Community"

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**Saturday,
April 29, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Christ Church United Methodist
6363 Research Forest Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381**

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Brookdale at The Woodlands	Mom's Care Plan
Canopy at Memorial Hermann	New Danville
CapTel Outreach	Pathways Memory Care at Villa Toscana
Care Patrol	Smith & Smith Law Firm
Caring Choice Homecare	Special Angels of The Woodlands
Complete Nurse Solutions	Sycamore Creek Ranch
Conroe ISD Parent Resource Center	Memory Care
Easter Seals	Texas Plus
Genesis Woodlands Healthcare Center	TIRR Memorial Hermann
Grace Hospice of Texas	The Alzheimer's Association
HealthSouth	The Forum at The Woodlands
Rehabilitation Hospital	The Magnolia House of The Woodlands
Hearing Loss Association of Montgomery County	The Woodlands Township
Hearts at Home Senior Care	Urgent Clinics Medical Care
Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging	Village Learning Center

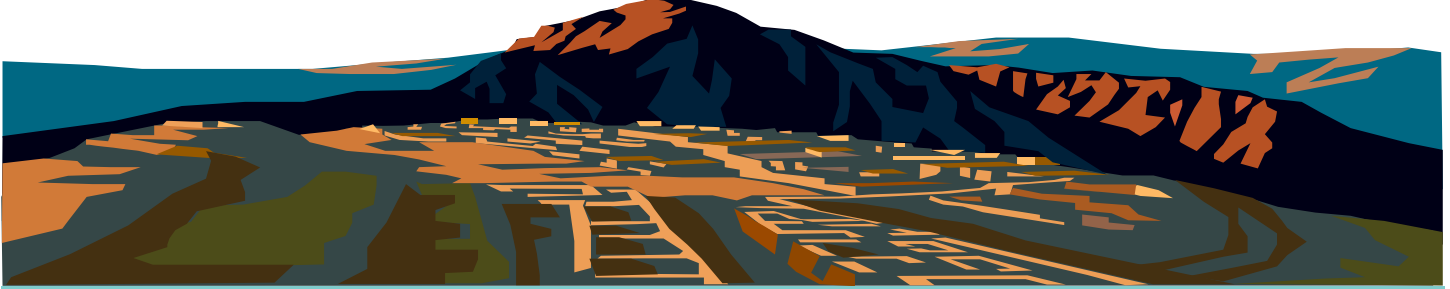
The Interfaith Food Pantry

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. To date, Interfaith has provided food assistance to 1,300 families and almost 2,600 individuals. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

Special Pantry Needs for April:
dry and canned soup
peanut butter, jam & dry milk
toilet paper & kleenex

In addition to the specific items listed above, the pantry always needs personal hygiene items, diapers, baby wipes, cleaning supplies (no spray bottles) and laundry detergent. Bring your donations to the pantry in the narthex anytime.

2017 Peru Mission Trips



FPC Bryan will lead a trip to Quillabamba in the high jungle of Peru

Project: Kitchen Construction & Attend Dedication of Sajirayoc Seminary

Date: July 19 - 29

Contact: Trish Burk at 979-764-1197 or pagburk@suddenlink.net

WCPC will lead a trip to Sicuani Biblical Seminary in the highlands of Peru

Project: Strengthening Relationships

*Date: July 21 - 26**

**Please note that this trip is scheduled to return to Lima in time for the start of the FPC Kingwood Mission Trip*

Contact: Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779 or gary.chapman5206@gmail.com

FPC Kingwood will lead medical, VBS and construction missions in the barrios of Lima, Peru

Project: Medical Examinations & Prescriptions in La Molina

Project: Vacation Bible School in La Molina

Project: Construction in San Genaro

Dates: July 26 - Aug 3

Application Deadline: May 1

Contact: Clark McCollough at 281-755-6147 or clarkmccollough@me.com

Webster PC will lead a Friendship trip to Ayaviri in the highlands of Peru

Project: Light Construction, Teach English & Art,

Bible Study Teaching including Godly Play and Support Family Wellness Workshops

Date: August 4 - 14

Contact: Ed Tobia at 713-824-7278 or etobia01@comcast.net

Clear Lake PC will lead a Living Waters trip to Peru

Project: Install Water Purification System & Provide Health Education Program

Date: September

Contact: Don Metzler at 832-247-6447 or don.metzler@gmail.com

**All Trips are Open to High School Graduates & Above
Limited Space and Some Scholarship Money Available**

For more information, please attend the Peru Mission Trip Information Meeting after the 11:00 Service on Sunday, April 2nd in Room 302 CHEB or contact Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779 or gary.chapman5206@gmail.com



Family Promise at WCPC in June

About 8 years ago WCPC's Mission Outreach Team (MOT) began looking for an opportunity to serve local homeless people. It would replace the Loaves and Fishes mission project, a soup kitchen in downtown Houston, which WCPC worked and supported for many years. MOT was looking for a project that was closer to home and would include the entire family. MOT felt that both WCPC adults and children could benefit from serving those who are less fortunate, and that these homeless families could use WCPC's help and prayers!

As a result of its search, MOT found out about Family Promise of Montgomery County! Family Promise serves homeless families with temporary places to stay, meals, and a program that helps them find permanent housing, transportation, and employment. The temporary housing and meals, along with prayers, are furnished by various churches in Montgomery County. Helping provide meals became WCPC's introduction into the program. Until the Charles Hendricks Education Building (CHEB) was completed, WCPC could not house families, but could help other churches with meals and being evening hosts. During and after dinner is a very special time when WCPC families can interact with program families through games with the kids and visiting with the adults. CHEB now allows WCPC to host families in the program for two weeks in the summer.

This year will be WCPC's third year to host Family Promise in CHEB. **Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4 through Sunday, June 18**, which is the first two weeks after school is out. Last year about 130 volunteers helped over the two week period to fill such jobs as meal prep and evening hosts, overnight hosts, transportation AM and PM, breakfast and day hosts on the weekends, laundry assistance for bedding and towels, and coordinators for each of these positions. And of course, volunteers were needed to transform CHEB into a home for our guests, and then to return it to classrooms after their two week stay. **Beginning in May there will be a sign-up table in the courtyard on Sundays for the various opportunities listed above.** If you feel called to be a coordinator or assistant coordinator, please contact us right away because we are beginning to plan for our two weeks now. Ask people in the congregation about their experiences, and you will find many positive and heart-warming stories that can become your story when you volunteer to help our neighbors through Family Promise. Contact Warren Evans at 713-299-7323 if you have any questions or to help in our planning.

WCPC Makes 6,200 Jars of Peanut Butter!



On Friday, March 10th, twenty-three members and friends of WCPC traveled to the peanut butter cannery in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Welfare Complex in north Houston to make peanut butter for the local Food Banks. During their morning shift from 7:30 am to noon, they made 6,200 jars of creamy peanut butter. According to Clyde Black, the volunteer coordinator for the peanut butter factory, our group has filled more jars than any other group so far this year. They produced enough peanut butter to make 125,000 PB&J sandwiches! Clyde also expressed his thanks for the outstanding work done by our group and for the continued support WCPC offers to their project.





If you weren't able to help at the Peanut Butter Factory in March, **we are scheduled to work the morning shift again on Thursday, November 2nd. So mark your calendars now and watch for more details in upcoming publications.**

Rain or Shine Food is Distributed!



On Saturday, March 11th, several members of WCPC helped distribute food to the needy at the FaithsTogether sponsored Food Fair organized by the Montgomery County Food Bank. Despite the rain, volunteers loaded lots of food from canned goods to fresh produce and meat to dairy products and bakery goods into more than 470 cars, which began lining up as early as 3:30 in the morning. Thanks to all who helped make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Continues for the next 2 weeks						1
Sunday school ² 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00	Mom's of Young Children Fellowship 9:30-11:30 CHEB rms. 307-309 ³	⁴	WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes & fun 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH ⁵	⁶	VBS MTG in 9:30-11 in 203 childcare by rsvp Tweens First Friday Sunday 6:30-8:30 ⁷	⁸
Sunday school 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 ⁹ 	Mom's Mtg to Prep for Easter Egg Hunt 9:30-11:30 rsvp for childcare ¹⁰	Passover Begins ¹¹ 	WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes & fun 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH ¹²	Communion Service at 7:00 pm ¹³ 	Mom's Egg Hunt & Pot-luck lunch 10-noon FH ¹⁴ 12:30 service 	¹⁵
8:30 Worship 9:30 Breakfast & Festival FH, Godly Play 9:50 & 10:15 Butterfly release 10:30 11:00 Worship ¹⁶ 	Church Office closed for Easter holiday ¹⁷	Passover Ends ¹⁸	WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes & fun 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH ¹⁹	²⁰	VBS MTG 9:30-11:00 am in 203 childcare by rsvp Women's Retreat Service Proj 9-12 then to Camp Allen ²¹	Parent Night Out Earth Care 5-8 pm rsvp to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org ²²
Sunday school 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 1st-6th grade Worship ²³	Mom's of Young Children Parenting Study 9:30-11:30 CHEB rms. 307-309 ²⁴	²⁵	WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes & fun 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH ²⁶	²⁷	Under 18 Planning MTG 11:30 – 2 pm in CHEB 301b Bring sack lunch, childcare by rsvp to Susan ²⁸	²⁹
Sunday school ³⁰ 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Class K -2nd						



Upcoming Lent & Holy Week Events:

Apr. 9th Palm Sunday Processionals both services. *Children 3 and older and younger children accompanied by their parents are invited to participate!*
Apr. 10th-14th Devotions in the Prayer Garden 7:30 am
Apr. 13th Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm in the Sanctuary *childcare provided in CHEB room 307*
Apr. 14th Good Friday Egg Hunt 10-n noon in Fellowship Hall & grounds
Good Friday Service 12:30 pm
Apr. 16th Easter Services 8:30 & 11 am, Easter Festival for all ages in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:50
 The Mystery of Easter story time 9:50 & 10:15 am
 Butterfly Release in Courtyard 10:30 am



Children's Summer Camp Dates:

April 23rd 1-5 pm Family Funday

Cho Yeh Summer Dates: for 1-6th grade:

Core 2	June 11-17
Core 6	July 9-15
Core 9	July 30-Aug 5th
Core 10	Aug 6-12

(Reminder this is also the week of Servin' Safari for 6th-8th graders)

Questions? Contact Susan Duncan,
 sduncan@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040 x6

**CAMP
CHO-YEH**



Sunday School

Children's Sunday School
 Rotation Bible Topic this month:

**Palm Sunday & Holy Week,
 then Mary and Martha**



Holy Thursday



Godly Play classes on Sundays mornings will be hearing *Jesus' Last Passover* and *Jesus the King*.

Hosanna in the Highest

On Easter Sunday the children and any youth or adults interested will have the opportunity to hear Godly Play with ***The Mystery of Easter*** story in the prayer garden at 9:50 and 10:15 am.



ALLELUIA!
 CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Save the Date!

VBS July 17-21st

Registration ends soon! VBS Mtg's both Friday 9 am Apr. 7th & 21st



**Children's
 Worship Class**



Worship Class for K-2nd is on April 30th after the 11 am children's message and will be on The Lords Supper.
 Worship4Kids for 1st-6th is on April 23rd after the 11am children's message.



**Parents
 Night Out
 April 22nd
 5-8 pm**

Themed activities this month are on **Earth Care**. The cost is \$20/child, \$40/family. Reservations required, please contact Susan Duncan to make a reservation before April 17th. Cost includes dinner and materials for activities. Scholarships are always available.



Children's Ministry Mission Statement: To nurture all to experience the unique joy of being a "child" of God.

... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign to your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorpost of your house and on your gates.
 Deuteronomy 6:4-8

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
7-12TH GRADES
6:00PM CE 206
THE AMAZING FAITH RACE!

Join Sally & Debi every Wednesday night for dinner at 5:30pm and then Bible Study and Activities from 6:00pm—7:30pm.



JR and SR High Sunday School
7-12TH Grades
9:45am Youth Room CE 206

NOOMA Series by Rob Bell

Nooma is a series of 24 short films on everyday topics, like rain, that use the topic as a platform to understand a Biblical truth about God or our relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.



CONNECT
 QUIRKY TWEENS. BIBLE THEMES.

Tweens Sunday School
5-6th Grades

Engage *preteens* in God's big story through videos, Bible exploration, and hands-on projects.

Connect is a Bible-centered curriculum, with just enough humor to get 5th and 6th graders hooked. Using quirky videos, hands-on activities, and Bible exploration, Connect helps preteens uncover major Biblical themes and discover how the Bible relates to their own lives.

Connect takes *tweens* on a journey through the Old Testament and into the New Testament, exploring the connections between several stories each week.

The third Sunday of the month tweens will meet in the Youth Room and walk over to the Brooklyn Café for Brunch fellowship rather than have class.

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sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

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jenniferconner79@gmail.com

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Please support the Youth & Tweens ministries of WCPC with your prayers, your time, and your talents. Contact Susan Duncan or Sally Bowers with questions, to donate, and to volunteer

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY MORNINGS: 8:30AM & 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45AM-10:45AM

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Dr. David F. Jones	<u>Music Ministries:</u> Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs Dr. Dave Faber, Organist	<u>Early Learning Program:</u> Rita Van Sickle, Director Fran Weissbach, Administration	<u>Our Missionaries</u> Nancy Collins, Zambia Sara Armstrong, Peru Rusty Edmondson, Peru
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<u>Pastor Emeritus:</u> Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks	<u>Mission Outreach:</u> Michele Stelter, Facilitator		
<u>Parish Associate:</u> Rev. Warren Johnson	<u>Children's Ministries:</u> Susan Duncan, Director		

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WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us. At WCPC, we have the opportunity to participate in the prayer ministry as well as request prayers in several different ways.

- The Prayer Book is located in the foyer of the church. Members are asked to sign the book requesting prayers for themselves or others prior to the church service. Prayers for these individuals are included during the worship services and are added to the Church Prayer List.
- The Church Prayer List is available online (www.wcpc-tx.org) and at church on Sundays. Prayer requests may be added to or removed from the list by contacting Rev. Laura Grice in the church office (281-363-2040 ext. 2; lgrice@wcpc-tx.org). Please obtain permission from the person prior to adding their name to the prayer list.
- The Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets on Thursday at 9:30-10:30 am at the church. This group is led by Sally Lichtenwalter. Through the use of Lectio Divinia and Intercessory Prayer, the group prays for members, family, and friends that have requested prayers. Contact Sally Lichtenwalter (218-292-3152) if you would like more information about this group.

During the next few months, deacons will be contacting members who have added the names of friends and family to the WCPC Prayer List. The purpose of these calls is to assure the member that the WCPC church family is praying for those who need our prayers.

**FIRST
FRIDAY
FUN
FOR
TWEENS**

Dance Party Theme!

April 7th

6-8 pm

in Fellowship Hall

**The Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church**
4881 W Panther Creek Dr
The Woodlands, TX 77381
Phone: 281-363-2040
Website: www.wcpc-tx.org

Sunday Worship:
8:30am & 11:00am

Sunday School
(all ages):
9:45am

You're Welcome Anytime!

2017 WCPC CALENDAR

Children | Tweens | Youth | All

April

7 Fun Friday

9 Youth Sunday Game Preserve

13 Maundy Thursday

14 Easter Egg Hunt

16 Easter

22 Parent's Night Out

May

7 Tweens/Youth combined event TBA

Graduation Sunday TBD

20 Parents Night Out

21 SS Teacher Appreciation Brunch

28 Combined Sunday School/Family Promise Prep

Wednesdays: Music programs begin at 4:15pm, dinner at 5:30, Youth Bible study at 6pm: "The Amazing Faith Race" ongoing weekly

Sundays: Sunday school at 9:45 for all ages

3rd Sunday Message4kids (gr 1-6th)

4th Sunday Worship Class (gr K-2nd; 5-6th)

For additional dates & info visit wcpc-tx.org