## The Good News Herald



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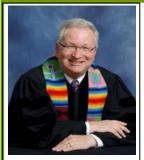
"An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."

July/August 2017

JUNE 4 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3
9:45am Sunday School (thru July)
11:00am Worship

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon Wednesday, September 27 11:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

All adults are invited to participate in the first monthly Adult Lunch to be held in the Fellowship Hall of WCPC on Wednesday, September 27 at 11:30 pm. The purpose is to provide a time of fellowship. The meal will be catered and while there will be no set price for the meal, donations will be accepted to help with cost. Future lunches, along with entertainment and programs, will be determined based on interest of participants. Come and be part of something new at WCPC.



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the summer. The pace does change. Time for travel, vacation, rest. Many of you have planned or are planning trips. Of course managing out of school children and teens can be tricky but thankfully there is Cho-Yeh and for our teens Mo Ranch. If your kids missed out on those experiences this summer put that on your "To Do" list for next year.

Yes the pace does change and sometimes, since we get out of a normal rhythm, so does our spiritual life. I want to encourage you as your pastor to continue engaging in

the spiritual disciplines that have helped you to grow as a disciple. And if you haven't been active in your spiritual formation let me encourage you now to start.

Worship is at the center of our spiritual lives – both corporate worship and our own personal times for worship. Remember WCPC is open on Sundays! Our 11:00 joint service will continue until after Labor Day. I hope, if you are in town, you will continue to make worshipping with your family of faith here a priority. If you are away let me encourage you to look for a church near where you are vacationing and worship with that congregation. Last summer while I was on vacation Jullie and I worshipped at FPC Conroe and also St. Philip's in Houston. We really enjoyed the differences and the similarities.

We also need daily time for worship as well so continue to spend time in prayer and reading Scripture. Let me recommend a great resource if you don't already have one. There is an app produced by the PCUSA entitled "Daily Prayer."

Here's a link <a href="https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/daily-prayer/">https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/daily-prayer/</a> This daily devotional resource provides Scripture readings for the morning, midday, evening and close of day. You will find prayers of thanksgiving and confession and more. There is a small cost for the app (\$2.99) but it's well worth it.

Certainly giving and serving don't take a holiday. As you will see in this newsletter there are still many ways for you to serve Christ and others through WCPC in the summer. It was encouraging once again in June to see so many engaged and involved in helping us host Family Promise. Serving and giving are heartbeat of discipleship and the blessings given and received highlight our journey of faith. Please also remember the financial needs of WCPC during the summer months and also keep in mind that wherever you find yourself there is a way to given financially. Here's the link to our secure website you can use: <a href="http://www.wcpc-tx.org/member-giving/">http://www.wcpc-tx.org/member-giving/</a>

My prayer for all of us is that during these summer months while our pace does change the commitment to our spiritual formation will remain constant. It's always good to take a holiday, vacation from work but never take a vacation from God.

Your pastor,

**David Jones** 

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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 infor-



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Dear Ones.

Believe it or not, last month I rappelled off the Catwalk at Mo Ranch. Now if you know me fairly well, you know that I **<u>DO NOT</u>** like heights. In fact, until about 10 years ago, I would prefer to walk around, down the hill and then back up again, rather than walk across the Catwalk. I prefer aisle seats on airplanes so I don't have to accidentally look down. But, at the Women's Conference I attended with my sister and niece, we were offered this rappelling opportunity. I figured that if I was ever going to do something so scary, it would be with people and in a place I deeply trust. (I also figured I would watch a few people go, and then if I was too scared, I could back out.)

In June and the first part of July we are walking through the book of Genesis, hearing the stories about how Abraham and Sarah and their descendants placed their trust in God, and took great leaps of faith. Later this summer we will explore the book of Romans and how Paul encouraged them to trust God and one another as they sought to faithfully be the church in the midst of uncertain times. In light of this, I began to wonder where I am willing to step out and take a leap of faith. Am I challenging myself to grow? Am I reading scripture and other writings that help me to understand God more deeply? Am I trying new ways of practicing my faith? Am I getting involved in different groups or ways of connecting to other church folk? In preparing for these series and for an installation, I was looking at one of my favorite phrases in the first section of our denomination's Book of Order. "The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life." That got me wondering about where we as WCPC and members of its community are taking some risks—some leaps of faith. Are we continuing to grow in our faith and our faithfulness? I think the answer is definitely yes. Many of our ministries and missions from Family Promise to Habitat for Humanity, from Peru to Zambia, from ESL to VBS challenge us and help us to grow. I also think that we can always keep growing and changing and trying new things. Will you join with me in exploring ways that you and I and we can take a chance, a step out in faith and continue to grow with God?





Grace and Peace,

Just in case you didn't believe me, here's the proof.

#### 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.

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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

Associate Pastor Rev. Laura R. Grice Pastor Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks Parish Associate: Rev. Warren Johnson

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Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs Dr. Dave Faber, Organist

Mission Outreach: Michele Stelter, Facilitator

**Children's Ministries:** Susan Duncan, Director Early Learning Program:

Cindy Mountain, Director Fran Weissbach, Administration

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Matthew Jensen Financial Administrator Shirley Barclay, Dir. of Communications Our Missionaries Nancy Collins, Zambia Sara Armstrong, Peru Rusty Edmondson, Peru

Our Seminarians Martin Garner

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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@wcpctx.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.

## Summer Adult Class & Study Opportunities July 2017

# ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

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.

## Wired Word....Contemporary Issues CHEB 301

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.

# NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AUGUST!

## **MONDAY**

#### Women's Monday Morning Bible Study

CHEB 301b Every Monday 9:30-11:30 am led by Tricia Knight

We have begun our study of the Beatitudes.
Only Bibles are needed!
New members are always welcome!

## WEDNESDAY

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group

The Men's Morning Study is taking a summer

break and will resume on July 19 and continue on

the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

CHEB 301b\*

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

## Wednesday Evening Men's Study Group This Study will resume on August 16<sup>th</sup> and continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month.

Crust Pizza, Panther Creek Village Center
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm
led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

#### Wednesday Morning Study Group

CHEB 301ab
Every Wednesday
10:00-11:30 am
Contact Sylvia Campbell

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



#### The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church



#### BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The Early Learning Program is a ministry of WCPC. The ELP Board is currently seeking new members for the 2017-2018 school year. The ELP Board consists of church members, parents of preschoolers, and community members. Board members are expected to serve a three-year term and attend monthly meetings during the school year. Childcare is available to board members upon request. The board functions to support the ELP Program Director and the school as well as oversee and approve tuition, budget, and daily operations. If you are interested in serving on the ELP Board please email the board at <a href="mailto:elpboard@gmail.com">elpboard@gmail.com</a>.



Hello everyone!

Start your Summer days with our energizing Yoga classes.

I assure you that we practice authentic "Hatha Yoga" the way it was meant to be practiced. During every practice we work

on our 'core', the amazing communication pathways from our spinal cord to our brain. We also follow the essential practice of 'Pranayama' to clear our breathing passages ('The Nadies'), and as always, we work on a variety of limbs to stretch and strengthen in order to attain greater mobility.

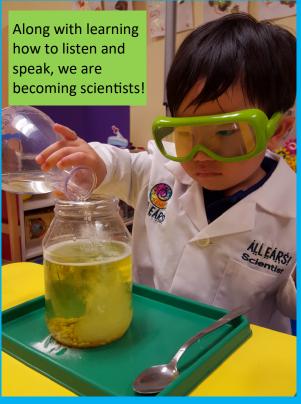
If you have been thinking about practicing Yoga and have not tried as yet, I would like to suggest coming to our 'Monday Restorative and Meditation' class. We end each Yoga class with meditation/savasana.

Our Summer schedule begins on Friday June 2, 2017 Join us to practice 'Hatha Yoga' in the 'Narthex' on:

Monday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Gentle and Restorative Meditation Thursday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Gentle and Restorative Meditation Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations

Rita Upadhyaya, TheWoodlandsLady@gmail.com, (713) 377-8521





## 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.



## Moms Group

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

## **Summer 2017**

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

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

Monday- Friday July 17-21	VBS	9am-noon	WCPC	Vacation Bible School "Galactic Blast" week at The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church runs from 9 am to noon Monday through Friday July 17th-21st. The children will go on a cosmic adventure as they sing, play, snack, craft and learn about our mission focus, Heifer International . <b>Cost is \$36 per child.</b> See WCPC website for details and to register. http://www.wcpc-tx.org/
Saturday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	PNO	5:00pm- 8:00pm	СНЕВ	This month's theme is "Camp Fun"! Let your kids spend an evening with friends, enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie, and crafts right here at WCPC. Suggested donation is \$20/child or \$40/family
Saturday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	PNO	5:00pm- 8:00pm	СНЕВ	This month's theme is "Community Helpers"! Let your kids spend an evening with friends, enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie, and crafts right here at WCPC. Suggested donation is \$20/child or \$40/family

**Save the Date: WAM begins on Wednesday, Sept 6** 

## 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.



#### PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares, quilting/knitting/crocheting group will meet on Mondays, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.



We need a team of individuals to help plan this festive event for Dec. 9, 2017

Contact Laura Grice if you are interested-lgrice@wcpc-tx.org

Introduction to the 2017-18 Horizon's Bible Study Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews Fri., August 4, at First Presbyterian Church, Conroe

Led by Mary Marcotte and Laura Grice



Join with people from our region of the Presbytery to learn more about this year's Horizon's Study.

RSVP by July 28 with Sharon at FPC, Conroe

sharonv@fpcconroe.org, or 936-756-8884 9:45 am registration 10:00 am overview Lunch (donation) to follow

# End-Gf-VBS fet-Jogether!





## Church-wide End of VBS **Pool Party!**

Who: Babies, Toddlers, Preschool, School Age, Tweens, Jr. & Sr. High Youth, Adults, and Prime Timers! Everyone in the church from 0-100+years!

When: Sunday July 23rd 6-8 pm

Where: Shadowbend Pool on Lake Woodlands Drive



## Something Old, Something New

You have probably had the experience of taking an old idea, perspective, or behavior and through examination, information, discussion, or practice changed it. It is possible, when needed, for new ways of thinking and acting to replace the old ways, and we can become more like who we were created by God to be—a beloved community.

This endeavor is exactly what the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Racial, Ethnic and Women's Ministries worked toward when it designed a curriculum to help fulfill PCUSA's covenant to "embrace racial and cultural diversity as God-given assets of the human family and become an antiracism community, resisting oppression and working to overcome racism within its own life and the life of the society."

This fall, on five consecutive Monday evenings, WCPC will offer "Unity in Diversity: Conversations about Racism" to our congregation and all visitors in our community. These sessions will provide an opportunity to

See how the Bible teaches us to embrace diversity and promote justice Look at some of the history of our denomination's dealing with this issue Discuss the historical and ongoing negative legacy of racism in this country Consider how our faith community can work towards reconciliation.

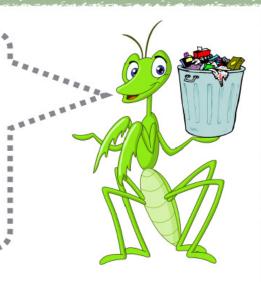
The sessions will include presentations and small- and large-group discussions.

We will meet in CHEB 301 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Sept. 11, 18, and 25 and Oct. 2 and 9. Everyone is welcome to come learn and share, and light refreshments, as well as childcare, will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Hathaway at 281-367-8792.

We look forward to seeing you at these sessions as WCPC strives to live into its call to be "An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."

#### **Creation Care Team News and Announcements**

Today I am going to talk trash. Yes, garbage is something that we just want to ignore. Toss it and forget it! But did you know that you can inventory your trash, for a kind of "life habits" measurement? What items are in your trash? Weigh a weeks' worth of routine trash occasionally. Is your household reducing waste or increasing it? Knowledge is power! What is your trash telling you?





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



## 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 usually meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B of the Charles Hendricks Education Building (CHEB) to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. However due to the holiday, the next MOT meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, July 11th in CHEB Room 303. 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.



## **Family Promise at WCPC**

For two weeks in June (June 4-18), WCPC hosted Family Promise of Montgomery County. At various times during those two weeks up to three families called our CHEB home. Many of you showed wonderful hospitality to these families in need. For the final week the one family remaining in the program (Mom Fola and her 4 kids, Alex, Sharon, Dominion, and baby Devine) ate with us, played with us, slept with us, and worshipped with us (If you missed Fola's gracious thoughts and musical offering in worship on June 18, you missed something truly moving!). Your help --setting up CHEB for our guests, creating artwork for their rooms and the CHEB hallway, setting up play centers, arranging and preparing meals, serving as standby van drivers, meeting the families as they returned to the church each day, playing with the kids, spending the night, staying with the families during the day on the weekends, helping with a swim outing, laundering towels and linen both weeks, and then finally returning CHEB to normal operations at the end of the two weeks—created a very special experience for our Family Promise guests and a very special mission experience for us! Over 100 of you including children, seniors and everyone in between volunteered to be the hands, feet, and heart of God to people in need! Because of you, WCPC's hospitality was quite evident!

Thank you again for making this mission of WCPC a resounding success!



## Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Commit for Life<sup>®</sup>.

## WCPC Blood Drive

Sunday, July 9th 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall **Walk-ins Welcome Questions? Contact Gordy Lentz at** 281-298-7134 or gordon.lentz@yahoo.com

#### **Donor Requirements**

- Donors must be at least 17 years old, 16 with parental consent
- You must bring a valid picture ID prior to donation
  Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, 16 year
- old donors must weigh 122 pounds
- Potential donors must be in general good health, without any cold or flu symptoms

Help save lives by participating in the WCPC Blood Drive!

## Come to the



## at the next Gathering Place

Friday, August 18th 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.

Please remember The Gathering Place will not meet in July!

## Children's Clothing & Other Supplies Needed For Lima, Peru Medical Mission Trip

The Mission Outreach Team is collecting gently used children's clothing (No Shoes), eyeglasses (both prescription and reading glasses), toothbrushes and unused travel-size toiletries for the Peru Medical Mission Trip to Lima. The clothing, toothbrushes and toiletries will be distributed to those families visiting the medical clinic in La Molina from July 26th - August 3rd while the eyeglasses will be distributed at the vision screening. Kindly put your donations in the specially marked bin in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or bring them to the church office during the week. We will be accepting donations through noon on July 19th. Please be sure to mark your donations for the Lima, Peru Medical Mission Trip when you leave them in the church office.

The Peru Mission Trip Team will be packing all supplies in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church-Kingwood from 6 to 9 pm on Wed, July 19th and invites those interested to join in the fellowship. If you have any questions about supplies or the packing party, please contact Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779 or gary.chapman5306@gmail.com.

#### Supplies Needed

Gently Used Children's Clothing (NO SHOES)

Travel Size: soap, shampoo, lotion and toothpaste

Adult size: toothbrushes

Adult & Children's Eyeglasses: prescription & reading

## The Interfaith Food Pantry

The summer months are extremely busy for the Interfaith Food Pantry. With children out of school for summer vacation, many more families come to Interfaith for assistance with food. In 2016, over 8,000 families received assistance with food from Interfaith, and many of those were helped during the summer. So, please remember our neighbors in need when you go to the grocery store this summer.

Special Pantry Needs for July: boxed fruit juice, canned fruit tea, coffee, diapers

Special Pantry Needs for August: rice, rice mixes, hamburger helpers cleaning products (no spray bottles)

In addition to the items listed above, the pantry always needs peanut butter, jam, dry milk, personal hygiene items, baby food, baby wipes and laundry detergent. Bring your donations to the pantry in the narthex anytime.

## You Are Invited

TO? A Birthday Party for Copperwood Residents

WHEN? Monday, August 7th @ 1:00 p.m.

WHERE? Recreation Room @ The Copperwood Apartments

4407 South Panther Creek Drive

The Woodlands

WHY? Every year WCPC hosts a party for all residents of

Copperwood (elderly & disabled) to celebrate those

born in the month of August.

WHAT? We need cheerful helpers to serve refreshments, call

Bingo and mingle with the residents at the party.

We also need donations of cash, clementines and (hard) candy.

Please come join our youth on Servin' Safari in the celebration. The residents really look forward to this event. A number of them do not see or talk to anyone for days, so a smile and a little conversation go a long way to lift their spirits. Plus, you will find yourself enjoying the party just as much as they do! There will be a sign-up table in the courtyard on July 30th and Aug. 6th or contact Michele Stelter in the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

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## Cupcakes for Copperwood

Sunday, July 30th is the annual Cupcakes for Copperwood event run by the Tweens in an effort to raise money for the Copperwood Birthday Party. This year the Tweens will decorate cupcakes during Sunday School and then sell the cupcakes to members and friends of WCPC after worship. All proceeds from the cupcake sale go to fund the annual August Birthday Party that WCPC sponsors and the Youth on Servin' Safari run at the Copperwood Apartments for the elderly and the disabled. This money is specifically used to purchase a birthday cake, favor bags of fresh fruit for all those in attendance, Bingo prizes, and birthday bags for those celebrating a birthday in the month of August. The Copperwood residents look forward to the birthday party sponsored by WCPC because it is truly a time of celebration where there is music, time spent interacting with our Youth on Servin' Safari, delicious refreshments and party favors for all! If you won't be here to purchase one of the scrumptious cupcakes provided by our Tweens but would like to contribute to the Copperwood party fund, please make a check payable to WCPC and mark it for Copperwood.



## **Barefoot Sunday on August 27th**

In support of Soles4Souls, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting the devastating impact and perpetuation of poverty by collecting new and gently used shoes from individuals, schools, faith-based institutions, civic organizations and corporate sponsors to distribute to people in need and by provisioning qualified microenterprise programs designed to create jobs in poor and disadvantaged communities, we will sponsor our fifth Barefoot Sunday on August 27th.

We invite you to participate in a few different ways:

Come worship barefoot - Kick off your shoes and store them under your pew.

Donate shoes - Bring them on Aug. 27th or any time **during the month of August only.**The shoe collection box will be located in the courtyard on Sundays or in Fellowship Hall during the week. On Sunday, Aug. 27th during the last hymn, you will have the opportunity to bring your shoes to the front of the sanctuary and deposit them in the collection boxes.

Please note our next shoe collection will not be again until August, 2018.

Donate boxes, money for shipping and/or your time - Bring boxes (no larger than a computer/microwave-sized box) on Sunday, Aug 27th and/or help pack up the shoes with the Tweens after dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 6th so the shoes can be shipped to Soles4Souls in Nashville. If you would like to help the Tweens pack and weigh the boxes, please let Michele Stelter know at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040 x 7.

Pray for this mission outreach project

It has been said that empathy is the act of walking in someone else's shoes. The difficult part is that in order to put on someone else's shoes, we must first take off our own.

**Buddy Backpack Program** 

## Sponsor a Backpack for the Buddy Backpack Program

Using the money they raised during Super Bowl of Caring, the youth will purchase close to 150 backpacks for the Montgomery County Food Bank Buddy Backpack Program, which provides food insecure children in our county with seven nutritional meals and snacks every weekend during the school year. On the first two Sundays of August, you will have the opportunity to sponsor a weekend's worth of food for one of these backpacks for \$10. The backpacks and sponsorship money will then be given to the Montgomery County Food Bank for the start of the new school year. If you won't be here on either of those Sundays, you may still sponsor a backpack by making a check payable to WCPC and marking it for buddy backpack. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x7 or mstelter@wcpc-tx.org.

## Habitat for Humanity®

## WCPC to Sponsor Eighth Habitat House

This fall WCPC will once again be partnering with The Woodlands United Methodist Church to build a Habitat House in the Cedar Creek development in Conroe. Please look for more information about our eighth Habitat House in upcoming publications. Remember you don't need to be handy to help out as there are many jobs to be done besides construction such as painting, providing lunches for the work crew, helping plan the dedication, etc. If you would like to help in any way, contact Bill Bray at 281-419-0373 or <a href="mailto:bill.bray@sbcglobal.net">bill.bray@sbcglobal.net</a>. Your involvement is welcome!



## News from Zambia

## In the Home Stretch!



Victoria Muhange Shelemba, the Zambian orphan our congregation is sponsoring through nursing school, is preparing to start her final year of a three year program. John Hathaway and Michele Stelter had the pleasure to visit with her while they were in Zambia this past May. Not only was Muhange

eager to share her schoolwork and report cards with them, but she also talked in great detail about her recent internship at a rural clinic. This experience definitely put her nursing knowledge and skills to the test, but she was grateful for the challenge. Muhange is excited that she is in the home stretch of realizing her dream of giving back to her community through a career in healthcare.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed financially to not only make Muhange's dream a reality but also to add one more desperately needed nurse to the health care system of Zambia.

Getting to Know Naomi



Naomi Daka is the fifth seminary student at Justo Mwale University in Lusaka to be sponsored by WCPC and the third oldest of seven children. Before transferring to Justo Mwale in August,

2016, Naomi completed training at Chasefu Theological College and then served a congregation for four years in Mazabuka, which is on the way from Lusaka to Victoria Falls. Naomi is enjoying her first year of the Bachelor of Theology program even though some of the coursework is redundant. Her favorite classes are Old Testament and Biblical Languages; hence she wants to major in Old Testament. God willing she might even pursue a Masters in Linguistics or Biblical Languages. Naomi loves pastoral work despite its challenges. She does admit that as a female minister she has to work hard because there are those who do not feel that a woman can do better than a man. All in all, she concludes ministry is good!

One takeaway from our trip to Zambia was how critical healthcare is to this country. At the start of the trip, we learned about the continuing threat posed by HIV and Aids in Sub-Saharan Africa from David Barstow, an elder from Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin who was in Lusaka conducting research for his future documentary entitled "How We Lost The War Against Aids." The healthcare discussion continued when Mubita, a daughter of Mujungo Namuyamba who provides healthcare and health education about both infectious diseases and non-infectious health conditions to The University of Zambia staff, students and the general university community under the University of Zambia Health Services and authored the article below, and Muhange, the nursing student sponsored by WCPC, came to visit us. Lest we forget the importance of healthcare, the May, 2017 edition of the South African Airways magazine, Sawubona, found in the seat pocket on our return flight had an article by Cara Bouwer called "Taking the Pulse of African Healthcare," which stated that more recent World Health Organization figures show "Africa now accounts for 25% of the world's disease burden but has only 3% of the global medical workforce." It went on to say that more important than filling the need for more doctors and healthcare staff is the increasing demand for quality healthcare services.



## The Healthcare System in Zambia and the Malaria Burden

By Mubita Namuyamba Kabika (MAE, BAE, DipCliMedicine)

#### Introduction

The healthcare system in Zambia is dependent on doctors, clinical officers (medical assistants) and nurses as provided for by the law. In urban health facilities, doctors, clinical officers and nurses

bear the burden of healthcare provision to the general public. In rural areas, the task of examining and treating patients sometimes solely lies on Neighborhood Health Committee members, clerical officers or Daily Classified employees who have never stepped foot in a classroom, or worse still medical school but have sharpened their art of healthcare delivery through the mentorship of doctors, clinical officers and nurses. The challenges faced by the healthcare system range from inadequate human resources, lack of infrastructure, poor transportation systems, inadequate medical supplies and very high illiteracy rates.

This article focuses on malaria in Zambia as it claims thousands of lives every day. In Zambia, malaria is endemic in all 10 provinces. It is a fact that malaria has continued to be a major health problem thus malaria control has been a public health priority in endemic countries like Zambia. It has and still consumes a major portion of the national health budget and yet a malaria case in the villages of Zambia has far reaching consequences due to non-availability of well-trained healthcare providers and insufficient medical supplies such as malaria Rapid Diagnostic Testing Kits (RDTs) and antimalarial medication. The community I work in still records a large number of malaria cases hence the need for robust malaria prevention and sensitization methods.

#### **Prevention of Malaria**

Malaria is a febrile disease caused by a single-celled parasite of Plasmodium Species transmitted through a mosquito bite by a female Anopheles mosquito from an infected person. Prevention



## Children | Tweens | Youth | All

#### <u>July</u>

9-13 Mo Ranch Jubilee (Jr. High)

9-14 Cho-Yeh week

10-14 VBS Work days

17-21 VBS

23 All Church Pool Party Shadowbend, 6-8pm

29 Parent's Night Out

30 Make & sell Cupcakes for Copperwood, 9:45am 30-Aug 5 Cho-Yeh week

#### **August**

6 Congregation assembles backpack hangers 6 Under 18 Team Meeting, 9:00am

6-11 Cho Yeh week

7-9 Servin' Safari

13 Blessing of the backpacks/hangers presented

**20 Sunday School Parent Orientation & Brunch** 

for Childrens, Tweens, Youth, 9:45am

20 Noisy Offering, including VBS Heifer banks
11am

25-27 Youth Beach Retreat

26 Parent's Night Out

27 Barefoot Sunday

WEDNESDAYS: Youth Jam Session will meet in Youth room 5-7pm, text Sally Bowers to RSVP. SUNDAYS: Sunday school at 9:45 thru July AUGUST 20th
INFORMATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ORIENTATION AND
BRUNCH FOR
CHILDREN, TWEENS
AND YOUTH
PARENTS

## 9:45am **FELLOW5KIP KALL**

You are invited to a an informational meeting that will cover the 2017-2018 calendar and programming for children, teens and youth, including::

- Scope & Sequence
- Calendar for the year
- Forms filled out
- Scholarship covenant explained and handed out
- Opportunities to help

of malaria can be achieved through simple measures such as curative and preventive measures. Curative measures entail elimination of disease reservoirs by treating all infected individuals with antimalarial drugs following identification by testing with RDTs. Preventive measures involve breaking the transmission by avoidance of mosquito bites of the female Anopheles mosquito. This includes sleeping under an Insecticide Treated Mosquito Net (ITN), clearing tall grass and stagnant water to destroy the breeding grounds, wearing long clothing that covers most parts of the body and use of mosquito repellents.

#### Sad reality

The above simple to follow preventive measures have proven to be a farfetched dream for the average Zambian to live by. This is as a result of the challenges faced by the health system in the fight against malaria. Provision of preventive education is difficult due to the high illiteracy levels and myths among the risk populations. Some of the myths that are corrected by healthcare providers are a belief that malaria is a result of getting soaked by rain. This and many other myths hinder the adoption of malaria preventive practices like clearing tall grass and stagnant water which are breeding grounds for the mosquitoes that transmit malaria. It is thus a mammoth but worthwhile task to assist the community to unlearn myths that negatively impact their lives. This situation is compounded by the lack of adequate medical supplies and trained health personnel.

#### Conclusion

There is need for healthcare providers and educationists to be proactive in the dissemination of information about the importance of the citizen's ownership of the fight against malaria so that everyone makes it a priority. Public-private partnerships are also key to the elimination of malaria as they foster synergy that strengthens health systems through capacity building, technical, financial and material support.



## 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 grand-kids!

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/



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2 11 am Worship No children's SS	Star Spangled Salute Concert CW Pavilion 8 pm, doors open 6:30	4	5	6	7	8
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Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:50 drop off and pick up in CE building room 101 & 105. All ages 1st through 6th grades combined for Summer in room 105, under Kindergarten age in 101. Childcare for worship for kids under 5 years in Hendricks Building rooms 307-309.

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No children's Sunday school in August, childcare for worship & meetings on Sundays starts at 9:15 in CHEB 307-9. SS starts Sept 17th, after the Labor Day weekend and the Kick Off Celebration, Sept 10th in Fellowship Hall.



## Parent Night Out July 29<sup>th</sup>

Join us for Camp Fun from 5-8 pm on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> in the CHEB Nursery rooms 307-309. We will be serving pizza and a fruit or vegetable side for dinner. You may also bring a sack lunch for any non-pizza eaters. You and your spouse or friends go have some time off and let your children have some fun with their friends. We will play games outside, make a summer craft and watch Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown!

Suggested donation: \$20 a child/\$40 family

RSVP to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

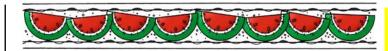




## **PNO August 26th**

Join us for Community Helpers from 5-8 pm on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> in the CHEB Nursery rooms 307-309. We will be serving pizza and a fruit or vegetable side for dinner. You may also bring a sack lunch for any non-pizza eaters. We will play games outside, make a summer craft and watch Disney's Planes, Fire & Rescue and The Incredibles!





## **Sunday School**



9:45am Sunday School (July) 11:00 am Worship





#### **VBS Volunteers:**

Child Protection Training offered online or July 11<sup>th</sup> after the VBS Blast Off Brunch & Volunteer Meeting at 9:30 in room 302. Contact Susan for online directions



VBS Work & Planning Meetings:

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** all starting at 9:30 am in room 203. Childcare available in room 101 by reservation ahead to Susan.

**July 11**th ALL Volunteer's requested at the VBS Blast Off Brunch & Meeting 9:30-12 in the Fellowship Hall.

Please reserve childcare with Susan sduncan@wcpc-tx.org



Children's Sunday School Rotation Bible Topic for July: Study of Creation Care using Children's Illustrated Ministry Curriculum.

9:45 am every Sunday **in July** in Room 105 and in the Children's Education Building. **No Sunday School in August.** 



Needed: Kool-Aid Burst bottles rinsed well!



Galactic Blast starts Monday July 17 through Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> in the sanctuary for the opening skits at 9 am. Pickup is at 12 noon also in the sanctuary.

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 Mission Project to Revive Old Memories Collection of Old MP3 Players for Use in Music Therapy**

## **Collection Continues through August**

In recent years, it has been documented that in therapies with persons with dementia, the use of music that was especially meaningful in their younger years can have a profound effect in resurrecting long-term memories. One local home health service, Sure Care at Home, has observed this phenomenon and is designing a music therapy program for use with its clients.

The Youth Team will be contributing to this program by collecting used or new MP3 players, iPods, and overthe-ear headphones from the congregation. Please look for a small box with a sign on it in the courtyard on

Sunday mornings from June 4 through the month of August. If you want to drop off your items during the week, please give them to Shirley Barclay in the church office.

The youth will be assisting the project by downloading the old music from the players and uploading music suggested by Sure Care (according to the needs of their clients and suggestions of the clients' families). Care will be taken not to infringe on copyrights. If Sure Care agrees, perhaps the youth could even observe the therapy at times and witness the impact of the music.

Please take this opportunity to help the youth and their adult leaders reawaken joyous memories through music for our neighbors with dementia! If you have questions, please contact Nancy Hathaway at 281-367-8792 or nancy.hathaway@yahoo.com.



## YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

**Summer Wednesdays:** 

Youth Jam Session will meet in Youth room 5-7pm Text Sally Bowers to RSVP (713-823-2824)



**Director of Children's Ministry:** Susan Duncan sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

**Elder for Children & Tweens:** 

Youth Team Chairs:

Jen Conner jenniferconner79@gmail.com Sally Bowers sally\_bowers@comcast.ne

Megan Hansen megateer@gmail.com

Please support the Youth & Tweens ministries of WCPC with your prayers, your time, and your talents.

Contact Sally Bowers or Megan Hansen with questions, to donate, and to volunteer.

## JR and SR High Sunday School 7-12<sup>th</sup> Grades 9:45am Youth Room CE 206

(Through the Month of July)

**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.

# THEOGADEMY CONFIRMATION



September 2017 through May 2018
7th and 8th grade
17 lessons
Led by Megan Hansen





## Youth Mission Camp for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades August 7-9, 2017, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$40, includes lunch, activities and a t-shirt!



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Copperwood Birthday Party

Tuesday 8/8:

Project C.U.R.E. & Lunch in Houston

Wednesday 8/9:

Willis Parental Center & Incredible Pizza

#### Please plan to come early on Monday!

We will have release forms for some of our service activities for you to complete.

Please wear closed-toed shoes on Tuesday and Wednesday!

8	Sign Me Up for Servin' Safari
Name of Youth:	Age:
Grade Completed '17:	T-shirt Size (circle one): AS AM AL AXL AXXL
Parent Name:	
Parent Email:	
Parent Phone:	

We understand that in addition to this form, we also have to complete the 2017 Youth Registration Form which gives medical information and release signatures.

We set an example through our words and deeds. Inappropriate activity will result in phoning parents.



## Save the Date! Youth Beach Retreat August 25-27



Don't miss the fun, sun, sand and fellowship!

Retreat goers will leave Friday, August 25 at 5pm and return to WCPC before noon on Sunday, August 27.

Saturday morning volunteer for a mission project and Saturday evening enjoy yourself at Fun Spot Waterslide! The cost is \$65 and this includes everything...transportation, lodging, food, Fun Spot Waterslide...all included! To sign up contact Sally Bowers at sally\_bowers@comcast.net or contact Megan Hansen at megateer@gmail.com. Limited Space available!!

# Kiek Off Sundag





Come join us for food, games, fellowship and fun and learn about all the ministries of WCPC as we kick-off for our 2017-18 year of activities.

If you would like to help or have ideas about our annual ministry kick-off, please contact the church office.

