

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W. Panther Creek Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77381

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

June 2017

Summer Schedule

JUNE 4 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

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.



Life of the Church: Articles due preceding Tuesday by noon.

Newsletter: Articles due June 15 for the July/August 2017 combined newsletter.

Website: Information due Monday at noon. Send to communications@wcpc-tx.org.



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

While our fiscal year begins in January our leadership year begins in June with the ordination and/or installation of new officers. As new officers begin their leadership on the Session and the Board of Deacons, members of Session and the Board of Deacons, who have fulfilled their term of service leave office. There is always continuity, with 2/3 of the Session and Board of Deacons remaining in office. The change in leadership first gives officers who have completed their term a chance, not to stand down, since discipleship requires engagement and service, but opportunities for new avenues of service to WCPC and beyond. Second new officers bring fresh energy, different passions and new ideas as we build upon the solid foundation already in place.

I want to offer my thanks to the members of your Session who will be leaving office (rotating off as its often said) on June 4th. Sally Bowers has served the youth of WCPC for many years and as a member of Session chaired the Youth Team. David Martinez served on our Mission and Outreach Team, one of two members of Session who served on this team over the last few years. Eleanor Stone chaired our Worship Team. Tom Welch chaired our Building and Grounds Team. Each of these ruling elders have served with creativity, imagination and love for Christ and WCPC. I also especially want to offer my thanks to Judy Welch. Judy has served as the Clerk of Session for 6 years, first as a member of Session, and then, since the Book of Order allows a non-member of Session to be Clerk, for an additional 3 years. The Session owes her a great thanks for all the diligence she has devoted to her work. As the Moderator of the Session I owe her much thanks as well as she made my role so much easier.

Marnie Bush, Gail Hyndman, Nancy Schlirf and Andy Ward complete their terms as members of the Board of Deacons. Marnie was responsible for our Meal Ministry which provides meals for members who either due to health concerns or the loss of a loved one were reminded through a meal of our concern and prayers for them. Gail Hyndman faithfully reached out to the members of WCPC who she was assigned as a Deacon. Nancy Schlirf was responsible for our cookie ministry. And Andy Ward had charge of the Deacon's Baby Ministry, reaching out to parents of new babies to share our joy and offer support and prayers.

I want to invite every member and friend of WCPC to first offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the leadership of these committed men and women and also, when you see them, offer to each your thanks. I believe that everything in life rises and falls with leadership. The health and vitality of WCPC is directly related to those who have served over the last few years and in all the years WCPC has existed in leadership roles as members of the Session and Board of Deacons.

As you offer your thanks to them also remember our new officers – Todd Duncan, Sheree Fleming, Megan Hansen, Sarah Martin (Youth Elder) and Betsy Whitehead. And Ed Allen, Kristen Campbell, Jane Harding, Leslie Lee, Mignon Mabry, Erin Michaelis, Daniece Peck, and Janet Youngblood who will serve on the Board of Deacons. Remember them regularly in prayer (names are always printed in the monthly newsletter) and never hesitate to reach out to them with your comments, concerns, or needs.

Your pastor,

WCPC NOW HOSTS WEEKLY AA MEETINGS. Each Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Hendricks 306 a local AA group is meeting. The first two weeks of June the group will meet in Rm 103 in the CE Building. If you know of anyone who would like to attend please share this information.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

June begins this year with the festival of Pentecost. We share this festival with our Jewish siblings, but it takes on different meanings for us as Christians. Known as the “Feast of Weeks”, it began as an agricultural festival celebrating the first fruits of the harvest. During the time of Christ, the focus of this festival had shifted to a celebration of the religious history of the Hebrew people and an observance of thanksgiving for Torah.¹

As Christians, we have come to regard this celebration as the “birthday of the Church”. On the day of Pentecost the apostles had gathered in Jerusalem, by the rush of wind and with tongues of fire, and through the gift of speaking in languages other than their own, the Holy Spirit made its presence known. Many came to know the message of Christ and to believe. The group of believers grew by about 3000 people! We often celebrate this day with bells and streamers, by wearing red and with cake and punch (it’s a birthday after all).

This year we will celebrate the work and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the church by ALSO ordaining and installing our newest officers (elders and deacons). This is one of my favorite works of the Spirit. It calls women and men to service in the church, it helps churches and congregations recognize, support and develop the callings of individuals, and it gifts us all in different ways and enables us to use those gifts to the glory of God. Perhaps I am a bit sentimental about ordination at this time of year. I celebrated the 18th anniversary of my ordination as a Ruling Elder at the end of May and I celebrate the 7th anniversary of my ordination as Teaching Elder/ Minister of Word and Sacrament at the end of this month. My favorite part of ordination and installation services is the laying on of hands. It is a powerful thing to witness and to experience. Through the prayers and the pressure of the hands of those who have gone before you in ministry, you can almost feel the Holy Spirit at work empowering you to do the work to which you have been called.

Because of the nature of the Holy Spirit, we often ignore it or at least don’t talk about it as much. This Pentecost, and the weeks that follow, I would encourage you (ordained or not) to pay attention to where the Spirit is at work in your life, and how you are being empowered and called to use your gifts. Know that the prayers and the hands of those who have gone before you are with you, and most importantly the Holy Spirit is there to guide and encourage you.

*Grace and Peace,
Laura*

¹Tyson, Joseph B., Ph.D. "Pentecost." *Harper Collins Bible Dictionary*. Ed. Paul J. Achtemeier. San Francisco, CA: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996. 826. Print.

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	Music Ministries: Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs Dr. Dave Faber, Organist	Early Learning Program: Rita Van Sickle, Director Fran Weissbach, Administration	Our Missionaries Nancy Collins, Zambia Sara Armstrong, Peru Rusty Edmondson, Peru
Associate Pastor Rev. Laura R. Grice		Administration: Matthew Jensen Financial Administrator Shirley Barclay, Dir. of Communications	Our Seminarians Martin Garner Naomi Daka
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks	Mission Outreach: Michele Stelter, Facilitator		
Parish Associate: Rev. Warren Johnson	Children's Ministries: Susan Duncan, Director		

SESSION MEMBERS

CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
William Davis	Nancy Castro	Todd Duncan
Cinda Hitchcock	Jen Conner	Sheree Fleming
Gordon Lentz	Ria Du Bruyn	Megan Hansen
Chris Liddell	Bruce Lee	Betsy Whitehead
Sarah Martin		

TEAMS OF THE SESSION

Building and Grounds	Bruce Lee	balee5068@gmail.com
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Hospitality Team	Cinda Hitchcock	cchtx@att.net
Creation Care	Cinda Hitchcock, Chair	cchtx@att.net
Evangelism Team		
Finance Team	Bubba Davis	wdavis88@comcast.net
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Personnel Team	Todd Duncan, Chair	tmduncan173@gmail.com
Worship Team	Nancy Castro, Chair	nancyc1254@yahoo.com
Youth Team	Sally Bowers, Chair	sally_bowers@comcast.net
	Megan Hansen	megateer@gmail.com
Moderator	David Jones	djones@wcpc-tx.org
Clerk of Session	Roger Richardson	roger8226@sbcglobal.net

BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Patty Ahern	Carrie Bucki	Ed Allen
Kathy Bray	Karen Gonzales	Kristen Campbell
Mary Jo Chapman	Barbie Hardy	Jane Harding
Molly Anne Davis	Debra Martinez	Leslie Lee
Beth North	Kim Petrie	Mignon Mabry
Tammy Rand		Erin Michaelis
		Daniece Peck
		Janet Youngblood

BOARD OF DEACONS TEAM LEADERS

<i>Baby Ministry-</i>		
<i>Bereavement Ministry</i>		
<i>Card Ministry-</i>	Karen Gonzales	409-789-5631 rigonzales@earthlink.net
<i>Cookie Ministry</i>		
<i>Home Outreach Ministry</i>	Tammy Rand	281-615-4900 fromaway1958@me.com
<i>Hospital Ministry-</i>	Kathy Bray	281-419-0373 kathyj.bray@gmail.com
<i>Meals Ministry</i>		
<i>New Member Ministry</i>	Mary Jo Chapman	281-361-5779 maryjo.chapman5206@gmail.com
<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Kim Petrie	281-419-5309 petrie_kim@msn.com
<i>Moderator/ meals</i>	Patty Ahern	pahernrd@sbcglobal.net

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.

Summer Adult Class & Study Opportunities June 2017

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BEGINS JUNE 4

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 CE 103(June 4, 11 and 18) CHEB 301 (June 25) *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.

MONDAY

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study CHEB 301b*

Every Monday

9:30-11:30 am

led by Tricia Knight

We'll begin our study of the Beatitudes in CHEB 301b on June 19th. . Only Bibles are needed! New members are always welcome! *June 5 we will meet off campus for a brunch and on June 12 we will go on a field trip. We will only meet on campus on June 19 and 26 in CHEB 301b.

WEDNESDAY

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group

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.

*On June 7 we will meet in the Parlor.

We will meet back in CHEB on June 21.

Wednesday Morning Study Group

CHEB 301ab*

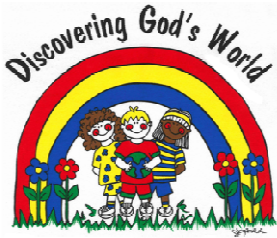
Every Wednesday

10:00-11:30 am

Contact Sylvia Campbell

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

*We will meet in CE room 103 on June 7 and 14 to accommodate Family Promise. We will resume the use of CHEB 301ab on June 21.



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 elpboard@gmail.com.

yoga

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 our 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



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



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

Summer 2017

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

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

Every Wednesday in June	Pool Playdates	5:00pm-7:00pm	Ridge-wood Pool	Pack your kids, your suits, and a picnic dinner for yourself and join us Wednesday evenings at the pool to swim, eat and socialize! No RSVP needed – just come when you can! NOTE: Regular pool fees apply
Saturday, June 24 th	PNO	5:00pm-8:00pm	CHEB	This month's theme is "Red, White, and Blue"! 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
Monday-Friday July 17-21	VBS	9am-noon	WCPC	Vacation Bible School "Galactic Blast" week at 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. Cost is \$36 per child. See WCPC website for details and to register. http://www.wcpc-tx.org/
Saturday, July 29 th	PNO	5:00pm-8:00pm	CHEB	This month's theme is "Camping 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 th	PNO	5:00pm-8:00pm	CHEB	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

ANNOUNCING Mom's Group

**Pool Playdates coming in June!
Every Wednesday evening
5-7pm at Ridgewood Pool**

**Grab your suits and goggles, pack a picnic dinner
(or grab a pizza) and come swim with friends!
We'll see you at the pool!
(Regular pool fees apply.)**



PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares, quilting/knitting/crocheting group will meet on Mondays, June 19th. 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. (However we will not meet June 5th due to Family Promise.) Contact: Nancy Kiefer.

Paper or Plastic? Does this question make you pause? Well, it should, because it is not easy to answer. It turns out, there are environmental costs to either choice. So the answer may depend upon what you plan to do with the bag after using it. Choose the bag you would reuse and/or recycle responsibly. Maybe the better question from the checker would be, "Do you have your own bag?" You know the answer to that one!



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

A patriotic salute to
America
and our
Army
Navy
Airforce
Marines
Coast Guard



<http://www.woodlandsband.org>

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 2017 AT 7:30PM

@ THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4881 W. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381

Creation Care Team News and Announcements



You're shopping and you forgot to bring your reusable bags. Do you choose paper or plastic? Hmmm.

You might think paper bags would be the obvious choice. They're made from paper, which is a renewable resource – usually wood pulp – you know – trees.

Paper production unfortunately has been shown to produce more pollution, emit more greenhouse gases, and use more energy and water than plastic bag production. You also need to consider what it takes to get the bags to the store, how they are

used, and how they are disposed of. Paper bags are bigger, heavier, and take more energy to get them to the store (more pollution). But, a paper bag can also hold a lot more than a plastic bag, meaning you could use fewer bags.

However, plastic bags present a big disposal problem, despite being recyclable. Most curbside waste haulers don't pick up plastic bags because they jam the recycling equipment. They end up as litter, posing a unique threat to wildlife. They do photodegrade but this takes hundreds of years, and during that time they release harmful chemicals. Paper bags can be easily recycled in curbside recycling programs (if they aren't contaminated with food grease), and they biodegrade quickly.

So, you decided to choose plastic bags because you know you'll do the right thing – take them to the collection bins at the grocery store. Or you choose paper because you can either put them in with your paper recycling, or compost them. The key thing for either choice is being sure you can recycle them without going out of your way (we are well intentioned, but . . .)

Again, the best choice is to bring your own reusable bags for so many reasons. If you reuse them 4 to 11 times you've offset the environmental footprint of one plastic bag. In the end, the choice between paper and plastic is really a personal one, consistent with what works best for you. You may also choose what you'll be able to re-use most (such as for garbage liners or lunch bags for the plastic variety, and textbook covers or coloring paper for paper bags), and recycle correctly whatever your choice is.

Oh, and have you thought of carrying a folding box in your car, and not having any groceries bagged? There are certainly limits to this, depending on what you're buying, but the grocery cart might just help you go bagless and not have to make that difficult choice. "Q: Paper or plastic? A: Oh, just put them all in the cart.)

Source: Because You Asked: Paper or Plastic? By Recyclebank / August 09, 2016



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 to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **However, the next MOT meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th in Room 206 (Youth Room) of the CE Building because CHEB is shut down for Family Promise.** 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.

Pentecost Offering To Be Collected on June 4th



25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) - Providing opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% goes to Ministries with Youth - Helping to guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

10% advocates for at-risk children - Supporting vital ministries to improve education and provide a safe haven for children across the globe.

40% stays with our congregation - Developing and supporting programs for children at risk, youth or young adults in our community. **CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County** will be the beneficiary this year.

The Pentecost Offering is about helping young people begin life with a strong start-a solid foundation of faith formed in childhood to young adulthood. Your gift to the Pentecost Offering unites young people in Christ and Inspires them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Our Local Beneficiary of the 2017 Pentecost Offering



When a child enters the foster care system because his or her home is no longer safe, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer to help the child. That volunteer is called a Court Appointed Special Advocate®, or CASA. These volunteers are screened and highly trained and then appointed by judges to represent and advocate for a child's best interests in the child protection system.

CASA Child Advocates of Montgomery County provides valuable volunteer advocacy for every abused child in this area. CASA volunteers serve as the "eyes and ears" for the judge in child welfare cases. This includes researching each child's situation and making objective recommendations to help them reclaim their childhoods from abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers are frequently the only stable presence in these children's lives as they navigate the foster care system.

CASA volunteers bring three critical qualities to their work: they focus on one case at a time; they bring a unique perspective to the court case; and their sole objective is representing the best interests of the child. So please give generously to the Pentecost Offering. **This special offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.** Make your check payable to WCPC and mark it Pentecost Offering. There are also specially marked envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience.



Family Promise at WCPC in June

This year will be WCPC's third year to host Family Promise in CHEB. We will be hosting at least three families (with a possibility for a fourth to join later) for two consecutive weeks beginning Sunday, June 4th and ending Sunday, June 18th. Since CHEB will essentially be home for these families, ONLY those individuals volunteering with Family Promise will be allowed in the building during this two-week period. If your activity normally meets in CHEB, please check to see where it will be meeting during this time frame. If you haven't had a chance to sign up to help with Family Promise, but would like to volunteer in some way, please contact Warren Evans at 281-255-6286 or wevans36@comcast.net or Michele Stelter in the church office.



Delivering Health & Hope to the World

If you would like to make a significant contribution to the healthcare and well-being of people in less fortunate countries, please join us when we travel to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse in Houston. Project C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment) is a national non-profit organization that sends unused, donated medical goods to countries facing poverty and disease. Our group helps sort, count and package boxes of donated medical supplies. We will travel to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse on Thursday, June 8th. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 am to carpool. We work until noon and then return to the church. To volunteer, please contact Sally Shu at 936-273-0370 or at sally.f.shu@gmail.com. Open to all aged 14 or older but minors must be accompanied by an adult.!

**Project C.U.R.E.
Thursday, June 8th
8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Meet in church parking lot to carpool**

Servin' Safari

A Three Day Mission Opportunity for

Rising 6th-9th graders

August 7th-9th

See Upcoming Publications for More Information

Celebrate



at The Gathering Place

Friday, June 16th
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 note The Gathering Place will not meet in July!

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

In addition to collecting eyeglasses (both prescription and reading glasses), toothbrushes and unused travel-size toiletries for the Peru Medical Mission Trip to Lima, we are now accepting donations of gently used children's clothing (**NO SHOES**). 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 through 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 the end of June.** Please be sure to **mark your donations for the Lima, Peru Medical Mission Trip** when you leave them in the church office. If you have any questions please contact either Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x 7 or Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779.

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. However, donations to the Food Pantry tend to slow down during the summer months. So, please remember our neighbors in need when you go to the grocery store this summer.

Special Pantry Needs for June:

macaroni & cheese
dry pasta & pasta sauce
peanut butter, jam & dry milk
dish soap

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.

thanks to you...

Dear WCPC ♡.

Thank you for hosting
us another year.
We are grateful for
your hospitality.

Peace & Love,
English Students & Teachers
♡

~~Barbara Linsay~~
Barbara Linsay

Mariza Lopez-Videla-

Mónica Milanes.

Inez

...my world's
a little brighter!

Thank you!
Silvia

Joyce Kopp
Marina Mouna ♡

Robert Reyes

Angie Hupe
Diana Ashman

Geni Garrison

ESL Students & Teachers Offer Thanks

On May 11th, the last day of the ESL program, the adult ESL students and their teachers held a celebration luncheon in Fellowship Hall featuring many international dishes. All WCPC staff members along with Carol Palmquist, the advocate for the ESL Children's Program, were invited to attend the festivities. As a token of their appreciation for the use of our Charles Hendricks Education Building, they presented WCPC with the above thank-you note, which included an insert signed by all the students, (not shown), a monetary donation and a gift of special art supplies for the ESL Children's program.

Shallowford Presbyterian Church ★ Atlanta, GA

Youth Chapel Choir PRESENTS
AWAKENING



Atlanta ★ *New Orleans* ★ *Texas*

**SUMMER 2017
 CHOIR TOUR**

www.shallowford.org

**IN CONCERT
 SATURDAY, JUNE 10
 7 PM**

**WOODLANDS COMMUNITY
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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/>



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 9:45 SS 11 am Worship				1	2	3 Family Promise set up in CHEB all rooms
 SS 9:45 Worship 11 am	4 5 VBS Planning Meeting 9:30-12 in 203 nursery by <i>rsvp to Susan</i> in 102 CE building	6	 7 Wed Afternoon Pool 5-7 pm at Ridgewood Pool	8	9	10
11 Trinity Sunday SS 9:45 Worship 11 am	12 VBS Planning Meeting 9:30-12 in 203 nursery by <i>rsvp to Susan</i> in 102 CE building	13	 14 Wed Afternoon Pool 5-7 pm at Ridgewood Pool	15	16	17
 18 Father's Day SS 9:45 Worship 11 am	19 VBS Planning Meeting 9:30-12 in 203 nursery by <i>rsvp to Susan</i> in 102 CE building	20	 21 Wed Afternoon Pool 5-7 pm at Ridgewood Pool fees apply	22	23	24 PNO 5-8 pm Red, White & Blue in CHEB rooms 307 -309 by reservation to Sduncan@wcp- tx.org
25 SS 9:45 Worship 11 am	26 VBS Planning Meeting 9:30-12 in 203 nursery by <i>rsvp to Susan</i> in 102 CE building	27	 28 Wed Afternoon Pool 5-7 pm at Ridgewood Pool fees apply	29	30	



Summertime



Summer Childcare



Wednesday Afternoon Pool Gatherings

Every Wednesday in June!

5-7 pm at Ridgewood Pool

Pack your kids, your suits, and a picnic dinner for you and your family and join us Wednesday evenings at the pool to swim, eat and socialize! No RSVP needed – just come when you can!

NOTE: Regular pool fees apply



Summer PNO Dates:

June 24th, July 29th & August 26th all from 5-8pm.

Email reservations to:
sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

Suggested donation
\$20/child or \$40/family



Sunday School



**Thank You to our
Wonderful Children's
Sunday School Teachers
this past year:**

Tricia MacDonald, Mary Emerson, Kerin Hughes, Jen Conner, Audrey Keim, Tara Devoley, Mignon Mabry, Daniece Peck, Jim and Ginger Holly, Kim Falcone, Carrie Bucki, Erin Michaelis, Karen Seefeldt, Katrina Cassidy, Kristi Martin, Marnie Bush, and Mike Devoley



9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

**Room 101 for 5 years & under
Room 105 for 1st-6th grade**

**Children's
Summer Sunday School Topic:
Creation Care
& Mission Outreach**



VBS Work & Planning Meetings:

June 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
and **July 10th-14th** all starting at
9:30 am in room 203. Childcare
available in room 102 by reser-
vation in advance to Susan.



Needed: Sturdier plastic tea
or soda bottles 12-16 oz.
(not water bottles)

**ALL VBS Volunteer's
Meeting & Blast Off
Brunch is July 11th 9:30-
12** in the Fellowship Hall.
Child Protection Training
will be offered after the
meeting at 11 am.

Please reserve childcare with Susan for all meetings
at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

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 com-
manding 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 begins June 4

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 over-the-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

June Wednesdays: Meet at Ridgewood pool from 5-7pm
(Day pass \$6/person); brown bag dinner if you want.

Youth Jam Session will meet in
Youth room 5-7pm



Director of Children's Ministry: Susan Duncan
Elder for Children & Tweens: Jen Conner
Elder for Youth: Sally Bowers

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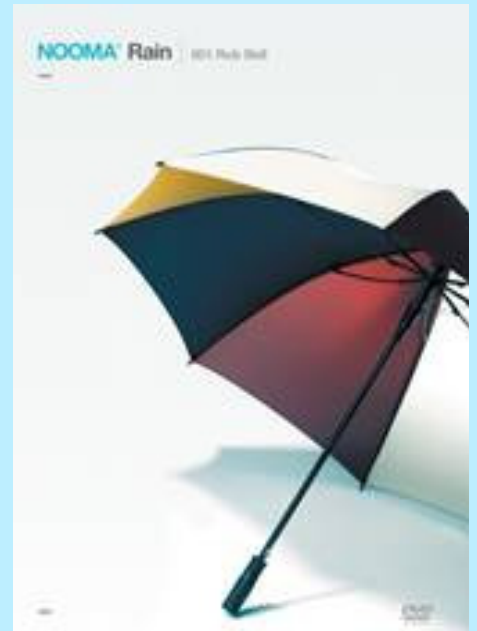
*Please support the Youth & Tweens ministries of WCPC with your prayers, your time, and your talents.
Contact Susan Duncan or Sally Bowers with questions, to donate, and to volunteer*

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.



tweens summer sunday SCHOOL in june

"galactic blast
assignment for tweens!"

5-6th grades

9:45am in ce room 105

june 4th and 11th tweens will study the vacation bible school stories, then prepare to tell them by practicing the skits, making and gathering costumes, backgrounds and props.

filming will be on june 18th and 25th.

2017 WCPC SUMMER CALENDAR CHILDREN TWEEN YOUTH

Children | Tweens | Youth | All

June

4 Combined worship service 11am, SS, 9:45a

4-18 Family Promise

7 Youth provide dinner for Family Promise

11-17 Cho Yeh week

24 Parent's Night Out

25-30 Mo Ranch Celebration (Sr. High)

July

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 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

23 WAM begins

25-27 Youth Beach Retreat

26 Parent's Night Out

27 Barefoot Sunday

JUNE WEDNESDAYS: Meet at Ridgewood pool from 5-7pm
(Day pass \$6/person); brown bag dinner if you want. Youth Jam
Session will meet in Youth room 5-7pm

JUNE MONDAYS: VBS workdays 9:30am-12pm

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

