

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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

March 2017



Ash Wednesday

Self-Guided Prayer Stations for Ash Wednesday

Beginning at 11:30 am March 1st!

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church will offer self-guided prayer stations for all ages on Ash Wednesday March 1st. Beginning at 11:30 am and running until dusk, stations with scripture readings, activities and prayers will be available in the Prayer Garden to guide you through Ash Wednesday, including the imposition of ashes. The activities are all accessible for children of all ages and adults. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family or individuals to begin their Lenten journey. Start in the parking lot and follow the chalk instructions on the sidewalk.

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

The season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1st this year) is a time for prayer, reflection and preparation for the celebration of Easter. Maybe someone has asked you, “What are they giving up for Lent?” One year I gave up caffeine for Lent – my family, my church family, almost everyone asked me never to do that again!

Lent though is more than just giving something up. Lent is opening ourselves up to what God might do in our lives if we are willing to listen. Lent provides us with the opportunity to examine our discipleship. Maybe we’ve been standing still or moving away from God, maybe not intentionally but allowing life to just overwhelm us.. My prayer for myself and for the family of WCPC is that as we walk through this holy season we will be honest with God and ourselves.

This Lent, to help us listen, a devotional will be available entitled “Lent: A Season of Returning.” Copies will be available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and in the church office. Since we have a limited number we are asking you take only one for each household. This devotional, beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Holy Week, has suggested lectionary passages, short meditations and suggested prayers. It also has a section with questions you can consider and space to record your thoughts.

Of course there are other tools available. The [Office of Theology and Worship](#) of the PCUSA has developed a smartphone app for daily prayer. The **Daily Prayer app** provides simple, yet rich devotional resources for morning, midday, evening, and close of day. Each service includes psalms and readings from the confessions. Other elements include opening and closing words, biblical canticles, a thanksgiving for light and a prayer of confession. An advanced features menu allows users to customize which elements appear. You can also request that daily scripture be emailed to you by going to <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/devotions/>

It’s vital in our spiritual lives that we are intentional. Such intentionality shouldn’t be restricted to just a season like Lent, but Lent can provide us with habits developed that can last us a lifetime.

Your pastor,

We welcome the following new members who were received by your Session :

Edward and Linda Allen join us by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church in Conroe; **Bill and Karen Morris** join us by transfer of membership from St Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston; **Beverley Stockton** by reaffirmation of faith; **Randall and Eve Todd** join us by transfer of membership from Christ United Methodist Church in The Woodlands; **Nancy Vogt** by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church in Conroe; and **Terry and Janelle Welch** who join us by reaffirmation of faith.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: WCPC is accepting applications for an **Under 18 Ministry Team Facilitator**. This part-time position (20 hours) would provide administrative assistance to our growing ministry to youth, tweens and children. Social media literacy, computer skills, as well as good organizational skills and attention to detail required. If interested please contact Chris Liddell at liddellchris@hotmail.com



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

We begin this month as we begin the great forty days of Lent. In this season we find ourselves on a journey together. Often we find our focus this season on the fasting and the repenting. I can't tell you how many times I am asked (including by myself), "What are you giving up for Lent this year?" However, scholars tell us that some of the earliest roots of this season of the Church year are in preparation—preparation for those new to the faith to be baptized as Easter dawns, preparation for those who had to be excommunicated to return to the community of faith, as well as preparation and renewal for the faithful themselves.

I know I have shared this story with several of you already, but I think it speaks powerfully to what we as the Church are seeking to accomplish during this Lenten season. This January, Susan Duncan and I along with hundreds of other church educators gathered in Denver for the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Annual Event. There we had the opportunity to hear some impressive speakers, attend inspiring worship, attend interesting workshops, along with some other opportunities. This included "A Taste of Colorado" event where we could encounter local wildlife, experience local culture through storytelling and music, and watch while local artisans created their work. Susan and I spent the majority of our time watching a ceramic artist throwing pots. As her potting wheel turned, she talked about the importance of aligning the clay so that its center of mass was centered on the wheel. She then showed us what it looked like if the clay got out of balance. It wobbled and wiggled more and more as the wheel kept turning. She said something like, "When this happens, you repent and start again." This got me thinking. The root of the Hebrew word "to repent" means "to turn" or "to return". I wonder if we began to think about our repentance, our confession, our returning to God, instead of being merely contrition, as finding those wobbly places in our lives and starting fresh to get ourselves in better balance with our divine potter? This is something that we can (and should) do all the time, but I think this season of Lent can help us to be more mindful of it.

Where are your wobbly places? How can this Lent help you to turn and return to your identity as a beloved child of God? How can this be a time where you are being formed and reformed through scripture, worship, prayer, practice, singing, etc.? Will you ponder these things with me?

Grace and Peace,

Laura

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



The Wheels are turning at ELP! With transportation as our theme, we will be talking all about everything that travels by land, air and sea. For the month of March, our Bible verse is "God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9. We want to plant the seed of security in the hearts of our little students. With Spring Break this month and summer vacation just around the corner, the children will be travelling. What a reassuring feeling they will have knowing that God is always watching over them and caring for them.

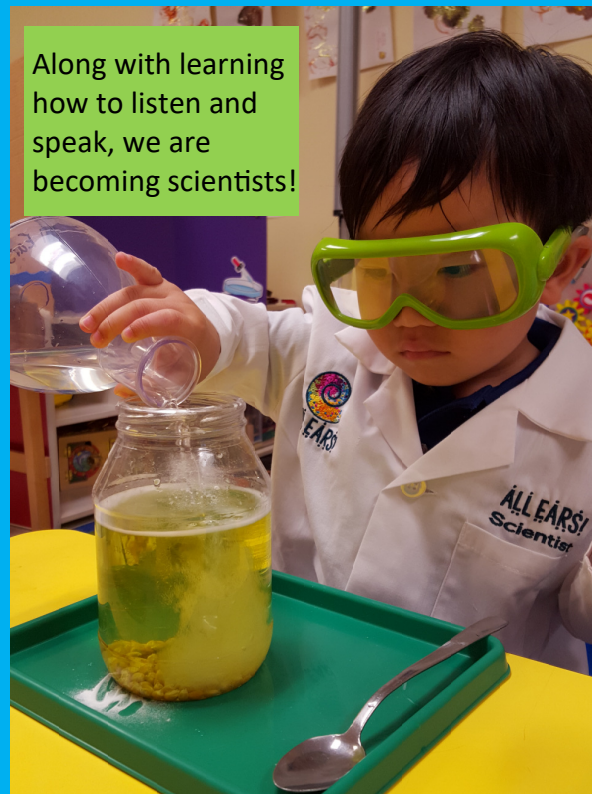
Mid-month we will be roping off the parking lot for our Annual Road Rally. All of the students will bring their bikes and trikes and ride to their hearts content while their parents and teachers cheer them on. Spring Break is the week of March 16 – 20 and ELP will not meet; and we finish our month with the Easter Story and Resurrection Eggs.

Thanks to each of you for your support and prayers for this ministry. The staff and our ELP families appreciate you.

Rita



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



RECEPTION FOR WARREN JOHNSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

When: March 12 after the 11:00 am service

Where: WCPC Fellowship Hall

Wear Blue, Warren's favorite color!

Light refreshments & birthday cake will be served.

Cards only.



You are invited to the Third Annual
TOAST AND TASTE

. PRESENTING .



benefiting the

ALL EARS! LISTENING AND LANGUAGE CENTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017
Seven O'clock in the Evening
THE WOODLANDS COUNTRY CLUB
Palmer Course Clubhouse
100 Grand Fairway • The Woodlands, TX 77381

honoring

Rita Van Sickle

Executive Director, Early Learning Program

featuring

Sally MacDonald, FOX 26 News
Program Emcee



TICKET INFORMATION AND SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES:

www.allearscenter.org/2017-toast-taste

Leslie Ellis & Tracy Piontek, Co-Chairs



TEACHING DEAF CHILDREN TO LISTEN AND SPEAK



Children's Chimes (Grades 2-6)

at 4:15 in the Narthex

Jonathan Aigner, director

CHOIRS AT 4:45 IN CHEB

Cherubs (Age 2-3) Rm 302

Tricia MacDonald, director

Angel Voices (Age 4-1st Grade) Rm 301B

Bonnie Graham, director

Alleluia Choir (Grades 2-6) Rm 305

Jonathan Aigner, director

Sanctuary Choir at 7:30 in Choir Room

Jonathan Aigner, director

JUBILATE BELLS -

(advanced adult bell choir).

Please join us on Wednesday

evenings **in the sanctuary**

narthex from 6:30 pm to

7:30 pm. This group rings

music designated by the

Handbell Musicians of America as Level 3 and

above. Jubilate Bells require a serious commit-

ment to rehearsals and ringing in worship. We

ring at both services on the third Sunday of

every month. Contact Sherry Hunter at [sherry-](mailto:sherryhunter@comcast.net)

[hunter@comcast.net](mailto:sherryhunter@comcast.net) or 713-253-2483 for more

info. Come join us for laughter, fun and lots of

hard work!



HEAVENLY METAL - (7th through 12th

grades plus beginning/intermediate level adult

ringers). Please join us on Wednesday evenings

in the sanctuary narthex from 5:30 pm to

6:15 pm. This group rings music designated by

the Handbell Musicians of America as Level 1

and 2. This group spends time learning music

theory, proper handbell technique and learning

to read notes and note values. We ring 4-5

times per school calendar year. Contact Sherry

Hunter at sherryhunter@comcast.net or 713-

253-2483 for more information. We would love

to have you as part of our group. ***Our motto:***

ring loud, ring proud, ring strong, ring long.

Sanctuary Choir, Alleluia, Chimes

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Cherubs -Tricia MacDonald

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Moms of Young Children

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

March 2017

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

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

March 6 th	Mom's Meeting	9:30-11:30	Youth Room	Join us as we "spring" into a discussion of health! Guest speaker, Patty Ahern, Registered Dietician, will be speaking to us about nutrition as it relates specifically to women's health. If you have specific questions or topics you'd like her to cover, Patty asks that you email her directly so that she can gather appropriate info. She can be reached at pahernrd@sbcglobal.net . Hope to see you there!
March 27 th	Bible/Book Study	9:30 - 11:30	Youth Room	We will continue study from <u>Boundaries With Kids</u> , a parenting book that teaches ways to give your kids healthy limits in order to help them build the skills they need to live realistic and full lives in meaningful relationships. As always, there will be a chapter review and accompanying video, followed by discussion. Contact Marnie Bush at marniebush@gmail.com for details.

PLEASE NOTE: NO MAGIC MONDAY OR FANTASTIC FRIDAY IN MARCH.

Moms in Mission

Spring into friendship with MIMs! Join us for lunch on Wed., March 1, at 11:30 at La Trattoria Tuscano, 4223 Research Forest #950. Moms in Mission meets again on Wed., March 22, from 12:30 - 2:30 in the WCPC Parlor to make heart pillows for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. All supplies are provided; hand sewing skills are helpful but not required. Questions? Contact Jeanne Bonnette (936.273.0678).

DOROTHY JOHNSON CIRCLE

MARCH 7

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE

MARCH 7

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

CIRCLE OF BLESSINGS

MARCH 9

Share in the BLESSINGS of new friendships and fellowship as we seek together to grow our faith. *The NEW Circle of Blessings* will be meeting at 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Thursday, March 9th. Additional copies of the study book have arrived. Please check with Pastor Laura if you need a copy and for more information.

PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares, quilting/knitting/crocheting group will meet on Mondays, March 6th and 20th. Come join us for fellowship, learning, and sharing of ideas and projects as we supply quilts and shawls for caring and comfort for those in need. Meeting is from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays each month. Contact: Nancy Kiefer.

THE SANCTUARY GUILD

MARCH 1, 2017 in the PARLOR

The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is on Wed. **March 1** in the Parlor with coffee at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Nancy Schlirf at pschlirf@comcast.net.

Hello everyone!

Let me ask a simple question - 'Are you in your "Mountain Pose"?' In our 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 class with meditation/savasana.

Join us to practice 'Hatha Yoga' in the Sanctuary 'Narthex' on:
Monday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Gentle and Restorative Meditation
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations
Wednesday: No classes
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations
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
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations



Gentle and Restorative Meditation



Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations



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

Hydrangeas and Ferns

In the courtyard, during the month of March, The Sanctuary Guild will be taking orders for Boston ferns and white hydrangeas for



enhancing the beauty of the Sanctuary and expressing our joy and celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. All donors of ferns and flowers will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin, as well as to whom the donation is dedicated. Ferns - \$15.

Hydrangeas - \$15. Contact: Nancy Kiefer 281-292-2491.

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.



4 Kitchen Angels Needed!
Can you wash kitchen towels, wipe down a few counters, and help keep the WCPC kitchen tidy weekly for one month of the year? No heavy duty cleaning or muscles required. Contact Libby Greeley or the church office.

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. Following worship Stephen Ministers are available for those in need of prayer. Need prayer? We'll be there for you.



PW SPRING GATHERING

Presbytery of New Covenant PW and the Mission Committee of Webster Presbyterian Church invite ALL WOMEN to the Spring Gathering, "Walk With Me," on Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Helen DeLeon, Associate Pastor at Webster Presbyterian Church, will lead our worship service. Take a journey with Keynote Speaker, Jim White of Free the Captives, a faith-based anti-human trafficking 501(c)(3) non-profit that fights the exploitation and trafficking of Houston's youth. Become engaged and mobilized in the fight against modern day slavery and human trafficking. Lunchtime speaker, Jeff Carr, former Director of Public Affairs and News Chief at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, will help us trek to the moon and share experiences of lunar communion. The art exhibit created by artists and builders from Webster PC and the local community guide you to a greater understanding of walking in the shoes of victims of human trafficking.



Details about mission opportunities, schedule, registration, meals, and childcare can be found on the presbytery website at the end of February: www.pbyofnewcovenant.org - click on Ministries and follow the link to Presbyterian Women. Information will also be available at a table in the Gathering Area after the worship services during March.

The day promises to enrich women of all ages and stages of life. Hope to see you on April 29! Webster Presbyterian Church 201 West NASA Parkway, Webster, TX 77598 (282) 332-1251 Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

WCPC WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 21-23, 2017

Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas

Retreat Speaker- Rev. Caressa Murray

Register ASAP before all the rooms are gone!

Cost: \$230, double or \$295, single
\$75 deposit due at registration.



WCPC ARTISTS!

Participate in Creation Care Team's 2017 Art Show:

"Everyone's Environment"

Art will be displayed all Sundays in April in the Sanctuary Narthex

All types of art are welcome

BY MARCH 15, please submit pictures of your art, the medium and the title,
by email or text to Peggy Hendricks

pphendricks@yahoo.com cell: 281-239-5989

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



The **Men's Ministry** would like to invite you to **TOP GOLF on Saturday, March 25th from 9-11**. You can meet us there or carpool from the church parking lot at 8:30. You can eat first, pick up food on the way, or they have an *extensive* and inexpensive brunch menu. Total cost of the event should be about \$10 per person for two hours of play and about \$10 for breakfast. \$20 for two hours of "golf" and fellowship! JOIN US and invite a friend, neighbor or coworker!

If you are not familiar, Top Golf is the premier golf entertainment complex where the competition of sport meets your favorite local hangout. You can challenge your friends and family to addictive point-scoring golf games that anyone from the hopeful pro golfer to your neighbor's 7-year-old kid can play year-round. Just picture a 240-yard outfield with dartboard-like targets in the ground. The closer to the center or "bull's-eye" you get and the farther out you hit your microchipped balls, the more points you receive. Score even bigger with Top Golf's extensive food and beverage menu that is sure to impress even the pickiest foodies. It's not golf – it's Top Golf. Give it a shot! For more information go to <http://topgolf.com/us/faq/> or <http://topgolf.com/assets/uploads/pdf/menus/houston-north-menu.pdf> for their menu.

Email Mike Devoley at md.wpcpc@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP before March 15th.

BRUNCH

AVAILABLE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAY
MORNINGS FROM OPEN UNTIL 2 P.M.

CARAMELIZED FRENCH TOAST* 9

Cinnamon French toast infused with coconut rum + maple syrup + fresh strawberries. Non-alcoholic/kid-friendly version available upon request.

CHORIZO & EGG SLIDERS* 7

Chorizo patty + aged white cheddar + scrambled egg + house-roasted tomato salsa

CHICKEN & WAFFLE SLIDERS 9

House-made Belgian waffles + crispy chicken tenders + maple syrup + spicy jalapeno gravy

EGGS BENEDICT* 11

Served with savory house potatoes

ULTIMATE BREAKFAST FLATBREAD* 9

Scrambled egg + Pecanwood-smoked bacon + roasted tomato salsa + three-cheese blend + pico de gallo

SIDE OF BACON 4

GLUTEN-FREE



Adult Sunday Education Opportunities

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

THE WORLD OF BIBLICAL ISRAEL

Room 301a

led by Corliss Lentz, Bill McCleary & Neville Walker

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

LECTIONARY CLASS

Room 303

led by Bob Campbell

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

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

Parlor

led by Patty Ahern

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

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

HOLY GROUNDS

Room 306

led by a rotating team of pastors & class members

Would you like to explore the intersection of faith and day-to-day life? Are you looking for a place to connect? Do you need a place to have a faithful discussion of current events in light of scripture? 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.

WCPC will be starting a **NEW "Men's Meeting" for Sunday school on March 26th**. Like the other two Men's Meetings held during the week, we will check in with each other and discuss the day's sermon and other topics of interest. We will meet in room 304 in CHEB. Inquiries can be made to Mike Devoley @ md.wcpc@gmail.com or to Pastor David. We hope you can join us for some fraternal fellowship!

Weekday Spiritual Education

MONDAYS

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Contact Person: Tricia Knight

301B

The **Mon. Morning Women's Bible study** group meets Mondays from 9:30-11:30am in CHEB 301. The focus of the study this winter is the book of Romans. Only Bibles needed! New members welcome! Contact Tricia Knight (281-367-0490) for more info!

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Morning Men's Study Group

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. David Jones

301B

The Wednesday Men's Study Fellowship meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday morning of every month.

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

Wednesday Morning Study Group

10-11:30 a.m.

Contact: Sylvia Campbell

301AB

Cultural Literacy for Religion – Mark Berkson, this new study begins February 8.

The Wednesday Study Group meets weekly from 10:00 to 11:30am in Room 301. For questions or to order a transcript book, contact Sylvia at bobnsyl@gmail.com or 832-498-9910.

Wednesday Evening Men's Study Group

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. David Jones

CRUST PIZZA

This group is studying the same material as the Wednesday morning men's study, and will meet the on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of every month at Crust Pizza.

Creation Care Team News and Announcements

Coming in April: the second annual nature-inspired Art Show. This year the theme is "Everyone's Environment." It is a wonderful way to bring the beauty of God's creation into our sanctuary building. I love the way our own WCPC artists give me a new perspective on the world around me. So, all you artists and artist-wannabes: time to put those creative hands to work. Every piece is important to fill out our gallery. Maybe I'll see you there, so watch your step!



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

Find it in our library:

Location: The Charles Hendricks Education Building

Organization 1-2-3:

1. Books are catalogued using the same Dewey Decimal System found in public and school libraries.
2. Most Bibles are not catalogued. Use in the building and return to the shelves on the same day.
3. All cataloged materials intended for use outside the library should be signed out at the desk.

Search the catalog 24-7: From the wcpc-tx.org home page, click the **Resources** tab, then **Library**.

Check out and return:

1. Locate a book on the shelf; take it to the desk.
2. If the librarian is not present, follow directions inside the binder labeled "How to Check Out a Book."
3. When you have finished reading the book, take it back to the library and place it where you see the "Return Books Here" sign.



A Climate for Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions, by Katherine Hayhoe and Andrew Farley. 206 p. FaithWords, 2009. WCPC Library call number: **261.88 Hay**

Katherine Hayhoe and Andrew Farley, wife and husband, are professors at Texas Tech University. Hayhoe, a climate scientist, outlines evidence supporting man's influence on climate. Farley, an evangelical pastor and applied linguistics professor, presents Biblical arguments for man's responsibility to ameliorate the effects of climate change.

Hayhoe examines data pointing to the Sun, Earth's natural cycles, and volcanoes as major causes of climate change. She presents a compelling case, demonstrated through climate modeling, to show that increases in greenhouse gases produced by human activities are the primary cause of climate change (see Figure 12 of the book).

Farley quotes Old Testament scripture saying that God gave man *dominion* over the Earth, meaning humans should respect and take care of God's creation. He infers that *loving thy neighbor as thyself*, from the New Testament, means Christians should work to reduce the effects of climate change, especially rising sea levels that will disastrously impact so many lives.

Hayhoe's scientific discussions are clear and convincing. I find Farley's New Testament interpretation regarding climate change tenuous since Gospel writers and early Christians were mostly concerned for their lives and salvation, not climate change. However, his basic premise that man should take responsibility for those harmed by it is consistent with Christ's message of love. A climate change doubter or someone still trying to weigh the evidence would benefit from reading the book.

Reviewed by Tim Moore

Librarian's notes: Tim Moore serves on the Creation Care Team at WCPC.

If you would enjoy writing a review of one of the books in our library, send a message to: jeschesney@gmail.com



Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

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

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

MOT meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7th.** 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.



Come Make Peanut Butter!

Please help us provide peanut butter for the hungry in Houston and Montgomery County. On Friday, March 10th WCPC is scheduled to work the morning shift from 7:30am until noon in the peanut butter factory. We will make over 4,000 jars of peanut butter for one of the area Food Banks. This is fun and very rewarding work. So, please consider donating a half-day of your time to help feed those in need in the greater Houston area. If you would like to volunteer, contact Donna Frederick at dbfrederick@earthlink.net or Michele Stelter at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040 x 7.

Friday, March 10th
AM Shift from 7:30 to Noon
Meet at 6:45 am in church parking lot to carpool



MCFB Food Fair Sponsored by FaithsTogether

Saturday, March 11th 7:30 am to 12:30 pm*

**(volunteer for the whole shift or any portion of the time that works for you)*

Woodforest Stadium Parking Lot near Press Box
 19115 David Memorial Drive, Conroe, TX 77385
 Ages 8 and over (under 13 accompanied by adult)

The FaithsTogether sponsored Food Fair organized by the Montgomery County Food Bank brings a pantry of delicious food, including fresh produce and refrigerated items directly to a location close to those in high need. MCFB provides the food, technical assistance, and marketing for each food fair. Food from their warehouse is loaded onto a truck and delivered to the host site to feed approximately 500 families. FaithsTogether will provide the volunteers to unload, set-up and distribute the food directly to the clients in an outside setting similar to a farmers market. Come join us for a day of service in our community. Help make a difference in the lives of those in need! Sign up with either Carol East at 832-654-7313 or ceeast4@gmail.com or Michele Stelter in the church office or email her at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org.

Come Celebrate

**St. Patrick's
Day**

at

The Gathering Place

**Friday, March 17th
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.

2017

Peru Mission Trips



WCPC is tentatively planning a visit to the Sicuani Biblical Seminary in the highlands of Peru, where it is supporting the construction of the women's dormitory and sponsors scholarships for several seminary students

Project: Strengthening Relationships

*Date: July 21-26**

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

WCPC will join FPC Kingwood in their medical, VBS and construction missions to the barrios of Lima, Peru

Project: Medical Examinations & Prescriptions in La Molina

Project: Vacation Bible School in La Molina

Project: Construction in San Genaro

Dates: July 26th - Aug 3rd

WCPC has the opportunity to join Clear Lake PC on a Living Waters trip to Peru

Project: Install Water Filtration System & Provide Health Education Program

Date: September

WCPC has the opportunity to join Webster PC on their trip to Ayaviri in the highlands of Peru

Project: Some construction, teach English & Art, Godly Play and a nutrition program

Date: August 4th - August 14th

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

**For more information please watch upcoming publications
or contact Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779 or
gary.chapman5206@gmail.com.**



FIVE WHO SHARE
HEALTH • FINE ARTS • EDUCATION • YOUTH • SENIORS

Interfaith Salutes WCPC Member, Dr. Sally Shu

Every year, Interfaith of The Woodlands recognizes outstanding members of the community in the areas of Education, Health, Fine Arts, Youth and Senior Citizens at their Five Who Share Spring Luncheon. Individuals are selected based on the commitment and dedication they have demonstrated in their respective area by volunteering to significantly improve other individuals' lives and the community.

This year, WCPC member, Dr. Sally Shu, is the honoree for Health. Sally, a retired physician, works tirelessly to provide care for the uninsured in Montgomery County at the Interfaith Community Clinic. She attends medical seminars around the country to increase her knowledge and stay up-to-date on the most current information in an effort to better assist her patients. Dr. Shu also volunteers on medical missions around the world. In addition, Sally is the advocate for WCPC's First Thursdays/Project C.U.R.E. mission outreach project, where donated medical supplies are sorted and packed so they can be sent to countries facing poverty and disease.

Congratulations Sally!



Dr. Sally Shu on a medical mission trip in Lima, Peru

The Interfaith Food Pantry

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. In January, Interfaith provided food assistance to over 600 families and almost 1,500 individuals. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

Special Pantry Needs for March:
canned chicken, chili & tuna
peanut butter, jam & dry milk
toothpaste & toothbrushes

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.

Welcome to WCPC's Newest Seminary Student



Naomi Daka

On May 13, 2017, Justo Mwale University in Lusaka, Zambia, will celebrate the graduation of its newest class of seminary students by awarding each of them a Bachelor of Theology Degree (BTh) following four years of study. Tommy Banda, who our congregation has sponsored for those four

years, is in that class. Tommy is the fourth student WCPC has supported since 2002. Does that mean our commitment to Justo Mwale and its students is over? No! We have requested a new student and, for the first time, have been assigned a female student to sponsor. Naomi Daka has already been active in the ministries of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) but will now study for, and with God's blessing, receive her BTh in 2021. She is from Mazabuka, Zambia (on the way from Lusaka to Victoria Falls), in her late twenties and, to our current knowledge, not married. She thanks us for our help and requests our continuing prayers for her health and her success in her studies.

Adventure is out there . . . and so is Mission!



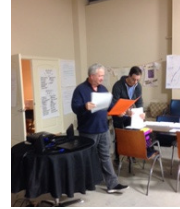
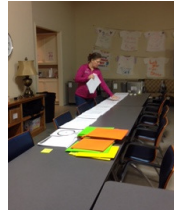
While you may recognize some of these words from the Pixar movie "UP," many of us at WCPC have learned over the past 17 years that adventure and mission await us in Zambia, a country in southern Africa. It is there that we have 3 partners, the United Church of Zambia Siavonga Main Congregation, Justo Mwale University and the Namumu Orphanage Centre, which we have tried to visit every few years during a mission trip.

Since 2002, as part of our support of Justo Mwale University, we have provided a scholarship each year for a deserving seminary student. We have supported Rev. Chizason Chunda (2003-2006), Rev. Lazarus Chilenje (2007-2010), Rev. Lovemore Nyirenda (2011-2013) and for the past three years, Tommy Banda. Representatives from WCPC have been able to attend the graduation ceremonies of our first three scholarship recipients. In keeping with this tradition, we are planning a mission trip to Zambia around the May 13, 2017 graduation of Tommy Banda, our fourth scholarship recipient.

If you would like to participate in such a trip or are curious about such an adventure, please contact John or Nancy Hathaway at 281-367-8792 or john_hathaway@yahoo.com or nancy_hathaway@yahoo.com.

Love Your Neighbor Day

Over 120 WCPC members and friends ranging in age from under one to almost 100 fanned out across the Houston area on our annual Love Your Neighbor Day, which was held on Saturday, Jan. 28th, to help those in need. Participants were divided among thirteen different mission outreach projects which ran the gamut from sorting food at the Montgomery County Food Bank to hanging curtains at the Willis Parent Support Center to raking leaves for a local senior citizen to turning plastic grocery bags into plarn (plastic yarn) used to make mats for the homeless. It was a wonderful opportunity to be a servant people, witnessing to the light of Christ through actions and words so that our neighbors might know the grace, peace and love of God.



Heifer International gratefully recognizes

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

for your contribution of healthy animals and training
in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Pierre N. Fanani
Heifer International









January 2017
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Self-guided Ash Wed Centers in Prayer Garden 11:30-6:00 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellow- ship Hall	2  LENT	3 Continues for the next 6 weeks	4
5  Lent Sunday school 9:45, Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Children's Team Mtg 12:15- 2 pm	6  Hope Mom's of Young Children mtg. 9:30- 12:00 CHEB rms. 307-309 childcare by rsvp to Susan	7	8 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellowship Hall	9	10	11  SPRING AHEAD
12 SS 9:45, Worship 8:30 & 11 	13  Spring Break	14 15 16 17 18 No WAM Spring Break  St. Patrick's Day			17	18
19 SS 9:45, Worship 8:30 & 11, Chil- dren's Worship at 11	20 Mom's of Young Children Book Study 9:30-12:00 childcare by rsvp to Susan  Spring	21	22 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellowship Hall	23	24	25
26 SS 9:45, Worship 8:30 & 11, Worship Class at 11 Under 18 meeting 12-2	27	28	29 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellowship Hall	30	31 VBS Meeting 9:30 am CHEB Rm 303	





Holy Week

Upcoming Lent & Holy Week Events:

- Mar. 1st** Self-Guided Ash Wednesday Prayer Center in Prayer Garden 11:30 am –6 pm
- Apr. 9th** Palm Sunday Processionals both services
- Apr. 10th-14th** Devotions in the Prayer Garden
- Apr. 13th** Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm in the Sanctuary
- Apr. 14th** Good Friday Egg Hunt 10-noon in Fellowship Hall & grounds
Good Friday Service 12:30 pm
- Apr. 16th** Easter Services 8:30 & 11 am, Easter Festival for all ages in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:50
Butterfly Release in Courtyard 10:30 am

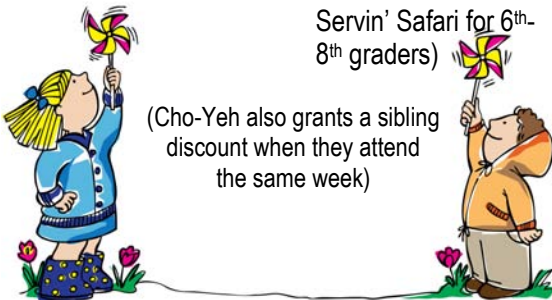


Important Camp Dates!

- March 5th** Camp Scholarship Paperwork due.
- April 23rd** 1 pm Family Funday
- Cho Yeh Summer Dates:** for 1-6th grade:

Core 2	June 11-17
Core 6	July 9-15
Core 10	Aug 6-12 (Reminder this is also the week of Servin' Safari for 6 th -8 th graders)

(Cho-Yeh also grants a sibling discount when they attend the same week)

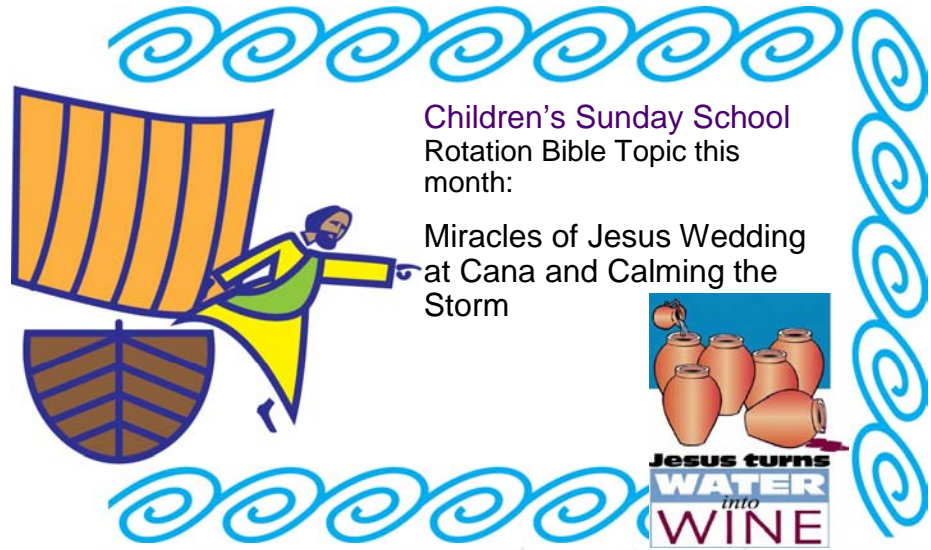


CAMP CHO-YEH

Contact Children's Ministry Director Susan Duncan at 281-363-2040 ext. 6 or sduncan@wpcp-tx.org for information about Children's programs.

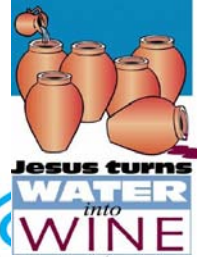


Sunday School



Children's Sunday School Rotation Bible Topic this month:

Miracles of Jesus Wedding at Cana and Calming the Storm



Children's Worship Class



Children's Worship: March 19th at 11:00 service sermon time for 1st-6th

Worship Class: March 26th at 11:00 sermon time. Lesson on Praise & Proclamation



Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be having response time and hearing The Circle of the Church Year.



Nursery News: No Parent Night Out or Fantastic Friday in March because of Spring Break. We will see you in April!

Save the Date!

VBS is July 17th-21st
Registration starts **March 5th**
VBS Planning Mtg. 3/31
9:30-11:30 in CHEB 303



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

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

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

7-12TH GRADES

6:00PM CE 206

THE AMAZING FAITH RACE!

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



JR and SR High Sunday School

7-12TH Grades

9:45am Youth Room CE 206

NOOMA Series by Rob Bell

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

NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus.

NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.



CONNECT

QUIRKY TWEENS. BIBLE THEMES.

Tweens Sunday School

5-6TH Grades

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

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

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

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

Director of Children's Ministry: Susan Duncan

sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

Elder for Children & Tweens: Jen Conner

jenniferconner79@gmail.com

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

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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Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs
Dr. Dave Faber, Organist**Mission Outreach:**

Michele Stelter, Facilitator

Children's Ministries:

Susan Duncan, Director

Early Learning Program:Rita Van Sickle, Director
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Financial Administrator
Shirley Barclay, Receptionist**Our Missionaries**Nancy Collins, Zambia
Sara Armstrong, Peru
Rusty Edmondson, Peru**Our Seminarians**Martin Garner
Tommy Banda**SESSION MEMBERS**

CLASS OF 2017	CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019
Sally Bowers	William Davis	Nancy Castro
David Martinez	Cinda Hitchcock	Jen Conner
Eleanor Stone	Gordon Lentz	Ria Du Bruyn
Tom Welch	Chris Liddell	Bruce Lee

BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2017	CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019
Marnie Bush	Patty Ahern	Carrie Bucki
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WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

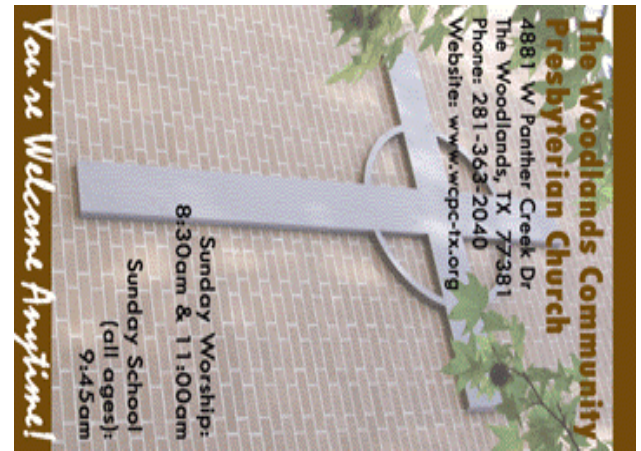
Prayer is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us. At WCPC, we have the opportunity to participate in the prayer ministry as well as request prayers in several different ways.

- 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@wpcp-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.



Happy Birthday WCPC Members Warren and Gloria!



2017 WCPC CALENDAR

Children | Tweens | Youth | All

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday Service/Prayer stations
- 3 Fun Friday Dance Party
- 3-5 Conclaves
- 5 Camp/Conference Scholarship Deadline
- 19 Youth Sunday Fun and Games @ WCPC

April

- 7 Fun Friday Game Preserve
- 9 Youth Sunday Game Preserve
- 13 Maundy Thursday
- 14 Easter Egg Hunt
- 16 Easter
- 22 Parent's Night Out

May

- 7 Tweens/Youth combined event TBA
- Graduation Sunday TBD
- 20 Parents Night Out
- 21 SS Teacher Appreciation Brunch
- 28 Combined Sunday School/Family Promise Prep

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

Sundays: Sunday school at 9:45 for all ages

3rd Sunday Message4kids (gr 1-6th)

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

For additional dates & info visit wcpc-tx.org