

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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

NOVEMBER 2017

Choose Wisely,
LIVE FULLY

WCPC Stewardship Campaign 2018

DEDICATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH DURING BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES

Commitment Cards can also be returned by mail, dropped off in the office
Or you can go online at <http://www.wcpc-tx.org/2018-stewardship-commitments/>
and make your Commitment known.

Let us Choose Wisely as We Offer Our Lives to Christ!



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Life is full of choices. We make them all the time. What will we have for breakfast? Will I get up early and walk or put it off to later or maybe tomorrow? Will I listen to that new novel or actually read it? And if I do read it should I buy a copy or just download it on my Kindle? Should I upgrade my computer? My cell phone?

Most of these choices, while not unimportant, matter mostly to us. They don't really impact other people. But there are some choices that not only impact our lives but also impact the lives of others. We make choices and those choices can bless our lives and other lives, those we know and love, and others we may never meet.

This year our Stewardship Theme is **“Choose Wisely, Live Fully.”** I believe The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church throughout our short history has chosen wisely and as a result not only has this community lived fully but so have others because of the choices we have made.

People are encouraged through worship, or are given new ways to look at the world through study, or to connect to others so they don't feel so alone, or to reach out to those who are most vulnerable.

In other words choices have made this congregation a place where God's Kingdom isn't just discussed and talked about but a place where it can be experienced and seen. Our commitment is to the gospel of Christ and to be witnesses to the good news even if it costs us something. Because it always costs us something. But the cost of doing nothing is even more expensive.

Each Sunday in November we will be showing a short video of people who will share what they love about this congregation, how WCPC has impacted their lives and how they have seen WCPC impact the lives of others.

Discipleship involves making choices. Will we invest time in prayer and reading Scripture? Will we get involved in a Sunday School or small group study? Will we make worship a priority? Will we serve others? So many choices and the decisions we make don't just impact us but they impact others – those closest to us and some we may never meet or know – God uses those wise choices so others can live fully, including us.

Your financial commitment and gifts to WCPC is a choice. It's a choice to invest not only in your discipleship but also to invest in the discipleship of others – from our youngest to the oldest, from the most seasoned disciple to someone who is only now beginning to understand the depth of God's love.

There is so much to celebrate but also so much more, so many more lives to be shaped by the love and grace of God in Christ. God isn't finished with WCPC any more than God isn't finished with us. WCPC and each of us is a work in process, shaped by the choices we make.

So many others for almost 4 decades have chosen wisely and as a result lives have been blessed including yours.

Together as we respond to God's call let us continue to make wise choices with our time, our talent and our treasure.

Your pastor,

**WCPC NOW HOSTS A
WEEKLY AA MEETING.**

Each Monday 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.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

A number of years ago, my Grandmother Grice pulled me aside during a family reunion. She wanted to give me something and didn't want the other cousins to feel left out. She had a carefully packed china coffee and tea service for 12. My grandfather had brought it back from Germany for his mother, my great-grandmother. She wanted me to have this beautiful set, because I was a pastor, and I would need to host teas in my home as a part of my work. I didn't have the heart to tell her that I would probably never *need* to host a tea in my home. Neither did I have the heart to tell her that my other cousins would probably not care at all that I was being gifted this set— that they would not want many of the treasures of a past generation.

In my family, often I find myself in the role of “story keeper” for my generation. This tea service is a part of the story of my great-grandmother who was a pastor’s wife and almost certainly hosted countless teas for members of the church in her home. It is also a part of my grandmother’s story. The hospitality she experienced and shared as part of the Presbyterian Women’s circle to which she belonged for years was an important part of her faith formation and practice. Through two churches, and four moves this beautiful tea set has remained safe in its protective storage containers in my “china cabinet”. Until this summer, I think I had used it once. I was afraid that I would break it- that I would mess it up. I was afraid to make it a part of my story.

Thinking about this has made me wonder what other parts of our lives of faith we keep safely packed away for fear we might break them. Are we “bubble-wrapping” our interpretation of scripture, safe-guarding our favorite hymns, protecting our “traditional” pew in the sanctuary, or even carefully curating the traditions of our church life? How are we teaching ourselves, our neighbors, and the generations that follow that while our faith is a precious and beautiful thing, it is not nearly as fragile as we might fear? The Church, and more importantly our faith in Christ, has survived many, many generations of faithful AND flawed people like you and me. It may have a few chips and other signs of wear, but it has not been shattered yet. But what good is it if we keep it safely packed away on a shelf? At the end of October this year we marked the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation with Martin Luther’s 95 Theses. As Presbyterians we say that we are “the church reformed and always to be reformed according to the Word of God.”¹ In the spirit of the Reformation and in the spirit of our calling as the church, perhaps we (including me) need to move out beyond our anxieties, and be willing to take a few risks, try on new ideas and practices, and share our story of faith, so others can come to know it, and love it, and share it as well. After all according to our Book of Order, “The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.”² These are just some of the things I ponder as I enjoy a cup of tea.



Enjoying a pot of tea while writing cards for ELP teachers this summer.

Grace and Peace,

Laura

¹ PCUSA Book of Order F-2.02

² PCUSA Book of Order F-1.0301

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: Cindy Mountain, 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
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Parish Associate: Rev. Warren Johnson	Children's Ministries: Susan Duncan, Director		

BOARD OF DEACONS**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
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CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
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Beth North	Debra Martinez	Leslie Lee
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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.wpc-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@wpc-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.

Fall Adult Class & Study Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING 9:45—10:45 am

The Apocryphal Jesus CHEB 301a
led by Corliss Lentz, Bill McCleary & Joe Christoffel
The 27 canonical books of the New Testament are a tiny fraction of what has been written about Jesus, his family and the apostles. These other writings offer fascinating insights into how different groups in the early Christian world understood Jesus and the first apostles.

Lectionary Class CHEB 303
led by Bob Campbell
In this class, we dig more deeply into the day's Revised Common Lectionary readings so that we can increase our understanding, enhance our worship experience and equip ourselves and each other to apply these biblical lessons in our daily lives.

Connecting Through the Bible CHEB 304
led by Sue Watkins, Neville Walker and Dave Watkins
NEW Sunday School Group! A fun, interactive discussion of the book of James. Part of N.T. Wright's series, *New Testament for Everyone*, this study of James is an accessible and practical study for everyone. Great for those new or well-versed in Bible Study.

Parenting, the Early Years CHEB 306
led by Mike and Tara Devoley
Are you the parent of a young child? If so, please join us as we seek to learn how to bring God's will into our life as parents. We will laugh together and form bonds as we try to navigate the hardest job we have; being a parent! We will also have the opportunity for fellowship together (childcare provided) on one Friday night a month!

First Place 4 Health Parlor
led by Patty Ahern
This class is a Christ-centered weight-loss and healthy living program. Using the Bible Study *Make Everyday Your Best Day*, we will examine the way in which you live your life so you can focus on the present, leave the past behind and avoid worrying about tomorrow.

MONDAY

Women's Bible Study CHEB 301b
9:30-11:30 am
led by Tricia Knight

This fall this group will be a test group for a new Horizons Bible Study on the Ten Commandments. New members are always welcome!

Moms' Group Youth Room/CE 200
Fourth Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am
Contact Marnie Bush

This year we will be reading *More Than Enough: How Jesus Meets Our Deepest Need* by Jeff Iorg. Using the Gospel of John we will explore how, in Jesus, we can find peace, security and fulfillment— everything we need.

TUESDAY

Dorothy Johnson Circle Parlor

First Tuesdays, 10:00 am– 12:00 pm

This year we are using the Horizons Bible Study "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier. This study invites you to explore major themes in Hebrews as they relate to the overarching motif of community.

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle

First Tuesdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

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

WEDNESDAY

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group Library

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

Wednesday Morning Study Group CHEB 301b
10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is using The Great Courses study- *Death, Dying, and the Afterlife: Lessons from World Cultures* by Professor Mark Berkson, Ph.D.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group Crust Pizza

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

THURSDAY

Circle of Blessings - Women's Circle

2nd Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This year we are using the study *The Bad Girls of the Bible, and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs.



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



Fall is finally in the air! We have all been awaiting this fantastic weather for months now and we are taking full advantage of every day to enjoy being outside! Our petting zoo days and fall festival days were a huge success! All of our children and many of their families enjoyed time together experiencing the many wonders and joys of the new season. The animals seemed to enjoy it too! This is our favorite time of the year at ELP. The children are settled in their routines with their classes and teachers, and we now joyfully focus on this Season of Giving. This month our ELP children will be joining WCPC and Interfaith in collecting items for the food pantry. The children will bring in items as an offering! Last month they all really enjoyed collecting coins from home and helped to raise over \$400.00 towards the Heifer International mission project at WCPC. Later this month, our children will learn the story about Jesus' miracle and how He fed 5,000 people with just a few loaves and fishes. We do this each year as a part of a special Chapel called "The Big Picnic." Our teachers will interactively act out the story and then the children and their visiting families will enjoy a picnic full of bread and fish sticks! It's has been a tradition here years and years!

"We give thanks to the Lord for He is good." Psalm 136:1

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cindy



All Ears! loves science! All Ears! is grateful to be a part of ELP and WCPC. We teach deaf children how to talk! We empower families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing, without financial burden, who have chosen listening and spoken language as their child's communication option by teaching them listening, speaking and literacy skills in order to promote independence. To learn more about All Ears! go to allearscenter.org or email shelley@allearscenter.org



DOROTHY JOHNSON CIRCLE

This year we are using the Horizons Bible Study "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier. This study invites you to explore major themes in Hebrews as they relate to the overarching motif of community.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE 1st Tuesdays, November 7 at 7:00 pm in Member Homes

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

CIRCLE OF BLESSINGS - WOMEN'S CIRCLE 2nd Thursdays, November 9 at 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This year we are using the study *The Bad Girls of the Bible, and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs.

THE SANCTUARY GUILD

The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is on Wednesday, November 1 in the parlor with coffee at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00. Everyone is welcome! For info, contact Nancy Schlrif at pschlirf@comcast.net.

Moms in Mission

Give thanks for friends, and make some new ones in Moms for Mission! Join us for lunch on Wed., Nov. 1, at Ruggles Green, 2501 Research Forest (281.292.4515). We'll meet again on Wed., Nov. 15, from 12:30 - 2:30 in CHEB 303 to work on our service project, making heart shaped pillows for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. All supplies are provided; hand sewing skills are helpful, but not required. For more information, email mimswcpc@gmail.com.

Moms Group

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

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

Marnie Bush	marniebush@gmail.com	Stephanie Keiser	stephaniekeiser1@gmail.com
Sarah Parker	ssnyder888@gmail.com	Robin Ward	robinmctx@yahoo.com

Nov 6 th	Mom's Meeting	9:30-12:30	Montgomery County Food Bank	This Monday we'll meet at WCPC in the CHEB building, where child care is located. From there we will get the kids in child care and then carpool to the Montgomery County Food Bank. We will be sorting food at the food bank from 10-noon, so wear comfortable clothes and close toed shoes. Because we will be at the food bank until noon, please pack your child a peanut-free lunch. We will return to church at 12:30. Please RSVP to Stephanie Keiser @ stephaniekeiser1@gmail.com . *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.
Nov 11 th	Parent's Night Out	5:00-8:00 PM	CHEB Nurseries	This month's theme is "Give Thanks". Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie, and crafts right here at WCPC. Suggested donation: \$20/child or \$40/family. *RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org).
Nov 13 th	Mission Monday	9:30 - 12:30	CHEB Nurseries/Willis Parental Center 600 N. Campbell	Mission Monday is an opportunity for us to fellowship together while contributing in a local outreach mission. Drop your kids at the church with a peanut-free lunch and carpool up to the Willis Parental Support Center for a day of service. Bring any of these suggested donations that you feel is most appropriate: food, underwear, socks, laundry supplies. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare and pack your kids a peanut-free lunch.
Nov 17 th - 19 th	Fall Family Camp	5:00pm Friday-11:00am Sunday	YMCA Camp Cullen	Food, family, and fun are some of the best things about the Thanksgiving season. Join us as we celebrate the holidays with some great activities for the whole family at Camp Cullen (near Lake Livingston). For more information and to register, go to https://www.ymcacampcullen.org/family-camp/event/giving-thanks . Questions? Please contact Mike Devoley at md.wcpc@gmail.com . Please also RSVP with Mike and Tara Devoley so we can coordinate activities! We hope you can join us!
Nov 27 th	Book Study	9:30-11:30	Youth Room-CE 200	This year we will be reading <u>More Than Enough: How Jesus Meets our Deepest Needs</u> by Jeff Lorg. You can order a copy of the book through Amazon. Contact Marnie Bush (marniebush@gmail.com) for more information. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.

DRESSES NEEDED!



We have given all 116 dresses to Africa and Peru for this year. We need new dresses to sell at the Alternative Market on December 3rd. Pictures of the dresses will be sold at the market and the dresses will be donated to missions. If you are a sewer please pick up a pattern in the church office. For any questions contact Mary Lou Machle, 832-928-9022. Big thanks to all of you who have been a part of this program!!

PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares, quilting/knitting/crocheting group will meet on Mondays, November 6th & 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.



Adult Fellowship Luncheon

11:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 29

How fun, for the WCPC staff, it has been to have lunch with everyone the last couple of months! I hope you will join us on Nov 29 as we combine the November and December Luncheon to have one big holiday celebration!! Come hungry, we are having a feast! There will be lots of yummy food, interesting conversations, warm fellowship, and a super fun time! We may even have a surprise guest! Remember, the more the merrier!! Bring a friend, or a relative, or invite a visitor. We all need fellowship and this is a great way to enjoy a meal and catch up with one another!

**AQUÍ SE HABLA
ESPAÑOL**

Are you wanting to brush up on your Spanish or build on the base you have? Then come to Spanish as a Second Language class! We meet on Mondays, from 10:00 - 11:30 in CHEB 302. We work in a reader, a grammar book, and practice conversational skills. Our level is advanced beginner / intermediate. If you've had Spanish before, even if it was awhile back, you'll fit in skill wise. Questions? Contact Jeanne Bonnette.



HARBOR | HOSPICE



Volunteers are the HEART of Harbor Hospice!

Our volunteers are a vital part of the Harbor Hospice family, providing a special kind of caring and compassion for our patients and their families.

You can make a difference!

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Bereavement Support
Maintenance/Home Repair
Birthday Celebration Team
Caregiver Relief
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Landscape Gardening

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Bilingual Support
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Would you like to be a part of the monarch butterfly's magical migration to their winter home in Mexico? WCPC's Creation Care Team is planting the monarch's primary host plant, milkweed, on our church property. You can help this diminishing species too! The milkweed, or asclepias plant, is very easy to sow and grow. They do best in a sunny part of the yard, and are often adorned with yellow and orange blooms. The butterflies will find the plants and lay eggs on the leaves. These leaves provide the nourishment the baby caterpillars need once they hatch from their eggs. If the caterpillars seem to destroy the plant by eating all the leaves, don't worry. It will re-foliage in time.

The Houston area is an important part of the monarch flyway, both in the spring and fall as they travel from Mexico throughout North America and back again. The more milkweed we can provide for them, the more we help save this special butterfly species for future generations. Milkweed seeds are available by contacting CCT member Sarah Ferderer at 936-524-6345.

Nine year-old Milo Cress has alerted us to the damage plastic straws do to our environment. Wow! Smart kid! He loves wildlife and sea life so much that he has started a campaign to reduce their use. Do you always need one? No. But you probably always get one. So this is a shout out to support a "straws upon request only" policy at your favorite restaurant. That will go a long way toward cleaning up our beautiful earth!



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

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.



WCPC CHILI COOK-OFF

Salsa Challenge

Benefitting: *The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church*

Pastor's Discretionary Fund-For Harvey Relief

Sunday – November 5, 2017



Silent Auction

**Chili Bowls for Lunch \$5
(11 AM to 1 PM)**

The HOTTEST event of the year... Come on down and join us!

Make it Any Way You Want It – meat, vegetarian, beans, veggies, etc.

3 Categories - Awards!!!

- ✓ **Traditional Chili**
(Cook on site)
- ✓ **Crockpot Chili**
- ✓ **Salsa**

Time Schedule:

Cook's Meeting (1 team representative must be present):	9:45 AM
Salsa Turn-in:	12 Noon
Crockpot Chili Turn-In:	12:30 PM
Traditional Chili Turn-In:	1:00 PM
Silent Auction Winners Announced:	1:45 PM
Presentation of Cook-Off Awards	2:00 PM

Silent Auction Items Needed!

- Please consider donating items for our silent auction. We welcome art, crafts, gift baskets, gently used household items, services, gift certificates, new items, etc.
- Items should be turned in no later than Thursday, November 2nd at 5 PM.

Location: @ WCPC
4881 Panther Creek Dr. The Woodlands, TX 77381

Information Contacts:

Janet Youngblood (832-326-9227)
Christine Youngblood (832-594-4410)
Church Office (281) 363-2040

Registration

You are invited to join us at the 1st Annual WCPC Chili Cook-Off and Salsa Challenge!!!

November 5, 2017

Category & Entry Fees:

_____ Salsa (Entry Fee = \$10)

_____ Crockpot Chili (Entry Fee = \$25)

_____ Traditional Chili (Entry Fee = \$30)

_____ Enter 3 – 1 of Each Category (Entry Fee = \$60)

\$ _____ Total

Team Name: _____

Chief Cook and Bottle Washer (AKA Head Cook Name): _____

Contact Phone # (Print Legibly): _____

Applications for the 18-19 YAV year open:

Oct. 1st!

apply online:
[@yavprogram](http://youngadultvolunteers.org/apply)

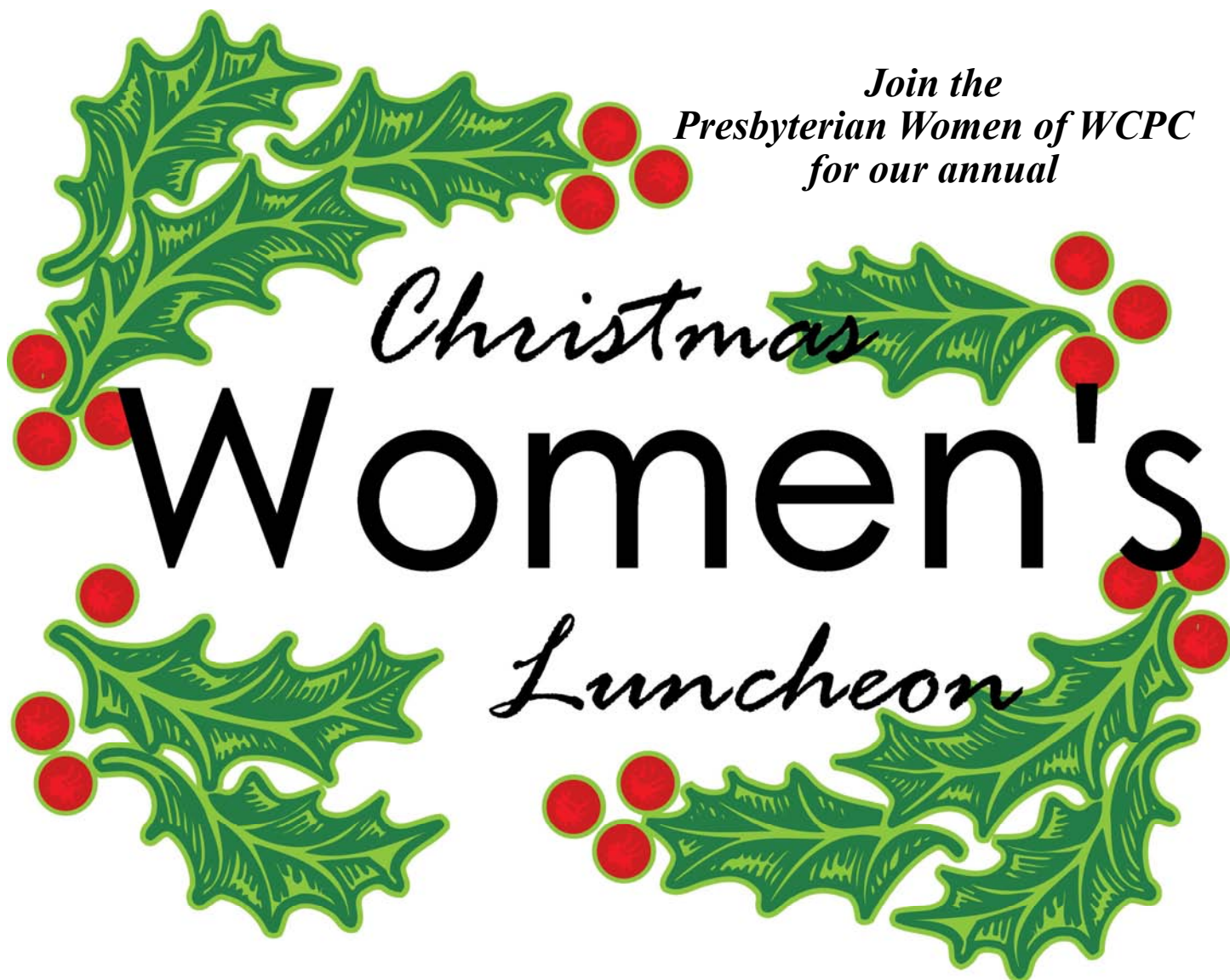


Young Adult
Volunteers

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On Sunday your Session received these new members into our family of faith: **Harry Adams** by transfer of letter: Jarvis United Methodist, Greenville SC; **Linda Allwood** by transfer of letter from Old Germantown Presbyterian Church in Germantown, TN; **Joan Brown** by reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; **Dale and Peggy Harris** by transfer of letter from Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge, NJ; **Pat and Nancy Heintz** by transfer of letter from First United Methodist Church in Conroe; **Nancy Holly** by reaffirmation of faith (her family includes 5 year old **Remy** and husband **Grant Hutchison**); **Esther Nastoff** by transfer of letter from Merrillville Presbyterian Church in Merrillville, Indiana; and **Brian and Amy Spears** and their daughter **Abigail** by transfer of letter from St. John United Methodist in Anchorage, AK; the Spears have two other younger children, **Leah**, 8th grade and **William**, 1st grade. Please extend to each a warm welcome as they join with us in ministry and mission.

*Join the
Presbyterian Women of WCPC
for our annual*



Christmas
Women's
Luncheon

Saturday, December 9th - 11:00 am—1:00 pm

WCPC Fellowship Hall

\$20/person at time of reservation - Guests Welcome!

Catered lunch by Republic Grill of Chicken Marsala or Chicken Fried Steak
(Gluten or Dairy Free accommodations made with advance notice at time of registration.)

Please make reservations in the Courtyard Nov 5, 12, 19, or 26
or by dropping your payment off at the church office during office hours.

Come be filled with JOY, share LOVE, and grow FRIENDSHIPS!

2017 Luncheon Mission Projects will include Prayer Wreaths for our Home-bound members & filling stockings for the DeGeorge (stockings provided).



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 of the Charles Hendricks Education Building (CHEB) to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 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.



BLESS FRIDAY®
CHANGING THE WAY
WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Celebrate Bless Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, with a WCPC Work Day! Work off some turkey by helping with regular fall clean-up duties on the church grounds:

- ◆ Power wash sidewalks
- ◆ Clean gutters
- ◆ Clear brush
- ◆ Feed the chipper

If necessary, there may be a group helping out at nearby homes flooded by Harvey.

Look for the sign-up table in the courtyard on Sundays beginning November 12th. If you have questions, please contact Bill Bray at bill.bray@sbcglobal.net or 832-702-6227.

Bless Friday
WCPC Work Day
November 24th
8:00am

The Interfaith Food Pantry

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. Since the beginning of the year, Interfaith has provided food assistance to more than 6,000 families. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

Special Pantry needs for November

boxed brown rice, barley
instant potatoes
toilet paper and kleenex

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



Stocking Stuffers Needed

Through **Friday, December 8th**, the Mission Outreach Team is collecting unused travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner and lotion), recent magazines, disposable razors, deodorant, playing cards and individually packaged toothbrushes. These items will be used to fill over 100 stockings for the residents of Haven of Hope and the DeGeorge (primarily male veterans in transition). Please mark donations for DeGeorge/Haven of Hope and put in the specially marked basket located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week. If you have questions, please contact Michele Stelter at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040.

LOOK INTO THE FACES

of Homelessness and Poverty

Saturday, November 4, 2017



Poverty Simulation

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

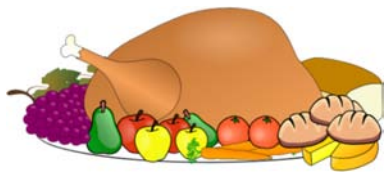
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Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr., 77381

Sign up to be a **Participant** for this interactive immersion experience
 and bridge the gap from misconception to understanding.

Sign up to be a **Volunteer** to portray the role of one of the 21 community providers or other needed roles.
 Go to www.mctxhomeless.org and find the survey monkey links for Participants or Volunteers for online registration.

Participation open to High School age and above.

Come Celebrate Thanksgiving



With Us At
The Gathering Place
 Friday, November 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.

Interfaith OF THE WOODLANDS CarePartners

PRESENT THE FALL 2017

Caregivers Conference

SPECIAL SESSION
 Ask the Experts:
 Elder Law Panel

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

Saturday November 4, 2017
 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Call Raymona Lewis, Interfaith of The Woodlands,
 at 281-367-1230 or
 Becky Villarreal, CarePartners,
 at 713-682-5995.
woodlandsinterfaith.org

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 Sycamore Creek Ranch
 Memory Care
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 The Alzheimer's Association
 The Broadmoor at Creekside
 The Forum at The Woodlands

Recycle Christmas Tree Lights for Habitat

Christmas lights not working? Don't throw them away! Bring them to WCPC. We will turn them into money that goes directly to Habitat. Please deposit your light strands in the specially marked box located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or in the narthex of Fellowship Hall on weekdays. **This program will run from Sun. Nov. 26th through Sun. Jan. 14th.**

FAITHS TOGETHER

Bring your family to the 19th annual
inter-religious Thanksgiving observance



“We Are Neighbors”

**Tuesday Evening
November 14, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

Hosted this year at:

**Trinity Episcopal Church
3901 South Panther Creek Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381**

***Faiths Together is a fellowship of religious communities in
The Woodlands, Texas, that honors spiritual diversity by building
relationships and understanding among people of different faiths.***

Please bring a can of food to share with those in need.



WCPC is partnering with The Woodlands United Methodist Church to build a three-bedroom Habitat House at 1210 Cedar Creek in Conroe.

The work day for this month will be on Saturday, November 18th with smaller groups getting together on Wednesday November 1st and 22nd. Not handy? There are many other jobs to be done besides construction such as painting, providing lunches for the work crew, helping plan the dedication, etc. You don't have to swing a hammer to help out with our Habitat House. Everyone is invited to participate whether you have experience or not. Please contact Bill Bray at 832-702-6227 or bill.bray@sbcglobal.net if you would like to become involved.



Did You Know that Employer Matching Funds Can Be Used for Our Habitat House?

Some employers have programs where they match employees and retirees charitable donations and/or hours to 501c3 organizations like Habitat for Humanity (H4H). ExxonMobil and Chevron will donate \$500 to the charity if you volunteer 20 hours for the same charity. In the past, Chevron retirees have donated funds to WCPC's H4H project which their company matches 1:1. These matching funds are also credited to WCPC's project if the proper instructions are given. If your employer has these or similar benefits, please investigate and discuss with Michele Stelter or Bill Bray to assure we take advantage of this great opportunity to help with our WCPC Habitat House.



Brighten up your holidays by providing a Christmas present for the Child and Family program run by the Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services or for the Gifts for Seniors Program run by Interfaith of The Woodlands. An angel tree filled with ornament tags will be set out on Sundays beginning Nov. 19h. Each tag will contain a brief description of a needy child, family or senior and a gift idea. If you would like to participate, please take an ornament tag from the tree and then purchase a gift for the child, family or senior listed. **Please read the tag carefully as gifts for the program run by Presbyterian**





Children's Homes & Services should not be wrapped as we will let the parents wrap the gifts for their children and should be returned with ornament tags attached by **Sunday, Dec. 10th** to the specially marked table that will be in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or to the church office during the week. Gifts for the program run by Interfaith of The Woodlands **should be wrapped** and returned with ornament tags attached by **Wednesday, Nov. 29th**. Contact Michele Stelter at 281-363-

2040 x 7 or mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or Bonnie Graham at 281-367-9910 or blygraham@hotmail.com if you have any questions. If you would like to participate by donating a monetary amount to be used toward the purchase of a gift, please make your check payable to WCPC and mark it for Angel Tree.

Alternative Market & Advent Festival

The Mission Outreach Team (MOT) and Children's Ministry Team will sponsor the Alternative Market and Advent Festival on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. There will be activities for everyone. Not only will you be able to make holiday decorations for your home, but you will also be able to purchase holiday gifts that **give more than once**. This year we will have the recently published children's book "The Seagoing Cowboy" about the history of Heifer International for sale along with other Heifer children's books with all proceeds going to support Heifer International. You will also be able to purchase handmade craft items from both Peru and Africa brought back by our 2017 mission trip teams as well as many Fair Trade food items. You will even have the opportunity to buy a completed Seafarer's Christmas box including wrapping from the youth. Mark your calendars now so you will not miss this festive event!

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Stewardship Month 		 1 WAM 4:15-5:30 Dinner 5:30-6:30	2	3 Tweens First Friday Fun 6-8 pm at Game Preserve on Budde Rd	 4 Tonight! Poverty Simulation in WCPC FH, 9-12
 5 Worship 8 & 11 am SS 9:45 am Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser 11-2 pm 7 Acres Field Trip 1-5 pm in Conroe	6 Mom's MTG 9:30-12:30 meet in CHEB to carpool to Montgomery Food Bank for service. pm childcare by rsvp to Susan	7	8 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner 6:00 Youth Bible study	9	 10 Under 18 Planning MTG 11-1 pm in 301	 11 Veteran's Day Parent Night Out 5-8 pm Give Thanks childcare reservations by 11/8 with sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
12 Worship 8 & 11 am SS 9:45 am PYCC Youth Rally Children & Tweens Team MTG 12:15-1:30	13 Mom's Mission Monday 9:30-12:30 meet in CHEB to carpool to Willis, childcare by rsvp to Susan	14 Faiths Together Thanksgiving Observance 7:00 pm Episcopal Church	15 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner 6:00 Youth Bible study	16	17 Parents with Preschoolers Fellowship Group Family Retreat at Camp Cullen 5 pm-11 am Sun Nov19th	18
19 Commitment Sunday Worship 8 & 11 am SS 9:45 am Worship4Kids 3rd-5th at 11 am service	20 ELP & CISD Thanksgiving Break Week	21	22 No WAM	 23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 Bless Friday	25
26 Worship 8 & 11 am SS 9:45 am Worship Class K-2nd at 11 am service	27 Mom's Book Study 9:30-11:30 in 200. Childcare by rsvp to Susan	28 Joint Deacon/Session MTG 7 pm in 301B	29 Adult Fellowship Lunch 11:30-1:30 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner 6:00 Youth Bible study	30 Youth Team MTG 11:30 in room 200 Holly Jolly Jingle at CWM Pavilion 5:30-8 Free lawn, mezzanine seating, meet other WCPC folk there	 Dec 3rd Advent Festival & Alternative Market	



Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:55 drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 101, 106, 204. 5th and 6th grade in 205, Confirmation Jr High 305 CHEB. Sr High Youth 200. Childcare for worship and under 3 Sunday school in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.

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Family Fellowship

PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING



at 7 Acres Farm

Children all ages and their parents, are invited to join us at 7 Acres Farm for Sunday afternoon harvest fun. Meet us there on Sunday Nov 5th between 1-5 pm. Basic admission is \$7.50 per person (children 17 months and younger are free). For an additional \$3-5 you can add a hayride, train ride, pony ride, or feed cones for the animals. Included with admission is the petting zoo, western town, zip line, rock wall, and several children's playgrounds. There is a concession stand for additional charge or you can bring snacks. Children's Ministry will bring water bottles and fruit.

Please contact Susan at sduncan@wxcpc-tx.org for more information and to RSVP for the Farm. Funds are always available to help with children's fellowship, contact Susan for details. We want every child to be able to attend!



Next Month's All Church Fellowship Event is Caroling at the Forum on Dec 10th 4-6 pm

Sunday School & Worship

Children's Sunday School offering goes to Heifer International. Children will learn about this organization in Sunday school and 3rd and 4th graders are making soup jars to sale at the Alternative Market on Dec 3rd for Heifer. Tweens are making Peppermint Bark to sell also for the Heifer offering on First Friday Dec 1st.



Worship Class is for children graduating from the nursery program. Children primarily in Kindergarten-2nd grade, and any children who missed it earlier may participate. Children's Ministry created this program to help parents and children adjust to the transition from nursery to worship and to prepare the children for participation at their level in worship.

Children usually come the 4th Sunday of the month and will meet **Nov 26th** during the 2nd service after the Children's Message and meet in the Narthex of the Sanctuary with Susan. **Next Lesson on the Liturgical Church Year**

Worship4Kids (3rd-5th grade) will meet the 3rd Sunday of the month, **Nov 19th** to talk about Stewardship and to fill out a Pledge Card at their level for Commitment Sunday. They will return at the offering time. Contact Susan at sduncan@wxcpc-tx.org for more information.

Children's Sunday School
Preschool-2nd Bible Topic this month:

Moses: Wandering in the Wilderness

Exodus 16:1-18, 17:1-7, & 20:1-17

Godly Play Stories on
The Ten Best Ways & Advent



Parent Night Out

Join us for **Parent Night Out** on November 11th from 5-8 pm. We will serve pizza & fruit or a veggie side but you are also welcome to bring a sack dinner for your child. We will play Thanksgiving themed games on the playground, eat dinner, then do *Thankful* crafts. Finally we will watch **A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving**, the last 30 minutes.

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



Children's Ministry



November

Parents with Preschoolers Fellowship Family Retreat at Camp Cullen Nov 17-19th

Food, family and friends are some of the best things about the Thanksgiving season. Join us as we celebrate the holiday with some great activities for the whole family at Camp Cullen (near Lake Livingston).

Price is \$99 per person includes lodging and 4 meals. Kids 4 and under and adults 70+ are free.

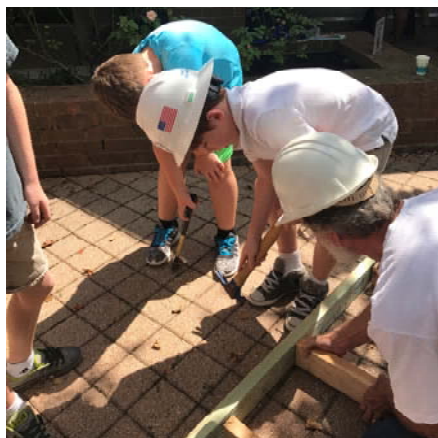
To register go to <https://www.ymcacampcullen.org/familycamp/event/giving-thanks>

Contact Mile Devoley at md.wcpc@gmail.com to RSVP with the group and coordinate activities.

We hope you can join us!



Family Camp



Children's Sunday School working on our Habitat small walls.



Looking
Toward
Advent



ADVENT FESTIVAL & ALTERNATIVE MARKET

December 3rd

Hosted by the Mission Outreach Team (MOT) and Children's Ministry Team, the Alternative Market and Advent Festival is one big joyous occasion, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3rd during the Sunday school hour. There will be activities for everyone. Not only will you be able to purchase holiday gifts that **give more than once**, but you will be able to make Christmas ornaments, a clay pot Nativity figure as well as have the opportunity to brighten the holidays for an international seafarer by purchasing a completed and wrapped box. Mark your calendars now so you will not miss this festive event!

Sunday School

This Month in Sunday school:
Pre-K-Kindergarten children will study Old Testament Bible stories using Walk with Me. Room 106

1st & 2nd grade Sunday school rotation topic this month: Moses: Wandering in the Wilderness with Sparkhouse Rotation curriculum. Room 101

3rd & 4th grade children will follow the Bible passages used in worship, using Whirl Lectionary curriculum from Sparkhouse. They will study Jesus's teachings and parables in the Gospel of Matthew. Room 204

Tweens 5th & 6th grade will begin a two year study of the Bible with the Old Testament with Sparkhouse Connect curriculum in room 205.



3rd & 4th Grade playing a game



Children's Choir

Wednesday Afternoon Music!

4:15-4:45	Chimes with Mr. Jonathan in the Sanctuary Narthex
4:45-5:30	Cherub Choir 3-4 years with Ms. Tricia in the Hendricks Bldg Rm 302
4:45-5:30	Angel Voices Choir 4 years -1st grade with Ms. Lue and Ms. Bonnie in the Hendricks Bldg Rm 301
4:45-5:30	Alleluia Choir 2nd-6th grade with Mr. Jonathan and Ms. Maria in the Hendricks Building room 305
5:30-6:15	Youth/ Beginning Adult Handbell Choir with Ms. Sherry in the Sanctuary Narthex
5:30-6:30	Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:30	Youth 7th-12th Bible Study in room 200 upstairs, Children's Ed Building
6:30-7:30	Adult Advanced Handbell Choir in the Sanctuary Narthex
7:30-9:00	Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30-8:30	Youth Jam Night room 200, Instruments Welcome!



DEC. 10TH	4-6 pm Caroling Party! Meet at the church courtyard to form groups & get maps for caroling at Regent Care & the Forum, refreshments after
DEC 14TH	7:30 pm Woodlands Concert Band Christmas Concert, WCPC Sanctuary
DEC 16TH	7 pm Woodlands Chorale Christmas Concert WCPC Sanctuary
DEC 17TH	8:30 & 11am Worship with Special Christmas Handbell Music 5-6 pm Dinner & Children's Choirs will sing while we eat. 6:30 pm Adults & Elementary Children's Concert in the Sanctuary
DEC 24TH	5 pm Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant and candle lighting, contact sduncan@wcpc-tx.org for kids 4 years-8 th grade to participate in pageant, children 3 & under also play a part bringing up Nativity figures during the pageant.

I frequently have the opportunity, in my average workday, to tell people that I am a church youth leader. I almost always get the same dumbfounded response question, "WHY?" (Meaning, why on earth would you willingly put yourself through that?) The short answer that is that I, and the rest of my Youth Team cohorts, feel a great sense of "call". That call comes with an equally great sense of responsibility. We all know that teenagers are mercurial. There is no handbook, course, strategy, or anything else that will give you all the answers. The great thing about our youth is that they will cut you plenty of slack if you let them know that you don't have all the answers. We use the Bible and our experiences to try to figure things out together.

This Fall, we are tackling some tough issues together. When you talk about "Everybody's Included", it leads to some discussions about who might not feel so included, and why. Sometimes lesson plans get tossed out the window, and lessons don't go quite as we had hoped. Our Youth are no longer children, yet not quite adults. They are exposed to things that we can't totally control. They have lots of questions, and as emerging disciples, they need to be thinking about the answers. Some of them are dealing with some really big issues in their young lives. They want things to be fair, and they want people to listen to them. Of course they would prefer to always just have fun, but who wouldn't? We would be doing them a disservice if we didn't occasionally at least try to go deep on issues facing each of us as Christians today.

We work hard to create an environment in Youth Group where our kids feel safe to ask those hard questions, disagree on the answers in a civil manner, and still love one another. Just when we think that "the wheels may be falling off the bus", they surprise us by doing just that!

I want those of you who are not involved in Youth Ministry to know just what an amazing group of young people we have in our Congregation. They are funny, kind, talented, thoughtful, quick to forgive, and full of promise. Our Youth leaders are the best people I know, and they really, REALLY, care about each and every young person in the program. I feel lucky to be a part of this program, and a part of this congregation, and I know that God is at work here!

Sally Bowers

YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

6:00 pm in the Youth Room
(CE Rm 200)

Come early at 5:30 for dinner in
Fellowship Hall!

YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION



Youth Jam Session will meet
in Youth room 7:30pm
Text Sally Bowers to RSVP
(713-823-2824)



Save the Date!

Tweens First Friday Funday's
6-8 pm
November 3rd & December 1st

NOVEMBER 3 6-8PM

Tweens join us Friday Nov 3rd, 6-8 pm at the Game Preserve, 473 Sawdust Road, in Woodwinds Center for classic arcade games. Bring \$20 to cover cost of ordering pizza for dinner and admission to Game Preserve.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 6-8PM

Tweens meet in WCPC Fellowship Hall at 6 –8 pm, Friday Dec 1st to make cookies and peppermint bark for Heifer International, our children and tween mission project. We will sell this at the Alternative Market Sunday Dec 3rd. We will also have dinner here and a Christmas Party after the cooking project.

Contact
*marniebush@gmail.com to
signup to help with dinner.*



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

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

JR and SR High Sunday School 7-12th Grades 9:45am Youth Room CE 200

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.



THEOCADEMY CONFIRMATION



September 2017 through May 2018

7th and 8th grade

17 lessons

Led by Megan Hansen

FUNDRAISER FOR HARVEY RECOVERY
Chili Cook Off At WCPC
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th



See pages 10 for details

CHILI
Cook-off

If you have questions or would like to sign up contact Janet or Christine Youngblood!

You're Welcome Anytime!

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

Sunday School
(all ages):
9:45am

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YOUTH RALLY
NOVEMBER 12, 2017
Hygiene buckets

What it's for:
Families within our presbytery

What we need:

- 5 gallon bucket with lid
- hand towel (approximately 16" x 28",
no fingertip or bath towels)
- washcloth
- wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- nail clipper (UPDATE: nail clippers with metal
files or emery boards attached are now
accepted; remove from package)
- bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Band-Aids® or other adhesive band-
age strips
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner

