

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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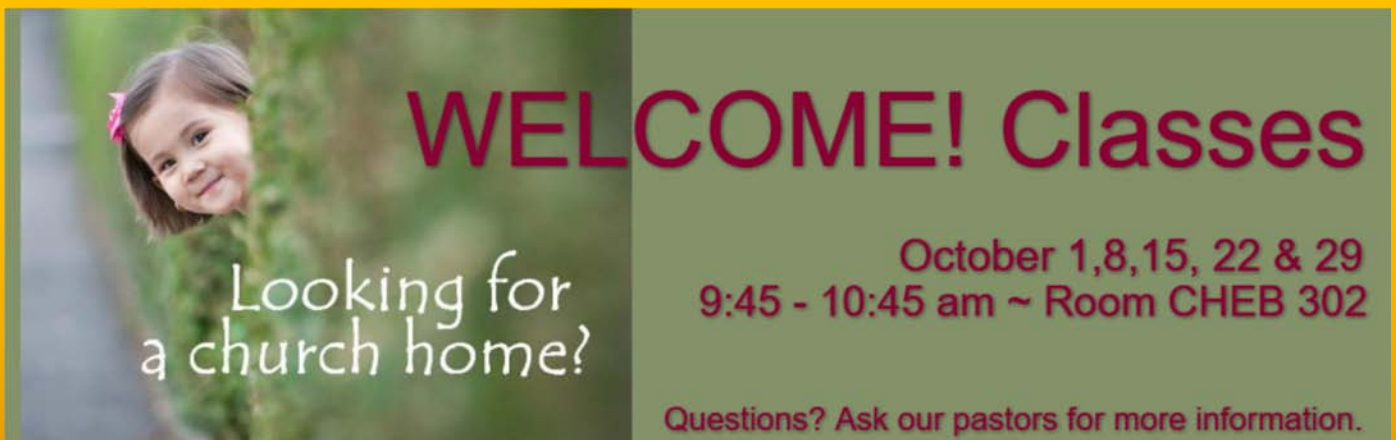
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OCTOBER 2017

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



GET CONNECTED! MINISTRY FAIR
Sunday October 15th
WCPC Boy Scouts preparing hamburgers & hotdogs.



WELCOME! Classes
Looking for a church home?
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
9:45 - 10:45 am ~ Room CHEB 302
Questions? Ask our pastors for more information.



Trunk or Treat
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Friday, October 27
See Page 19 for details!



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

When I provide pre-marital counseling to couples I always encourage couples to be part of a church community where they live. Most of the couples I have married over the years were children who grew up in the church or grandchildren of members of my congregations. Most lived elsewhere so tracking how seriously they took my advice is difficult but I'm always pleased when I learn that a couple took my counsel seriously.

Why do I stress it so much? Because whether we want to acknowledge it or not we need other people in our lives. We especially need people who are struggling with some of the same issues we are struggling with.

Retired adults who are looking for meaning, significance, something they can invest their time in that matters. Adults who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Couples who are trying to figure out what it means to not just say the vows but live them out. Parents who wonder if anyone else is having trouble with their teens, or tweens or young children. Teens, tweens who need healthy relationships and environments where they can ask questions and struggle with the answers. I could go on.

While I can't speak for all churches this much I know about WCPC. Here is a safe place where you are not only welcomed but invited to be part of another person's journey and where others are willing to share yours.

The new program year is in full swing. There are many opportunities on Sunday morning and throughout the week. Now is the time to find a place here at WCPC where you can connect with others if you haven't already found it.

WCPC is not a perfect church. I'm not a perfect pastor, parent or spouse. Come to think of it none of us are perfect. Maybe that's why we need each other so much!

Your pastor,

We were made for relationships.

**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.



FUNDRAISER FOR HARVEY RECOVERY
Chili Cook Off At WCPC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th



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



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

I love the month of October! It's not because of fall colors or pumpkin spice lattes, or even the (slightly) cooler temperatures. I love October at WCPC because of the many exciting traditions we have this month.

Each year I look forward to joining with the whole church, around the world as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. We remember each time we come to the table that we share this great meal, joined with all the saints in all times and all places. On the first Sunday in October, World Communion Sunday, we are particularly mindful of this, joining with churches of many traditions in many countries in this celebration.

Each year I look forward to Trunk-or-Treat. I love how busy and alive our church parking lot becomes on a Friday night late in the month (Oct. 27). It is wonderful to see families from WCPC, ELP and ESL, but also friends and neighbors too. I don't get too many trick-or-treaters at my home so I love meeting the children, seeing all the fun costumes (getting my dose of cultural education), and sharing in the fun when I host a trunk. I'd encourage you to join in the festivities- you can join forces and partner with a friend on a trunk, or just bring yourself, a chair and a bowl of candy. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet different people in our church and our community.

Most of all in October, I look forward to Mission Sunday (Oct. 22). We have the opportunity most Sundays to hear a little bit about a single mission or ministry during our Faith in Action moment. Mission Sunday offers us the chance to hear a little more about a number of our missions. In the past we have heard from mission trips, from our youth and from major projects like Habitat for Humanity. I love hearing a little more each year about these missions and how God is at work with us and through these projects. In addition, this year we have the privilege of having Nancy Collins, the PCUSA mission coworker in Zambia and the Regional Liaison for East Central Africa, and Kim Jurczyk, a Young Adult Volunteer who recently completed a year of service in Zambia. They will also be joining us for a Social Justice Forum that Saturday. I don't know about you, but I look forward to hearing more from them about what God is doing in Zambia. Join us this year for Mission Sunday.

I love October at WCPC, come and find out what all the fun is about!

Grace and Peace,

Laura

Help Wanted!

for the 2017
Women's Christmas Brunch

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

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

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
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks	Mission Outreach: Michele Stelter, Facilitator		
Parish Associate: Rev. Warren Johnson	Children's Ministries: Susan Duncan, Director		

SESSION MEMBERS

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

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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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		Erin Michaelis
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		Janet Youngblood

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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



Our children have been coming to their classrooms at ELP for a few weeks now. It has been such a joyous time to see the anticipation on the children's faces as they walk through the door! For some children, this is their first experience away from home and being cared for by someone other than Mom or Dad. It is not only an honor to provide these children with an atmosphere of joy, learning, and friends, but it truly is an honor to teach and model Jesus' love to these special families.

Our Bible verse focus for this last month has been "I am Wonderfully Made." Psalm 139:14. During the first month of school we have also been focusing on "All About Me" and how God has created all of us and our families uniquely wonderful! As our children enter preschool for the first time, it is so important to connect and value their homes and families with their new ELP teachers and friends.

During the last week in September all of our children enjoyed a "Sensory Day" in the side yard area outside. This day was a special event filled with all kinds of sensory activities and icky and squishy things for us to see, hear, touch, and smell! This truly is the happiest place on Earth! As you pass by in the coming days, feel free to wave and say hi to all of our children and staff! You will always find us outside enjoying our amazing playground or walking out to the Fellowship Hall Narthex to visit our chapel class each week. This month you may see us out visiting Marsha's travelling farm animals!

Blessings to you all as we get into the fall season together!

Cindy



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



DOROTHY JOHNSON CIRCLE

1st Tuesdays, October 3 at 10:00 am in the WCPC Parlor

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, October 3 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, October 12 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

October 4, 2017 in the PARLOR

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

Moms in Mission

Fall into friendship with Moms in Mission! We're a group of women with high school aged children or older who meet twice a month during the day, once for fellowship and once to work on our service project. Join us for lunch on Wed., Oct. 4, at The Cheesecake Factory, 1201 Lake Woodlands (281.419.3400). We'll meet again on Wed., Oct. 18, 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

Oct 2 nd	Mom's Meeting	9:30-11:30	Art Room	Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting: Please come and help us plan for this exciting event. We'll decide on locations for decorations, make to-do lists, shopping lists, activity stations with direction cards, etc. We'll even do some Pinterest looking to see if there are any fun new activities we can add to the mix. The Art Room is located upstairs and to the right in the ELP building. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.
Oct 16 th	Mission Monday	9:30 - 12:30	CHEB Nurseries/Willis Parenting Center	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 Parent 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.
Oct 21 st	Parent's Night Out	5-8 PM	CHEB Nurseries	This month's theme is Favorite Book Characters. Dress like your favorite book character and we will parade to the Forum! 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).
Oct 23 rd	Trunk or Treat Prep	9:30-11:30	Art Room	We will be preparing activities, games and decorations for the Trunk or Treat festival on Friday. Please come and help get everything prepared for this fun event. The Art Room is located upstairs and to the right in the ELP building. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.
Oct 27 th	Trunk or Treat	6-7:30PM	WCPC Parking Lot/Side Yard	Join us for crafts, games and trunks full of goodies. This is a family event. Hot dogs, fruit and chips will be available. Kona Ice, a petting zoo, the Cho Yeh rock wall and bounce houses will also add to the fun. Trunk or Treating will begin at 7:00.
Oct 30 th	Book Study	9:30-11:30	Youth Room CE 206	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, October 2nd and 16th. 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

Wednesday, October 25

11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for a delicious meal and interesting conversation at the next Adult Fellowship Luncheon. Be a part of the puzzle as we all fit together to create a beautiful time together. We will enjoy a catered meal and bluegrass music at the October meeting!

**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.

yoga

Join us to practice "Hatha Yoga" in the Sanctuary Narthex:

Monday: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Gentle & Restorative Meditation

Tuesday: 9:30 am – 10:30 am Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations

Wednesday: No classes

Thursday: 9:30 am – 10:30 am Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations

Thursday: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Gentle and Restorative Meditation

Friday: 9:30 am – 10:30 am Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations

Saturday: 10:00 am – 11:00 am Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations

Questions? Contact Rita Upadhyaya at

TheWoodlandsLady@gmail.com or (713) 377-8521.



The Fellowship and Wednesday Night Dinner Teams are recruiting volunteers who will take turns helping with church-wide dinners and receptions and with Wednesday Night Dinners. Jobs include providing desserts, setting up, serving, cleaning up and decorations. Contact Cinda Hitchcock (281.363.2723 or cctx@att.net) or sign up at the Ministry Fair on October 10.

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.





**ADVENTURE IS WAITING.
BUILD YOURS.**

BEASCOUT.ORG **pack1774wcpc@gmail.com**



Our Woodlands Cub Scout Pack is certainly about having fun, but we are learning skills and values in the process. Pack 1774 prides itself on building confidence and a sense of achievement while imparting the timeless values of honor, duty, patriotism, reverence, and goodwill. Cub Scout activities are family-friendly; parents are encouraged to attend all activities and siblings, grandparents, other relatives and friends have many opportunities to participate. Monthly pack meetings are held on Thursdays, with den meetings scheduled on Sunday afternoons. The boys in our pack typically attend one pack meeting or activity per month and one den meeting or activity per month



**Chartered in 1987, Boy Scout Troop 1772 has been sponsored by
The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church for 29 years.**

**Canoeing, Kayaking, Hiking, Backpacking, Fishing, Rock Climbing, Biking,
Geocaching, High Adventure, Rifle & Shotgun Shooting**

This active troop schedules at least one outing each month and attends one or more summer camps. Our Scouts enjoy outdoor activities like camping, hiking and fishing. On every camp out we encourage and challenge ourselves with gourmet cooking. Car camping almost always brings out Dutch Ovens. In addition to camaraderie and leadership, the scouts practice outdoor skills like camping, cooking and orienteering on these trips. Most of our outings are within an hour or two of The Woodlands.

Troop 1772 enjoys strong parental participation. In addition to adult leadership and Troop Committee positions, we have many parents who help with special projects. Our Troop has over a dozen in-house Merit Badge Counselors offering more than 40 Eagle & Elective Merit Badges. For more information on [BSA Troop 1772](https://www.bsa.org), contact scoutmaster@troop1772.org or www.troop1772.org.
The troop mainly meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm

Growing Native!

The Creation Care Team has been busy transforming our Prayer Garden and other beds into pollinator gardens using native plants. This workshop at Mercer Botanic Center is an opportunity to learn how to help at WCPC and how to transform your own spaces at home. The Mercer Society's **Growing Native** workshop and sale of native plants will be held on **October 7, 2017** at the Mercer Botanic Garden (link to flyer here: <https://goo.gl/6dyJkN>) The workshop is from 8:30 to 1:30; the (public) plant sale: 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Workshop: Saving the World with Nine Natives: Landscaping for Home and Public Spaces

Our planet is entering into a new era known as the Sixth Extinction. Across the globe wildlife populations are declining. This is also happening in Greater Houston. Your yard, church or school garden, or public park can be a place to help save wildlife at this critical time and the good news is you can start small. Katy Prairie Conservancy is working with landscape architects on simple gardening plans, which incorporate nine aesthetically pleasing plants native to our region that can be mixed with non native plants and make a positive impact on wildlife.

Workshop: Knowing and Growing Native Plants

Autumn blooming and fruiting native plants provide numerous landscape uses and ecoservices, like attracting resident and migrating wildlife. Discuss specific landscaping applications using native plants, such as screens and as part of bioswales. Identify local invasive plants and discuss native alternatives to use in landscaping.

Tour: Endangered Species and Native Plant Garden:

The Endangered Species and Native Plant Garden at Mercer Botanic Gardens is not only home to 27 threatened and endangered plant species, but it also serves as an important teaching tool. While touring the garden, identify plant species in the woodland and wetland habitats, and notice how common native plants complement the rare native species. Observe and discuss how local native plants create beautiful gardens that conserve water, are sustainable, and provide food sources and shelter for local wildlife.

Education Displays: Autumn Blooming and Fruiting Local Native Flora

Fresh specimens of distinctive, autumn blooming and fruiting local native flora will be displayed in the workshop classroom. Specimens will be grouped by plant family and identified by scientific name, common name, and family. Descriptions will include annual or perennial classification, habitat, benefit to wildlife, and landscape applications.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Through the month of October The Sanctuary Guild will be taking orders for red poinsettias to enhance the beauty of our Sanctuary this Advent Season. Please stop by our table in the courtyard to place your order as you come and go. A bulletin notice will be inserted during the Advent Season to acknowledge your purchase as well as the person to whom you dedicate the poinsettia. The price will be \$10. It is requested that you pick up your poinsettia after the last Christmas Eve service on December 24. Contact is Nancy Kiefer at 281-292-2491



I am going to be a vampire for Halloween! That reminds me of “energy vampires,” those evil ghouls that suck electrical power from your appliances when you aren’t using them. How to defeat them? Unplug when not using your devices (power strips make this easy), set electronics to low power or sleep mode whenever possible, and when upgrading always choose ENERGY STAR. Together we can save lots of watts!



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

I Don't Believe in Climate Change. I Believe in God.

by Katharine Hayhoe, Atmospheric Scientist, Texas Tech University

I don't believe in climate change.

I believe in God. I believe He created this amazing planet we live in, and gave us responsibility—or stewardship—or dominion over it. I believe God delights in his creation and wants us to, as well. And I believe we are to love others, especially the poor, the vulnerable, and those most in need, as Christ loved us.

I'm a Christian – but I'm also a scientist. I spend my days studying how climate change is affecting us, in the places where we live. Rainfall patterns are shifting, sea level is rising, and weather is getting weirder: when we add them all up, there's more than 26,500 separate lines of evidence that the planet is warming.

I don't *believe* in global warming. The evidence of God's creation tells us it's real. Nearly two hundred years of meticulous scientific studies has established that it's not a natural cycle this time: it's us. And my own research demonstrates the severity of the consequences for all of us, particularly those less fortunate than us who are already suffering. We care about a changing climate because it exacerbates the risks we face today: hunger, poverty, disease, and injustice.

Yet when we hear Christians discussing climate change, often the predominant responses are negative: hostility, anger, and denial, a stew of toxic emotions underlain by fear. Fear of losing an identity that's based on politics and ideology, if we get on board with a “liberal” issue; fear of rejection by our family, our community, even our church; or fear of losing our comfortable lifestyle in search of what's right and just.

As Christians, we have a litmus test for these emotions. Because, as the apostle Paul writes to Timothy, “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” So when we see people responding in fear, we know that's not who we're meant to be.

What gifts does God give us? Power, to affect meaningful, long-term change. Love, to share God's heart for our brothers and sisters who are hurting and in need. And a sound mind: to look at the reality of what is happening in our world and acknowledge that yes, climate change is real, it's serious, and we need to fix it.

Being Christian isn't a hindrance to acting on climate. On the contrary, if we believe we're called “to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God,” then caring about a changing climate, and those already suffering its impacts, is what we've been created to do. It's who we are.





Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

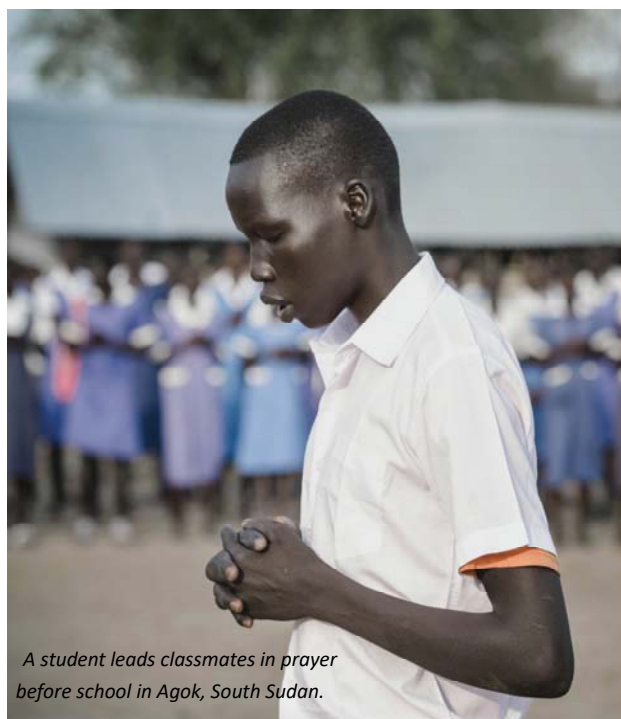
Because God's love knows no bounds, the Mission Outreach Team encourages the congregation of WCPC to be a servant people, witnessing to the light of Christ through actions and words so that the world might know the grace, peace, and love of God.

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, October 3rd. 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.

2017 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING



Proclaim Christ's Peace

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. . ."

—Ephesians 2:14

—17

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a universal peace. As followers of Christ, we are called to work for peace beginning in our own communities and extending to the ends of the earth. The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. **Appropriately, we will receive this special offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, which is October 1st.** Seventy-five percent of the offering goes to support programs at the national level such as working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan while the remaining 25% will be retained locally and will go to support Refugee Services of Texas (see article below for more information). Prayerfully consider supporting programs vital to nurturing peace throughout the world by giving generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it for "Peace & Global Witness." There are also specially marked envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. **As we receive the bread and cup on World communion Sunday, let us celebrate Christ our peace and let us renew our commitment to the work of peace as followers of Christ.**



Founded in 1978, Refugee Services of Texas (RST) is a social-service agency dedicated to providing assistance to refugees and

other displaced persons fleeing persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group - as well as to the communities that welcome them. Each year RST works in partnership with volunteers, faith-based communities, social service groups, and businesses to provide hundreds of refugees, asylees, survivors of human trafficking, and related vulnerable populations from over 30 different countries of origin with employment assistance, initial housing, household goods and furnishings, case management, resources, referrals, education, and guidance to assist in establishing self-sufficient lives in Texas.



**Delivering Health
& Hope to the World**

If you would like to make a significant contribution to the healthcare and well-being of people in less fortunate countries, please join us when we travel to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse in Houston. Project C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment) is a national non-profit organization that sends unused, donated medical goods to countries facing poverty and disease. Our group helps sort, count and package boxes of donated medical supplies.

We will travel to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse on **Thursday, October 5th. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am to carpool.** We will work until noon and then return to the church. To volunteer, please contact Sally Shu at sally.f.shu@gmail.com or 936-273-0370. All are invited to participate!

Come Enjoy Some



With Us At The Gathering Place

**Friday, October 20th
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.




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

The Interfaith Food Pantry

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. Since just after Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston area through the end of September, Interfaith has provided food assistance to 750 families, which is about 200 families more than they normally help on a monthly basis. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

Special Pantry needs for October:

**canned fruit and vegetables
cornbread/cookie mixes
deodorant and body wash**

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.

WCPC Blood Drive

**Sunday, October 15th
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
CHEB Room 301
Walk-ins Welcome**

**Questions? Contact Gordy Lentz at
281-298-7134 or gordon.lentz@yahoo.com**



Donor Requirements

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

Help save lives by participating in the WCPC Blood Drive!



News From Our Friends & Partners in Africa



Our Medical Student in South Sudan

In January a young Sudanese man returned to his homeland after spending 13 years in a refugee camp in Kenya. His object was to pursue a Diploma in Clinical Medicine and Public Health at the Juba Institute of Health Sciences in South Sudan. That young man, John Deng Mayola, is known to many of our members of WCPC.

Deng is a brother of Abraham Wei, member of WCPC. Beginning in 2004, a number of WCPC members began to provide support for Deng (and another brother Agot), so that they could attend school in Kenya. Both boys graduated from secondary school several years ago. Deng is now pursuing his dream to become a doctor. The current course of study is short of that, but it will allow him to work in the medical field in a country that is sorely lacking in skilled medical care. It is our pleasure to be a part of this!

We just received Deng's grade report from the first term. He achieved a B average in 9 classes, with grades of A (excellent) in Nursing I, First Aid, and Nutrition. This is a particularly remarkable achievement for someone with Deng's educational history! Please keep Deng in your prayers as he enters his second term.

One thing that would be very helpful for Deng would be a smart phone or a computer. By necessity, these would have to be purchased in country. If you are interested in helping to fund this gift or provide for his tuition expenses, please make your check to WCPC and mark it for "Refugee Assistance Fund." We will try to update you on his progress.



Notes from our Seminarian, Naomi

Calvary greetings.

The dresses that you (John Hathaway and Michele Stelter) brought are very much liked by the girls and they do wear them, see picture.

My studies are going on very well. And my third and final term of this year is starting on the 4th of September, 2017.

At the moment I do not have a congregation as I am on study leave. But I am given a congregation where to congregate from every Sunday and that's where I do my weekend practicals from. During holidays I congregate from Matero Congregation and I go to preach where am invited.

Prayers from Zambia

During this hurricane season, I would to assure you that we are praying for you. We turn to God, our loving Father, pleading that He spares you our beloved brothers and sisters from any tragedies.

Rev. Christopher Njovu
Former Pastor at U.C. Z. Siavonga, who visited WCPC with his elder, Yolamu Mulapwa, in 2012.

Upcoming Visits in October



Mark your calendars now so that you will be in town to meet Nancy Collins, the PCUSA Regional Liaison for East Central Africa, and Kim Jurczyk, a recent YAV (Young Adult Volunteer) in Zambia. They will be at WCPC from Oct 21 -22 and will participate in worship and Sunday School on Sunday, October 22nd, which is Mission Sunday. **They will also present at the Social Justice Forum Program on Saturday morning, Oct. 21st beginning at 9:30 am in CHEB 301.**

In her capacity as Regional Liaison for East Central Africa, Nancy acts as a PCUSA support for partner programs, relationships and activities, and as an implementer of regional strategies in Malawi, Kenya, Rwanda and Zambia. To find out more about Nancy, click on this link :

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/nancy-collins/>



Kim Jurczyk will share her recent experience as a YAV (Young Adult Volunteer - for more information about the PCUSA YAV program click on this link: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>) in Zambia, where she volunteered as the Communications Associate for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). Kim also wrote a blog about her "Year of Service in Zambia," Here is the link to her YAV blog, which is great reading: <https://kiminzambiablog.wordpress.com>

Greetings from Siavonga

On behalf of U.C.Z Siavonga Main Congregation, I send warm greetings in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit to you and the entire W.C.P.C membership.

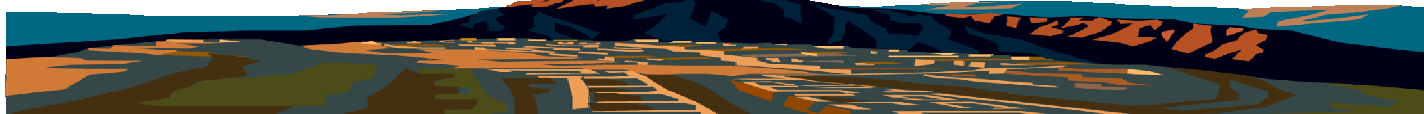
We shall have Harvest Sunday on 3rd September, 2017; Retreat Weekend on 29th September -1st October, 2017 and official Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Church Building on 8th October, 2017.

We therefore ask for your continued prayers for us, for the above events to be a success.

We wish you God's blessings always!

Shalom.
Rev.N.K.Machisa
U.C.Z. Siavonga
Zambia

2017 Peru Mission Trips



In late July and early August, eight members of WCPC participated in a variety of mission projects across Peru. Our mission teams were blessed by the grace of God through the warmth and friendship exhibited by the Peruvian people and the opportunity to share God's love. Their time in Peru was both spiritually uplifting and humbling.

Sicuani

One team returned to Sicuani, in the Andes Mountains south of Cusco, to visit the **Sicuani Bible Seminary** (Sicuani Biblico Seminario, SEBIS) which has been preparing clergy for the ministry in both Spanish and Quechua (native language of the Incan community) for over 66 years. They currently have 35 students enrolled. This year, the WCPC sponsored scholarships were distributed to 13 different seminarians in their 2nd through 4th year of study. Although many were away from the seminary on their mid-term mission projects, we had the opportunity to visit with nearly a third of them.

Since our visit last year, they completed construction of the new kitchen/dining hall and then added a second floor for the Women's Dormitory. The gift WCPC provided in January from our Capital Fund Campaign tithe to mission was sufficient to cover the materials and supply expenses. This allowed SEBIS to complete construction in early June using local resources and labor, including the students.

The seminary continues to be a growing educational outreach of the Iglesia Evangelica Peruana (IEP – one of the two Presbyterian Church denominations in Peru) for the hundreds of small churches in the Peruvian Andes. Their students are becoming well recognized for the pastoral ministry, translation abilities, and enthusiasm. We also learned that SEBIS will soon be accredited as they become an extension campus for one of the big seminaries in Lima.



Lima

The second team went to La Molina with First Presbyterian Church – Kingwood to support a medical clinic in Manchay and several construction projects in San Genaro. This was the first time for FPC-K to provide a **Medical Clinic** in **Manchay** and it was very fulfilling. God's grace and love was evident in the warmth and enthusiasm expressed by the local church volunteer support as well as the smiles and hugs from the patients seen. During the week, four doctors and their associated support staff shared their love of Christ with over 550 patients, over 165 of whom received reading glasses.



The construction crew supported two separate projects in San Genaro. One crew gave the **CEDIN Children's Center** (supported by FPC-K and the Presbyterian Church of the Netherlands) a few new coats of paint. The crew painted all the interior walls of the three story building. The other crew painted and assembled four pre-fab homes in the hillsides of **San Genaro** for families who were selected by the CEDIN Children's Center, based on need.



NOW it's time to start planning for 2018. Is the Lord calling you to go to Peru? Pray about it.



And the walls of our 8th Habitat House will be raised on Saturday, October 7th!

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

Work days for this month will be on Saturday October 7th and 21st with a smaller group getting together on the preceding Wednesdays. 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.



Future Homeowner, Maria Beverly,
with her family

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.

Save the Dates

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 donate to those in need.

Come Make Peanut Butter!

Please help us provide peanut butter for the hungry in Houston and Montgomery County. On Thursday, November 2nd, 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 Houston area. If you would like to volunteer, contact Donna Frederick at dbfreesrick@earthlink.net.

**Thursday, November 2nd
AM Shift from 7:30 to Noon
Meet at 6:45 am in church
parking lot to carpool**



LOOK INTO THE FACES of Homelessness and Poverty

November 2017



Saturday, November 4

Poverty Simulation

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Provided by Entergy and hosted at the
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.



Tuesday, November 14

Empty Bowls Lunch

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Salvation Army
304 Avenue E, Conroe, 77301

*Save the Date for Lunch prepared by
Salvation Army*

Take the opportunity to purchase a beautiful handcrafted bowl donated by Lone Star College-Montgomery Ceramics Club

Tour the nearly completed E³ Center that will provide a collective impact initiative to
"Equip, Education and Empower"



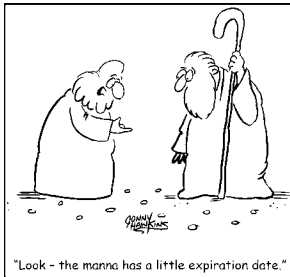
This Month in Sunday school:

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

Pre-K-Kindergarten children will study **Moses** and start on a survey of Old Testament Bible stories using Walk with Me. Room 106

3rd & 4th grade children will follow the Bible passages used in worship, using **Whirl Lctionary** curriculum from Spark- house. 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 using Sparkhouse Connect curriculum in room 205.



Parents with Preschoolers Fellowship Night! October 13th 6:30-9 pm

WCPC is offering childcare for a new Fellowship Group for Parents with Preschoolers. This new fellowship group is just for parents with children age 0-4 years old! We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors who also have preschool or younger children to the fellowship. The parents with preschoolers group will meet once a month at a local restaurant TBA by email.

Please contact Tara or Mike Devoley for the meeting location at tdevoley@yahoo.com

Sunday school class on Parenting the Early Years in room 306

Childcare Questions or Reservations?
Contact Susan Duncan
sduncan@wcpc-tx.org



Sunday School



The Children's Sunday School Offering goes to Heifer International this year. We are hoping to purchase a heifer with the Noisy Offering was collected in August.

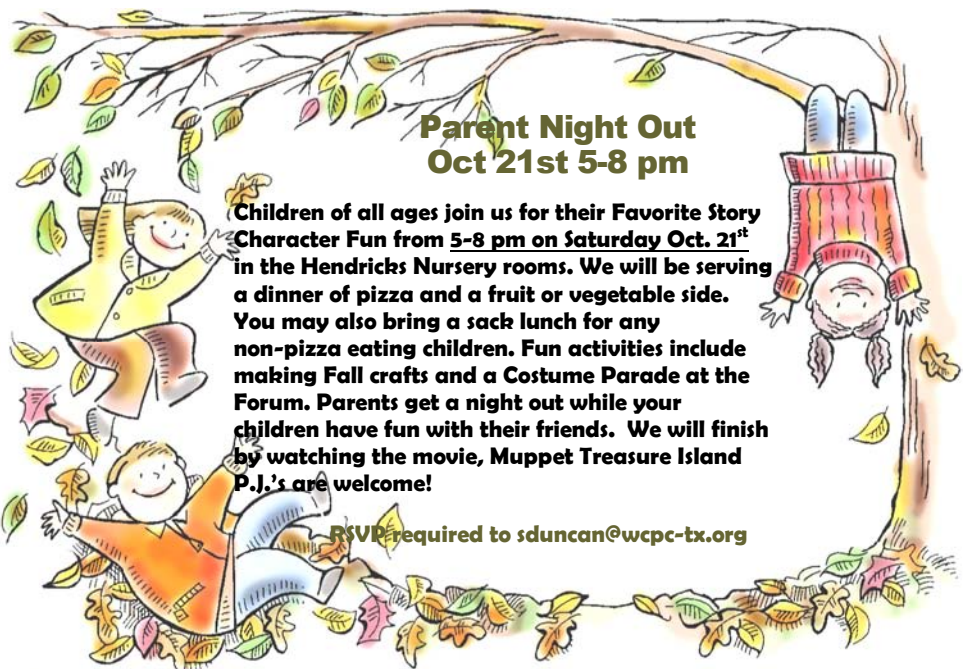
The children will also be learning more about the PSUSA offerings in SS starting with the Peace & Global Witness Offering in September.



Worship4Kids for 3rd-5th graders is a time for hearing and responding at their level to the Bible text. It is for school aged children 3rd-5th grade children and is on the 3rd Sunday of the month (after the Children's Message) **Oct 15th**. Children will return at the offering.

Worship Class for K-2nd graders is instruction on worship for children graduating from our nursery program. Children and their parents in Kindergarten-2nd grade, or any older children who missed it may participate. Children's Ministry created this program to help parents and the 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 during the 11 am service after the Children's Message and meet in the Narthex of the Sanctuary with Susan. Contact Susan at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org for more information.

Worship Class this month is Oct 29th The 2nd Lesson is on Order of Worship



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



Trunk
or Treat

Oct 27th, 6:00pm-7:30pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Peace Offering received	Mom's Group Mtg 9:30-11:30 ELP Staff MTG 12-2:30 Unity in Diversity Series Begins 7-8 pm RSVP to Susan		WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner 5:30 Youth Bible Study 6-7:30		Tween Fun Friday Prep for Trunk or Treat Fellowship Hall 6-8 pm	
8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship CM Team MTG 12-2 pm	CISD & ELP Holiday Unity in Diversity Series 7-8 RSVP to Susan for childcare	ELP Book Fair all Week in FH Narthex	WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner 5:30 Youth Bible Study 6-7:30 ELP Open House 6pm	11:30 am Youth Team MTG Youth Room 200 ELP Open House 6 pm	Parent of Preschoolers Fellowship 6:30-9 pm RSVP to Susan for childcare, for location email Mike or Tara Devoley	
8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School & Ministry Fair in FH 11:00 Worship 4Kids 12:15 Dinner FH	Mom's Mission Monday 9:30-12:30 pm RSVP to Susan for childcare	Session MTG 7 pm 301	WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner by Under 18 Team 5:30 Youth Bible Study 6-7:30			Parent Night Out 5-8 pm childcare reservations to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
Mission Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	Trunk or Treat Setup room 204, RSVP to Susan for childcare		Adult Fellowship Luncheon 12:30 WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner 5:30 Youth Bible Study 6-7:30		Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:30 WCPC parking lot	Boy Scout Troop Sleep-over FH
Creation Care Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship & Worship Class	Mom's Book Study 9:30-11:30 RSVP to Susan for childcare	Halloween				





Sunday Funday

Family Outing

to 7 Acres Farm, Conroe

november 5th

from 1-5 pm



7 Acres Farm for their Harvest Festival

4401 N. Frazier St., Conroe (between League Line Rd and 830)

Children and Youth all ages and their parents are invited to join us at 7 Acres Farm for old-fashioned harvest fun. Meet us at the farm on **Sunday Nov. 5th from 1-5 pm**. Basic admission for the field trip is \$7.50 per person (children 17 month and under are free). For an additional \$3-\$5 you have the option of adding a hayride, train ride, pony rides or a feed cone for the farm animals. Also a concession stand is available serving coffee, goodies and lunch foods for an additional charge. There are lots of activities included with basic admission like a petting zoo, western town, zip line, rock wall, and children's playground. We will bring snacks, water and fruit for the children or you can bring a picnic to the picnic area for your family.

Please RSVP to sduncan@wxpc-tx.org so I can give the farm an idea of how many are coming.

Seven Acres



Funds are always available to help with children's fellowship activities, just contact Susan for details. We want every child to be able to attend!





Fall Event: Trunk or Treat!

Grab your pumpkins and come to the church parking lot on Oct. 27th at 6:00 pm for Trunk or Treat!

Decorate your trunk with family friendly fall themes please! Set up your lawn chair and come to join in the festivities or to watch and support our young families by passing out candy. We have many ELP and ESL families that also join us. There are even prizes for the best trunks and we will supply extra candy if you run out! The best part—we *also have dinner*, hot dogs, chips and apples will be served!

October 27th
6:00-7:30 pm

We start at **6 pm** with food and carnival games for the children while the trunks get decorated and we have popcorn and cotton candy for those monster munchies! We really need lots of volunteers especially those without children to help supervise food tables and carnival games and offer trunks for the treating!

There will be fall crafts and photo opportunities for everyone too! Trunks are decorated and ready to open at **7:00 pm**!

Enjoy the autumn weather and make plans to join us **October 27th for Trunk or Treat!**



**Princesses,
Ninjas &
Pirates all
spotted at
WCPC!**



Children's Sunday School Teams Still Forming!



We are still recruiting teachers for the 1st & 2nd grade Sunday school classes. If this is something you can help us with please contact Susan Duncan 281-363-2040 or email sduncan@wcpc-tx.org for more information. Where else can you make 15 lifelong friends in less than 5 minutes?

In his book, *Contemplative Youth Ministry*, Mark Yaconelli writes, "I'm convinced that many of us are Christians today because some person or group of people listened to us, saw us, received and delighted in us. This is the kind of presence our youth long for. This is the kind of presence Jesus embodied. This is the kind of presence we seek to incarnate in order to love young people into the faith."



Dear Youth and Parents,

Although it was a bumpy start with Harvey, Sunday School (confirmation for 7th and 8th grade), Wednesday night Youth Group Bible Study & Jam night, and fall activities are in full swing. We have had a great group of Youth attending so be sure to join us for the fun and fellowship! Our 3rd Sunday, October 15th, Kayak outing is going to be rescheduled for Spring in hopes that families can attend the Ministry Fair instead. Trunk or Treat is October 27th and we will need Youth help for our "Pac Man game" booth. Contact Danelle Liddell at 281-300-4196 or danelleliddell@hotmail.com with questions or if you would like to receive Text Reminders.



YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

"Everybody's Included" theme on inclusion, and later in the semester we will look at all the ways we often exclude others (racism, sexism, elitism, etc.) Join us in the youth room at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings!

YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

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



Director of Children's Ministry:
Elder for Children & Tweens:
Youth Team Chairs:

Susan Duncan
Jen Conner
Sally Bowers
Megan Hansen

sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
jenniferconner79@gmail.com
sally_bowers@comcast.net
megateer@gmail.com

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

JR and SR High Sunday School 7-12th 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

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 bandage strips
 Tooth paste
 Shampoo and conditioner

