

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

An Inclusive Church Family Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ

CHILDREN:

Sleepers & Creepers (Baby nursery)	Rm 309
Explorer Nursery (18 mos—3 years)	Rm 308
Preschool (3-6 yrs)	Rm 307

FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICES TODAY Find 4 & 5 year-olds in Rm 307

Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School
at 9:45 am

Children: 3-5
Youth: 7-9
Adults: 10-18

Sunday School Classes are encouraged to attend the Alternative Market and Advent Festival today!

Lectionary: Fellowship Hall
Connecticut: Narthex of Fellowship Hall
Parenting: Narthex of Fellowship Hall
First Place: Narthex of Fellowship Hall
Coffee Fellowship: Narthex of Fellowship Hall

Worship4Kids for 3rd-5th graders is Dec 17 after the children's message during the 2nd service.



So far Petunia the Heifer piggy bank has collected \$1,300.00. Almost half of an Ark which is \$2,500.00. Come to the Alternative Market where the children and tweens will be selling Christmas pretzels and Merry Minestrone soup jars to support their Heifer Offering. Bring your change to the visitor table if you would like to help feed our piggy bank.

WEDNESDAYS YOUTH JAM NIGHT

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



YOUTH WED NIGHT BIBLE STUDY & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us in the youth room at 6:00pm Wednesday evenings for Bible Study. Come early at 5:30 pm to join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall! Join us on December 20 for the Youth Christmas Party! Meet in the Youth Room at 6pm and please bring a gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange that costs \$10 or less

DOROTHY JOHNSON CIRCLE December 5
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 December 5
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 December 14
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.

WCPC HOSTS A WEEKLY AA MEETING. Monday night at 7:00 pm in Rm 306 in the Hendricks Building a local AA group is meeting. If you know of anyone who would like to attend please share this info.



Welcome Guests!

- New members are regularly received by the Session. If interested, contact one of our pastors.
- Stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex of the Sanctuary for information about the ongoing work, worship and fellowship of this congregation and how you can get involved!
- For more information speak with one of our staff or elders or go to www.wcpc-tx.org.

A Light in the Darkness

An Advent Service of
Healing and Wholeness
December 3, 5:00pm



Christmas can be a difficult time, especially when you are coping with loss or a need for healing in your life. Join us this Advent season for a service of remembrance and healing where we rest in the hope in Christ that: "The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1: 5

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DECEMBER 10TH CAROLING AND COCOA

Everyone is invited to gather in the WCPC courtyard to spread some Christmas cheer with our neighbors at the Forum on **Sunday December 10th from 3-5 pm**. We will form groups here at church and walk over to Regent Care and the Forum caroling in the hallways as we search for our member's apartments to sing a special song for each of them. Children, youth, tweens and adults, single or in groups all are welcome to join us and no special musical talent is necessary either! Jingle bells and the combination of lots of voices makes it beautiful! Please dress warmly for outside walking between the buildings. We will have song sheets and building maps for each group. We will return to the Fellowship Hall for hot chocolate & cookies.



Sign Up Now • 'tis the Season!
Christmas Dinner
THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday
December 17th
5:00 pm
Concert at 6:30 pm

Catered Dinner \$12.00
5 to 8 yrs \$6.00
4 & under \$4.00

RSVP at
<http://evite.me/n3jpkJuWXv>

Questions?
contact
Cinda Hitchcock
cchtx@aatt.net

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WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
 Saturday, December 9th - 11:00 am—1:00 pm
 WCPC Fellowship Hall

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

Today is the last Sunday to make your luncheon reservation (\$20)! WCPC member Sue Watkins will be speaking on JOY, you will have opportunities to build FRIENDSHIPS, and those attending will once again reach out in LOVE through the prayer wreath project for our home bound members and filling stockings for the DeGeorge Center.



COFFEE HOUSE
 Saturday, December 30
 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

The youth will be hosting an open mic night, bring your talents and join us for a fun night of shared entertainment, and refreshments.

MISSION OUTREACH

- **Angel Tree - The tree will be set up at the Alternative Market in Fellowship Hall today.** If you would like to participate, please take an ornament tag and then purchase a gift for the child or family listed. All gifts should be unwrapped and returned to church by Sunday, Dec 10th. Contact Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x7 or mstelter@wcpc-tx.org.
- **Habitat for Humanity - The next work day is Saturday, Dec. 16th at 8:00am @ 1210 Cedar Creek in Conroe.** Contact Bill Bray at 832-702-6227 or bill.bray@sbcglobal.net.
- **Recycle Christmas Tree Lights for Habitat through Sunday, January 14th.** Please deposit your light strands in the specially marked bin located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or in Fellowship Hall on weekdays.
- **Stocking Stuffers Needed- Through Friday, Dec. 8th,** the Mission Outreach Team (MOT) 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 the DeGeorge (primarily male veterans in transition) and Haven of Hope. Please mark donations for DeGeorge 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.
- **Food Pantry - Special needs for December:** cake mixes, canned frosting, chocolate chips, chopped nuts and baby wipes **Ongoing needs:** peanut butter, jam, cleaning products (no spray bottles), laundry detergent, personal hygiene items and diapers. Bring donations to the pantry in the narthex anytime.

Alternative Market & Advent Festival Today in Fellowship Hall

Stop by the Fellowship Hall **TODAY between services and after the 11:00 service** to purchase holiday gifts that *give more than once* and to make holiday decorations for your home. This year we 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. **So plan to do some of your holiday shopping TODAY in Fellowship Hall!**

On the **CALENDAR** for this week...

Sunday, December 03

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 9:45 Sunday School
 Advent Festival & Alternative Market, Fellowship Hall
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 Service of Remembrance and Healing

Monday, December 04

9:30 am Moms Group* , Rm 200
 Monday Morning Bible Study Brunch (at members home)
 10:00 am Spanish Class Rm 302 Hendricks Building
 11:30 am Yoga, Sanctuary Narthex
 2:00 pm Prayers and Squares, Rm 303 Hendricks Building
 7:00 pm AA, Rm 306 Hendricks Building

Tuesday, December 05

9:30 am Yoga, Sanctuary Narthex
 10:00 am Dorothy Johnson Circle, Parlor
 7:00pm Mission Outreach Team Meeting, Rm 301 Hendricks Building
 Presbyterian Women Circle, Members home

Wednesday, December 06

7:30 am Men's Discipleship, Hendricks Building
 10:00 am Wednesday Study Group, Rm 301 Hendricks Building
 11:30 am Moms in Mission Christmas Luncheon, Hendricks building
 4:15 pm Children's chimes in Sanctuary Narthex
 4:45 pm Children's choirs: Alleluia in 305, Angel Voices in 301
 Cherubs in 302 Hendricks Building
 5:30 pm Heavenly Metal, Sanctuary Narthex
 5:30 pm Dinner in Fellowship Hall
 6:00pm Youth Bible Study Rm 200
 6:30pm Jubilate Bells*, Sanctuary Narthex,
 7:30 pm Youth Jam Night, Rm 200
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir*, Choir Room
 Men's Discipleship, Crust Pizza

Thursday, December 07

9:30 am Yoga, Sanctuary Narthex
 6:30 pm Yoga, Hendricks Building

Friday, December 08

9:30 am Yoga, Sanctuary Narthex

Saturday, December 09

10:00 am Yoga, Sanctuary Narthex
 11:00 am Women's Christmas Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
 4:00 pm Parent Night Out

***Scheduled nursery care.** Contact Susan Duncan, 281.363.2040, Ext 6 or sduncan@wcpc-tx.org to confirm time and RSVP for ages & # of children.

Dec 4th Mom's Meeting 9:30-11:30 Art Room We will meet for a Christmas cookie exchange. Please bring two dozen of your holiday favorites to share with each other. Afterward, we will be crafting Christmas trees for the Women's Christmas Luncheon.

*RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.

Join Moms in Mission for a festive holiday luncheon on Wed., Dec. 6, at 11:30 in the CHEB building. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and bring a dish to share. For more information, email mimswcpc@gmail.com.

Automatic Tithing

If you would like to meet your tithe through an automatic transfer of funds from your bank account, forms are at the office or at www.wcpc-tx.org.

Treasurer's Report Thru NOVEMBER 2017

Receipts	\$79,097	\$ 875,173
Expenses	\$(94,598)	\$(956,584)
Over/(Under)	\$ (15,501)	\$(81,411)

Worship Attendance

November 26, 2017	222
November 27, 2016	233

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church Prayer List
 "Be merciful to me, and hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1c

The WCPC Prayer List may be found at the Welcome table. Prayer requests may be added or removed by contacting the church office, Rev. Laura Grice (281.363.2040, Ext 2 or lgrice@wcpc-tx.org) or Kim Petrie at petrie_kim@msn.com.