

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

CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 7

<u>Children:</u>	Pre-K-K in Rm 106, 1 st -2 nd in Rm 101, 3 rd & 4 th in Rm 204, 5 th -6 th in Rm 205
<u>Youth:</u>	7 th -8 th Confirmation CHEB 305 9 th -12 th Rm 200 Youth Room
<u>Adults:</u>	Apocryphal Jesus CHEB 302 Lectionary Class CHEB 303 Connecting Through the Bible CHEB 304 Parenting Early Years CHEB 306 First Place 4 Health Parlor Coffee Fellowship Narthex of Fellowship Hall.

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. If you have questions or would like to request a Stephen Minister please contact Rev. Dr. David F. Jones at 281-363-2040 ext 1.



DOROTHY JOHNSON CIRCLE 1st Tuesday

January 2 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 Tuesday

January 2 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 Thursday

January 11 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 1st Wednesday

January 3, in the WCPC Parlor

The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is on **Wednesday, January 3 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.

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. Contact Jeanne Bonnette. We have been on Christmas break but classes resume on January 8.

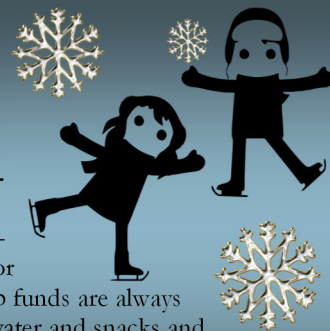


Welcome Guests!

- 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.

EPIPHANY ICE SKATING PARTY!

Join us on **January 7th** for Ice Skating from **3-5 pm** at Woodlands Town Center Rink. It is located at **2005 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, 77380**, near the north gate entry of **The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion** and the intersection of Lake Robbins Drive and Six Pines Drive. Bring \$5 for children 5 and under, everyone else is \$10.50 for admission including skate rental (scholarship funds are always available!) Children's Ministry will provide water and snacks and rent a table for home base. Helmets and walkers are available to rent for a fee or you can bring your own helmet and safety pads; wear layers, bring socks and expect to get wet and have fun!



YOUTH MISSION OVERNIGHT

YOUTH MISSION OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN

JANUARY 5-6 TIME: 2PM

On Friday January 5th we will leave WCPC at 2pm and return to WCPC at approximately 7pm. The Lock-in portion will then begin at 7pm and pick up is on Saturday, January 6th by 8am. Bring \$10 for food and activities. Please RSVP (let one of the youth team know) so we can make sure to have enough drivers and chaperones.

MISSION OUTREACH

- **Successful Blood Drive** - Thanks to all who participated in the Blood Drive Sunday, Dec 17th. Thirteen pints of blood were donated, which means 39 lives were saved!
- **Recycle Christmas Tree Lights for Habitat through Sunday, January 14th.** Please deposit your light strands in the specially marked bucket located in the courtyard on Sundays or in Fellowship Hall during the week.
- **Habitat for Humanity** - 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. These matching funds can also be 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 in the church office or Bill Bray at 832-702-6227 or bill.bray@sbcglobal.net to assure we take advantage of this great opportunity to help with our WCPC Habitat House.
- **DeGeorge and Haven of Hope Transitional Housing for Veterans**- Thanks to everyone who donated stocking stuffers and to the women attending the Christmas Luncheon for stuffing the stockings. We were able to provide stockings for all the residents in both facilities, which totaled 109. We also gave a total of 50 new bath towels purchased using donations received at the Alternative Market to the directors of both facilities to distribute to those residents in need.
- **Angel Tree** - Thanks to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Mission Project. We were able to provide presents to 20 families through the Child and Family program run by the Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services, 2 needy families from the surrounding community and five senior citizens in need through Interfaith of The Woodlands.
- **Food Pantry - Special needs for January:** boxed or bagged cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, bar soap and/or body wash
Ongoing needs: peanut butter, jam, cleaning products (no spray bottles), laundry detergent, personal hygiene items, diapers and baby wipes. Bring donations to the pantry in the narthex anytime.

Conclaves March 2-4, 2018

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Join us for fun and faith-filled weekends at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston this spring! Our Presbytery's Youth Connection Council (PYCC) is planning two retreat weekends, called Conclaves, that will enable middle and high school youth to grow closer to one another, connect with other youth from all over our presbytery, engage in small groups, experience dynamic worship, and of course, have a blast playing games and making new friends! Youth will also participate in a mission project and explore ways to connect with God.

Details: The cost is \$140 per person (includes lodging, meals, worship, fun fellowship, a mission project to help animals displaced during Hurricane Harvey, and conference t-shirt).

Registration DEADLINE: Sunday, January 14th. Contact the church office for details.

On the CALENDAR for this week...

Sunday, December 31

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, January 01

(Church Office Closed)

Tuesday, January 02

10:00 am Dorothy Johnson Circle, Parlor
7:00 pm Mission Outreach Team Meeting, Rm 301
Presbyterian Women's Circle, Member's home

Wednesday, January 03

7:30 am Men's Discipleship, Hendricks Building
9:30 am Sanctuary Guild, Parlor
7:30 pm Men's Discipleship, Curst Pizza

Thursday, January 04

Friday, January 05

1:00pm Holy Folders, Parlor
2:00pm Youth Lock in Drop Off

Saturday, January 06

8:00 am Youth Lock in Pick up

***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.

The **Mon. Morning Women's Bible** study group meets Mondays from 9:30-11:30am in Rm 301 in the Hendricks building. New members are always welcome! We will be studying Barbara Essex' **More Bad Girls of the Bible** (which should last 14 weeks). We'll plan on starting back Jan. 8th. It will be \$12.00; either cash or check made out to WCPC with MMBS on the notation line.

Contact Tricia Knight (281-367-0490) for more info!

BARBARA J. ESSEX



**More
Bad Girls
of the Bible**

Moms in Mission will be on holiday break until our next lunch outing on Wed., Jan 10 to Zoe's Kitchen in Sterling Ridge. For more information, email mimswcpc@gmail.com.

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.

Please contact Shirley Barclay at sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org to request the newsletter be mailed to your home. The newsletter is always available online at www.wcpc-tx.org and there are printed copies available in the church office and at the Welcome Table Sanctuary narthex.

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

Worship Attendance

Receipts	\$79,097	\$ 875,173	December 24, 2017	230
Expenses	\$(94,598)	\$(956,584)	December 25, 2016	130
Over/(Under)	\$ (15,501)	\$ (81,411)		

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.