

The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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

JULY-AUGUST 2016

Summer Schedule

JULY

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

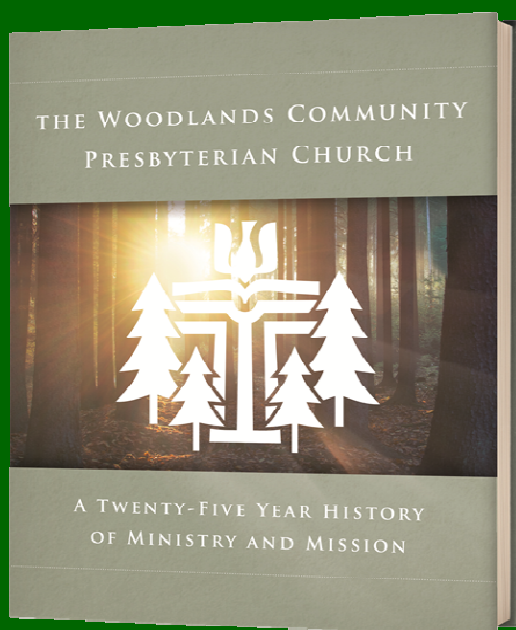
AUGUST

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00am Worship



"The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church: A Twenty-Five Year History of Ministry and Mission"



The book entitled, "The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church: A Twenty-Five Year History of Ministry and Mission," written by Rev. Charles Hendricks and Sally Lichtenwalter is in the hands of the publisher!!! We did the research and with the help of others produced it. It narrates the experience of God in people's lives during the formative years of the church. Keith Lichtenwalter, lead by the Holy Spirit, and one of the founders of the church felt the call to start a Presbyterian church in the Woodlands. It Happened! The Holy Spirit is still with WCPC throughout the succeeding years. Publishing costs of the book have been provided for and the amount of the donations will be given 60 percent to the Mission Outreach Team and 40 percent for the Prayer Garden in memory of Keith Lichtenwalter. There will be a table in the breezeway for pre-orders after church May 29 through September 4, 2016. You can pre-order the book for a minimum donation of \$25 from May 29-until September 4, 2016. After September 4, the suggested minimum donation for the book will be raised to \$35.

Pre-Order \$25 May 29 through September 4!!



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

Mike Cole, New Covenant Presbytery's General Presbyter, wrote what's below after returning from the 222th General Assembly. I think it is both informative and encouraging.

The Exhausted Middle Way - By Mike Cole, General Presbyter

I leave Portland profoundly exhausted but also profoundly grateful for a General Assembly (GA) that worked tirelessly to find the middle way on numerous issues. Our commissioners were outstanding in their dedication and commitment and leadership in committees and on the floor of the assembly. David Green (Pastor of Conroe, First PC) led the effort to turn aside divestment from fossil fuel and helped the assembly do just that by an 80% vote. That was a remarkable transformational moment in the assembly, which demonstrated that Presbyterians are still reasonable, rational, and relational even as we deal with difficult issues. Here are a few highlights of the GA from my perspective.

The most controversial issue for this assembly was divestment from fossil fuel. There were 31 presbyteries which concurred with an overture to divest immediately from the 31 energy companies in which we hold stock. Thirteen presbyteries supported overtures from New Covenant that supported the work of MRTI (Mission Responsibility Through Investment) to influence their corporate decisions to address climate change more actively. The GA Committee that dealt with these overtures voted in favor of divestment by 55% to 45% and that was their recommendation to the GA. But David was up to the task of taking on the Goliath of the divestment proponents. He and another commissioner authored a minority report that gave the assembly a clear choice between divest now or let MRTI do their work of engagement. The YAADs (Young Adult Advisory Delegates) and others lobbied hard for divestment and were respectful and ever-present.

Those of us who supported the middle way were loosely organized and did our best to identify those who believed divestment to be a disastrous course, but ultimately it came down to the persuasiveness of the minority report and MRTI to convince the assembly that MRTI was on the right track and needed to continue its corporate engagement. Because we were small in number (about 10 self-identified commissioners from other presbyteries), we had no way of knowing the outcome of the vote. When the YAADs voted by a majority to pursue the middle way the assembly was stunned. When the assembly voted by 80% to stay the course with MRTI, the assembly was speechless (something that rarely happens!). It was the most radically unexpected transformation I have ever witnessed at a GA.

Other issues were hotly contested and in each instance the assembly found a way to "thread the needle." One controversial issue was an overture calling for the GA to apologize to LGBTQ/Q (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning) folks for the stances of the church in the past which offended individuals. Instead of apologizing, the assembly voted to express its regret for any offense taken. A report on Israel/Palestine was amended to make it clear that the PC(USA) still supports the two-state solution and that both the governments of Israel and Palestine share blame for the intransigence of peace talks. The assembly didn't turn the current structure inside out, but it did vote to create a special commission to work on revising how the GA does its business every two years. The assembly celebrated the creation of 344 New Worshipping Communities in the last four years. We adopted the Belhar Confession as the newest addition to our Book of Confessions. We elected Co-Moderators, Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson, and elected J. Herbert Nelson as Stated Clerk, the first African American to hold that office.

All in all, it was a positive assembly, but it was extraordinarily tiring. But that's the way it is with God's work. It's not easy. It's not always fun. But it is fulfilling when it is done right. This GA got it right.

For more on GA, go to <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/222nd-general-assembly-2016/ganews/>.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

The end of June marked the conclusion of a nearly three year journey with a cohort of five pastors we called *Communitas Spiritualis* (Spiritual Community). Our time together actually began in late 2010. We met with each other monthly in Houston to be a community of young pastors in the presbytery who supported one another with prayer, study and presence. We have laughed together, wept together, celebrated together, etc. We have said goodbye to some members and hello to others. You really could draw some strong parallels between this group and the church.



The Church of Reconciliation at Taizé

Early in 2014, we decided to apply for a grant with Austin Seminary's College of Pastoral Leaders. When we thought about ourselves as a group and what we might want to study, we settled on the concept of "spiritual community"- what forms spiritual community, what keeps it together, how do its practices enrich the lives of the community and its members. Of particular interest was how communities maintain themselves even when their members are separated geographically. In June of 2014, we learned that we had been accepted as a cohort into the College of Pastoral Leaders and had been awarded the grant for which we had applied. One of the first things we did together as a group was to attend a conference at Austin Seminary. The topic of this conference was "The Power of Personal Storytelling"- think "The Moth" but with a Christian perspective. The conference was a part of the CPL curriculum, and I know the topic was selected by the speaker and not specifically for those who would be attending; however, I have sought since then to figure out how it fits into the learning I would be doing through this grant. It has taken nearly two years for me to come to a conclusion, but I believe that knowing and sharing our stories as individuals and as a community are vital for the health of a group. As an aside- completely separate from my grant related studies- I attended the Women's Conference at MoRanch this spring and the theme was "My story is worth telling. Your story is worth hearing" Sitting with these two concepts- community and story- I have come to the conclusion that being able and willing to both tell our own stories and hear the stories of others is essential to how we form and maintain community. What is then even more important is placing our stories in the context of God's story. This is a major "take-away" for me from this work, and I look forward to finding ways for us at WCPC to hear each other's stories.

As a part of our study, we have read a number of books on communities, and spiritual community in particular. Some of the material was preparatory for our major travels- we read books about the communities of Iona and Taizé. We also read titles you might be familiar with- *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Whether they were about particular communities (Iona, Taizé, Finkenwalde) or about the general study of communities, each book seemed to emphasize a set of practices that are essential for the maintenance of a spiritual community. One of these practices is worship and scripture reading. During the summer, as we gather in one worship service, I am reminded how powerful it can be to have the whole community gathered to praise God.

Another part of our plan was to travel and visit several famous spiritual communities. As you know, last fall four of us went to visit Iona, Taizé and Corrymeela. One of our group had to stay behind as her son was born while we were travelling. Even in our adventures, we were learning how to make members of our community present when separated from the group. In addition to some of the worship resources I've brought back and used with you all, this was one of my most important lessons. I continue to look for ways that we the church can be more fully present to our members who are homebound or otherwise unable to join us regularly for worship, AND to provide them opportunities to be more fully present to the congregation gathered.

In conclusion, I have learned a great deal from this season of study, from my colleagues, from the communities

I read about and those I visited, and I have sought to share with WCPC about my experiences and insights. I hope to continue to use these skills, resources and thoughts as I seek to serve alongside you.



The Abbey at Iona

God's Peace,
Laura

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY MORNINGS: 8:30AM & 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45AM-10:45AM

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

Associate Pastors

Rev. Laura Grice

Rev. Charlie Hornes

Pastor Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks

Parish Associate:

Rev. Warren Johnson

Music Ministries:

Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music
Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs
Dr. Dave Faber, Organist

Mission Outreach:

Michele Stelter, Facilitator

Children's Ministries:

Susan Duncan, Director

Early Learning Program:

Rita Van Sickle, Director
Fran Weissbach, Administration

Administration:

Matthew Jensen
Financial Administrator
Shirley Barclay, Receptionist

Our Missionaries

Nancy Collins, Zambia
Sara Armstrong, Peru
Rusty Edmondson, Peru

Our Seminarians

Martin Garner
Tommy Banda

SESSION MEMBERS

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2017	CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019
Marnie Bush	Patty Ahern	Donna Bienvenu
Bill Fowler	Kathy Bray	Carrie Bucki
Gail Hyndman	Mary Jo Chapman	Regina Garner
Nancy Schlirf	Molly Anne Davis	Karen Gonzales
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WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

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

- The Prayer Book is located in the foyer of the church. Members are asked to sign the book requesting prayers for themselves or others prior to the church service. Prayers for these individuals are included during the worship services and are added to the Church Prayer List.
- The Church Prayer List is available online (www.wcpc-tx.org) and at church on Sundays. Prayer requests may be added to or removed from the list by contacting Rev. Laura Grice in the church office (281-363-2040 ext. 2; lgrice@wcpc-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.

Adult Sunday Education Opportunities

Summer Quarter– June 5– July 31

Searching for Happiness

Led by David Jones and Laura Grice

Searching for Happiness: How Generosity, Faith, and Other Spiritual Habits Can Lead to a Full Life by Martin Thielen (author of *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian*) examines the factors that contribute to our ongoing happiness. They go far beyond our life circumstances such as income, health or employment, but do include factors such as our ability to express gratitude or cultivate optimism. Our class discussions will compliment our Summer Sermon Series on these same topics.

7/3— “Practicing Forgiveness”

Rm 301a

7/10— “Practicing Generosity”

Rm 301a

7/17— “Nurturing Relationships”

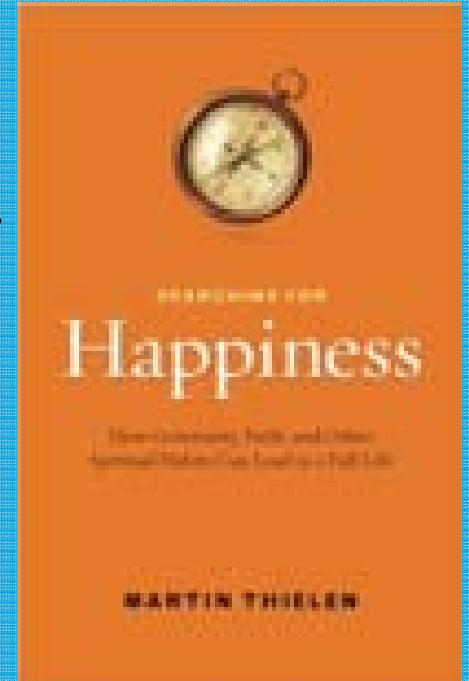
Rm 301a

7/24— “Gratitude”

Rm 301a

7/31— “Caring for Our Bodies”

Rm 301a



First Place 4 Health

Led by Patty Ahern and Tammy Rand

Parlor

Weekday Spiritual Education

MONDAYS

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Contact Person: **Tricia Knight**

301B

The **Mon. Morning Women's Bible study** group meets Mondays from 9:30-11:30am in CHEB 301. Our summer study is Come to the Water (the Horizons study used by the Presbyterian women's circles this year.) New members welcome!

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

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Morning Men's Study Group

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Facilitated by **Rev. Dr. David Jones**

301B

The Wednesday Men's Study Fellowship meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning of every month. We are studying the letter of James: Practical "How To's" of Faithful Living.

Wednesday Morning Study Group

10-11:30 a.m.

Contact: **Sylvia Campbell**

301AB

Jesus and His Jewish Influences by The Great Courses, **Jodi Magness**. The Wednesday Study Group meets weekly from 10:00 to 11:30am in Room 301. For questions or to order a transcript book, contact Sylvia at bobnsyl@gmail.com or 832-498-9910.

Wednesday Evening Men's Study Group

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitated by **Rev. Dr. David Jones**

CRUST PIZZA

This group is studying the same material as the Wednesday morning men's study, and it meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Moms of Young Children

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

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

Summer 2016

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JULY 2016

July 11 th	Magic Monday	9:30-12:30	CHEB Nurseries	Magic Monday is a drop-off childcare program. Cost is \$15/child or \$30/family. Please contact Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) to make a reservation. Pack your child a peanut-free lunch and enjoy some time to yourself.
July 15 th	Pool Play Date	10-noon	Windvale Pool	Make a splash and see friends at Windvale Pool. Come and go as you please. Hope to see you poolside between 10 and noon. Pack a picnic lunch if you want to stick around to eat together.
July 18 th	Magic Monday	9:30-12:30	CHEB Nurseries	Magic Monday is a drop-off childcare program. Cost is \$15/child or \$30/family. Please contact Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) to make a reservation. Pack your child a peanut-free lunch and enjoy some time to yourself.

AUGUST 2016

August 8 th	Magic Monday	9:30-12:30	CHEB Nurseries	Magic Monday is a drop-off childcare program. Cost is \$15/child or \$30/family. Please contact Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) to make a reservation. Pack your child a peanut-free lunch and enjoy some time to yourself.
August 19 th	Pool Play Date	10-noon	Cranebrook Pool	Make a splash at Cranebrook Pool. Enjoy the family slide with kids of all ages. This is a come and go event. Pack a picnic if you want to stick around and eat together.

The Early Learning Program of WCPC is a Christian, developmentally appropriate preschool for ages 18 months to 5 years old. We are currently enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact the ELP office at 281/298-2464 for information. We look forward to talking to you!

Mid-Week Movie & Meal



Escape the heat and join us each Wednesday as we meet to watch a movie and share a meal together. Family-friendly movies will start at 4PM in the Charles Hendricks building. There will be 2 different movie options to choose from, and one room especially for the tweens (must be rising into 5th grade) for game playing. After the movies are over, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6PM for a themed potluck picnic dinner

Check out the schedule below to mark your calendars for this fun weekly event.

*Hope to see you at
the movies!*

Date	Movie Option 1	Movie Option 2	Game Room	Meal Theme
July 6	No Movies	4 th of July	Holiday	
July 13	Gnomeo and Juliet	The Princess Diaries	Checkers Tournament	Meatless-bring mac 'n' cheese, pasta salads, any side, any fruit, dessert
July 20	Arthur Christmas	Muppet Christmas Carol	Uno	Sunday Dinner-bring turkey, ham, potatoes, green beans, dessert
July 27	VBS Week	No Movies	Not meeting	
August 3	Jungle Book	Tangled/Brave	Monopoly Yahtzee	Breakfast for Dinner
August 10	Cinderella	Monster University	Sorry Trouble Mancala	Pizza-just chip in or bring side, veggie, fruit or dessert

Wednesday Study Group Begins New Series June 29

Jesus and His Jewish Influences by The Great Courses
Jodi Magness

24 part series of 30-minute lectures Transcript book available for \$12.50/copy (optional) For anyone interested in understanding the profound effect Jesus had on the world, it's important to realize that his actions and teachings didn't emerge from a vacuum. Rather, they were the product of a fascinating dialogue with—and reaction to—the traditions, cultures, and historical developments of ancient Jewish beliefs. In fact, early Judaism and Jesus are two subjects so inextricably linked that one cannot arrive at a true understanding of Jesus without understanding the time in which he lived and taught. The Wednesday Study Group meets weekly from 10:00 to 11:30am in Room 301. For questions or to order a transcript book, contact Sylvia at bobnsyl@gmail.com or 832-498-9910.



The **Men's Ministry** would like to invite you to **TOP GOLF on Saturday, July 16th from 9-11**. You can meet us there or carpool from the church parking lot at 8:30. You can eat first, pick up food on the way, or they have an *extensive* and inexpensive brunch menu. Total cost of the event should be about \$10 per person for two hours of play and about \$10 for breakfast. \$20 for two hours of "golf" and fellowship! JOIN US and invite a friend, neighbor or coworker!

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

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

BRUNCH

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

CARAMELIZED FRENCH TOAST* 9

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

CHORIZO & EGG SLIDERS* 7

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

CHICKEN & WAFFLE SLIDERS 9

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

EGGS BENEDICT* 11

Served with savory house potatoes

ULTIMATE BREAKFAST FLATBREAD* 9

Scrambled egg + Pecanwood-smoked bacon + roasted tomatillo salsa + three-cheese blend + pice de gallo

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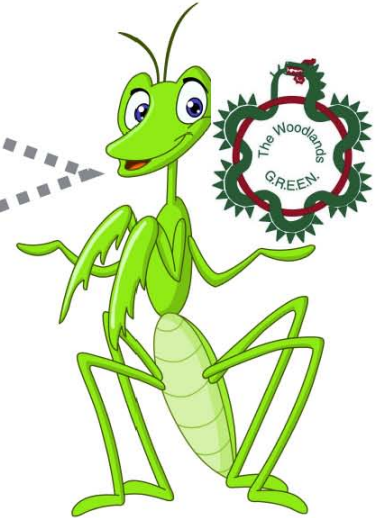
GLUTEN-FREE



Creation Care Team News and Announcements

♪ It's not easy being green.... ♪

That's what Kermit sings. But he doesn't know about The Woodlands GREEN. G.R.E.E.N. stands for The Woodlands GrassRoots Environmental Education Network, and it's an awesome organization, doing tons of good things for our environment. To learn about their great work (and even to join them), just go to www.thewoodlandsgreen.org. It's easy!



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

What are Carbon Offsets?

In 2006, the 217th General Assembly passed a resolution for Presbyterians to live carbon neutral lives. In response, the Presbytery of Florida published a document, *Guide to Going Carbon Neutral*.¹ This document has helpful information which we can use as we strive to reduce our consumption of fossil fuel energy sources. This is the third in series of four articles informed by that document.



There are three steps to going *carbon neutral*:

Identify your energy usage (home and travel), and calculate your carbon emissions (*carbon footprint*). We identified some online calculators in a previous article of the series.

Take steps to lower your energy usage (install energy-saving lighting, drive less, adjust thermostats, etc.).

There are many good ideas at this website: www.epa.gov/learn-issues/learn-about-greener-living.

Purchase *carbon offsets* in the amount of your carbon emissions that cannot be eliminated by lowering your energy usage.

Carbon offset organizations give you ways to invest in alternative energy projects, such as wind turbines and methane digesters on dairy farms. These projects either don't produce carbon emissions, or they remove carbon emissions that would otherwise be released. And the funding the projects depends upon contributions from concerned citizens. Here are a few examples of such organizations:

www.nativeenergy.com

climatecare.org

www.climatefriendly.com

After you know your tonnage of family emissions, you can purchase *carbon offsets* in that same amount each year. Your "purchase" is actually a contribution to support projects that directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions (wind and solar energy projects, and changes in agriculture practices, for example). This is what it means to be *carbon neutral*. It is a little like repairing a footprint made in the sand.

Not every family will choose to go *carbon neutral*. But we can all work toward reducing our *carbon footprint*. Even our congregation. Next newsletter, in the last of our series of articles, we will look at steps we have already taken to reduce WCPC's *carbon footprint*. And we will consider what more we can do to live in harmony with the earth.

¹Guide to Going Carbon Neutral, Pam McVety, Stewardship of Creation Enabler, Presbytery of Florida



Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

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

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

MOT meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The July meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5th and the August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 2nd. 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.



Family Promise at WCPC

We just completed two consecutive weeks, June 5-19, of hosting Family Promise of Montgomery County on our campus! Approximately 200 members and friends of WCPC were involved in some way with this project and over 900 volunteer hours were logged serving the four wonderful families in the program! What an outstanding, giving and caring congregation we have at WCPC!

In preparation for the week, six WCPC groups stepped forward to convert five CHEB classrooms into four comfortable bedrooms and a den/family room, creating an inviting, livable space our guests could call their own for two weeks. Our children even got into the spirit by drawing beautiful pictures and signs for our guests and by preparing welcome baskets of toiletries for each family.

We hosted four families for a total of eleven people during the two week period. Two of the four families graduated from the program within the first week. That is, these two families secured jobs, transportation and affordable, safe housing. This is evidence that Family Promise works!

Our volunteers filled numerous positions needed for the comfort of our guests. Some of those jobs included daily drivers to and from the Family Promise Day Center in Conroe, evening and meal hosts which included children of the hosts, overnight hosts, Saturday breakfast and day hosts, and many others.

It seems that every person who contributed to the great success of hosting Family Promise on our campus, thought that it was a meaningful and enjoyable experience. And we can assure you that the families in the program were grateful for the love and compassion demonstrated by all of you. Our guests said they wished they could stay! Thanks to all for making them feel welcome!

Since Trinity Episcopal Church is going through renovations, they will not be participating in Family Promise for at least the next twelve months. This means that we will not be helping them host dinners and that our next involvement with Family Promise will not be until next year when we again host the program on our campus. However, we are collecting new or gently used twin size mattress pads to be used on the beds next year. If you have any pads to donate, please mark them for Family Promise and bring them to the church office. If you would like to become more involved with Family Promise next year, please contact Warren Evans at 281-255-6286 or Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x 7.



Love Fosters Hope 2016 Camp
Ages 6-11 years old

Thank you! Thank you!

We just heard that the **Love Fosters Hope** camp for foster children ages 6-11 held the week of June 13th was wonderful! The theme this year was "Jesus Loves Me as I Am." The children had so much fun at camp fishing, swimming, doing archery and much more. Camp is important to these children and for many it is the closest thing to family they get to experience. Thanks to your generosity through the Pentecost Offering, we were able to send \$1,040 to **Love Fosters Hope**. These funds will help send foster children to camp where they can feel loved, accepted and be children again!

Come Have Fun This



at

The Gathering Place

**On the third Friday of the month
July 15th - Theme: Camping
August 19th - Theme: Summer Olympics
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.

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, contact WCPC coordinator Kathy Bray at 281-787-6314 or Kathyj.bray@gmail.com.

Supplies Needed For Peru Mission Trip

The Mission Outreach Team is collecting gently used children's clothing (**No Shoes**), unused travel-size toiletries and reading glasses (1.00, 1.25, 3.00 & 4.50 **only**) through July 13th for the Peru Medical Mission Trip to Lima. The clothes and toiletries will be distributed to those families visiting the medical clinic in Carabayllo from July 22nd - 27th. Approximately 500 patients are expected to be seen that week. Kindly put your donations in the specially marked bin in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or bring them to the church office during the week. **All donations must be received by noon on July 13th.** Please be sure to **mark your donations for the Lima, Peru Medical Mission Trip**. The Peru Mission Trip Team will be packing all supplies in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church-Kingwood from 7 to 9 pm on Wed, July 13th and invites those interested to join in the fellowship. If you have any questions about supplies or the packing party, please contact Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779.

Gently Used Children's Clothing (No Shoes)

Hygiene Supplies (Individual Travel Size):

**soap and shampoo
toothbrushes and toothpaste
combs and brushes**

Reading Glasses (1.00, 1.25, 3.00 & 4.50 Only)

The Interfaith Food Pantry

The summer months are extremely busy for the Interfaith Food Pantry. With children out of school for summer vacation, many more families come to Interfaith for assistance with food. In 2015, almost 8,000 families received assistance with food from Interfaith, and many of those were helped during the summer. So, please remember our neighbors in need when you go to the grocery store this summer.

Special Pantry Needs for July:

**boxed fruit juice, canned fruit
tea, coffee, diapers**

Special Pantry Needs for August:

**rice, rice mixes, hamburger helpers
cleaning products (no spray bottles)**

In addition to the specific items listed above, the pantry always needs peanut butter, jam, dry milk, personal hygiene items, baby food, baby wipes and laundry detergent. Bring your donations to the pantry in the narthex anytime.



You Are Invited



Help Wanted

- TO?** A Birthday Party for Copperwood Residents
- WHEN?** Wednesday, August 10th @ 1:00 p.m.
- WHERE?** Recreation Room @ The Copperwood Apartments
4407 South Panther Creek Drive
The Woodlands
- WHY?** Every year WCPC hosts a party for all residents of Copperwood (elderly & disabled) to celebrate those born in the month of August.
- WHAT?** We need cheerful helpers to serve refreshments, call Bingo and mingle with the residents at the party.
We also need donations of cash, clementines and (hard) candy.

Please come join our youth on Servin' Safari in the celebration. The residents really look forward to this event. A number of them do not see or talk to anyone for days, so a smile and a little conversation go a long way to lift their spirits. Plus, you will find yourself enjoying the party just as much as they do! There will be a sign-up table in the courtyard on July 31st and Aug. 7th or contact Michele Stelter or Rev. Charlie Hornes in the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

The Mission Outreach Team needs your help! We have openings for the Mission Projects listed below. No experience necessary just the desire to help others. If you are interested, please call Michele Stelter in the church office at 281-363-2040 x 7.

Bread for the World

This is a collective Christian voice which urges our nation's decision makers to end hunger in the U.S. and abroad. Traditionally, we sponsor an annual Offering of Letters in the spring to advocate for the current hunger issue. We need someone to coordinate this letter-writing campaign as well as to inform the congregation about the current issue.

ESL Adult Program

Assistants are needed in the adult English as a Second Language classes on Tues. and/or Thur. mornings from 9 to 11 am. They will work with your schedule. Tutors are also needed to teach the students English. To be a tutor it is required to attend training provided by Literacy Volunteers of America.

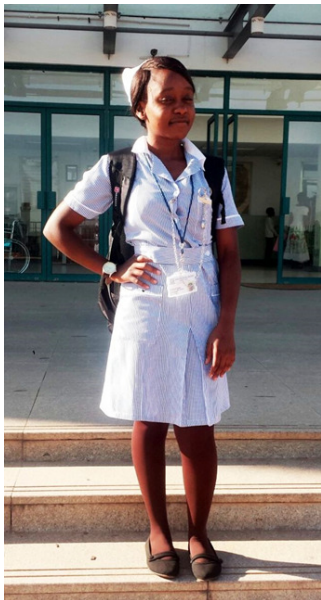
Montgomery County Food Bank

We are looking for an advocate to coordinate our annual Love Your Neighbor Day Project at the Food Bank as well coordinate an annual Food Fair and other work days at MCFB.

Relay for Life

Every Spring we field a relay team to walk around a track to raise awareness and money for the fight against cancer. We need someone to coordinate all of WCPC's efforts for this event including recruiting team members, selling and making luminarias, and the set-up/take-down of our campsite.

One Year Down; Two to Go!



Victoria Muhange Shelemba, the Zambian orphan our congregation is sponsoring through nursing school, has completed her first year of study and is preparing to start her second year of a three year program. You may remember that each year costs approximately \$3,000 and we have just wired the funds for the second year. This has depleted our Education Assistance Fund. If you wish to help pay for her third and final year (due in 2017) please make your charitable contribution to WCPC and note "Education Assistance" on the check. Not only will you be helping one of the orphans we have known for over ten years, you will be helping to add one more desperately needed nurse to the health care system of Zambia.

A picture of Muhange in front of the Levy Mwanawasa General Hospital in Lusaka.

If you have any questions please contact John Hathaway, john_hathaway@yahoo.com.



Barefoot Sunday on August 28th

In support of Soles4Souls, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting the devastating impact and perpetuation of poverty by collecting new and gently used shoes from individuals, schools, faith-based institutions, civic organizations and corporate sponsors to distribute to people in need and by provisioning qualified micro-enterprise programs designed to create jobs in poor and disadvantaged communities, we will sponsor our fourth Barefoot Sunday on August 28th.

We invite you to participate in a few different ways:

Come worship barefoot - Kick off your shoes and store them under your pew.

Donate shoes - Bring them on Aug. 28th or any time **during the month of August only.**

The shoe collection box will be located in the courtyard on Sundays or in Fellowship Hall during the week. On Sunday, Aug. 28th during the last hymn, you will have the opportunity to bring your shoes to the front of the sanctuary and deposit them in the collection boxes.

Please note our next shoe collection will not be again until August, 2017.

Donate boxes and/or your time - Bring boxes (no larger than a computer/microwave-sized box) on Sunday, Aug 28th and/or help pack up the shoes with the Tweens after dinner on Wednesday, August 31st so the shoes can be shipped to Soles4Souls in Nashville.

Pray for this mission outreach project

It has been said that empathy is the act of walking in someone else's shoes. The difficult part is that in order to put on someone else's shoes, we must first take off our own.

ESL Children's Program



Fun with play dough

Do you love mission work? Do you love children? Do you want to help people who want to attend ESL classes, but cannot because they have no child-care? WCPC has a wonderful mission project that does just that! We call it "Mission at

Our Doorstep" because it takes place right here in the Charles Hendricks's Education Building (CHEB).

In late August, our ESL Children's Program, which consists of two classrooms and four wonderful teachers who take care of toddlers and preschool aged children while their parents attend ESL classes, will start up once again in CHEB. Our toddler and preschool classrooms and playground will become busy places on Tuesday and Thursdays mornings from 9 to 11 as they provide the children of the ESL students lots of opportunity to develop physically, socially, and mentally.

If you would like to become involved with this mission outreach project by being a substitute teacher or a member of the ESL Children's Program Committee, please contact Carol Palmquist at 281-367-5166 or Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x 7.

WCPC is member of the **Labels for Education (LFE)** program through the ESL Children's Program. So, please clip and save UPCs and beverage/sauce tops from the participating products listed below. Kindly deposit the UPCs and tops in the canisters located in the office, on the Welcome Table in the sanctuary or on counter in CHEB. **Please note some of the UPC's no longer say Labels for Education on them, but as long as they are from the products listed below they are still good.**

Participating Products

Beverages: Campbell's Tomato Juice, V8 Vegetable, V-Fusion, and Splash Juices **Bread:** Pepperidge Farm Breads, Croutons, Rolls & Stuffing **Frozen Products:** Pepperidge Farm Breads, Cakes, Turnovers & Pastry **Sauces & Gravies:** Campbell's sauces & gravies, Pace salsas & picante sauces, Prego Italian sauces **Snacks:** Pepperidge Farm Goldfish **Soups:** All Campbell's soups **Protein:** V8 Protein shakes & bars **Stationery:** BIC writing utensils & Wite-out



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**CLIP AND EARN
FREE STUFF**

The article below is reprinted from the Mission Crossroads Summer 2016 magazine with permission from the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The author of the following article, Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, and his wife, Farsijana, both PC(USA) mission co-workers in Indonesia, visited WCPC in November, 2009. They presented a Social Justice Forum program on a Saturday morning entitled “Promoting Christian-Muslim Understanding in Indonesia,” which was very well received and then were guest preachers the following Sunday.

Seeking unity in God’s mission

Are Muslims and Christians enemies?

Bernard Adeney-Risakotta

I felt trepidation as I entered the auditorium at the Indonesian Islamic University (UII) in Yogyakarta. More than 500 students filled every seat and many sat on the floor. The women sat on the left and the men on the right. I knew I was not the main attraction. A radical Muslim cleric, who had been in and out of jail, was one of the speakers. Some of his students had been suicide bombers in Bali. Another speaker was a younger Muslim intellectual known for inflammatory, anti-Christian, anti-Western writings. Some of my Muslim colleagues and I had been the objects of his published attacks.

One of my former students from the State Islamic University, Sunan Kalijaga, was now a dean at UII. When his students requested permission to hold a panel discussion sponsored by two militant Islamist organizations (Majelis Mujahidin Indonesia and Hizbut Tahrir), the dean agreed but suggested they should invite me to be on the panel as well. The theme was, “American Hegemony and the Future of Muslim Relations with the West.” I figured I was meant to represent American hegemony.

The younger firebrand spoke first. He used a sophisticated visual presentation to outline the greatest crimes of the West and of Christians, committed against Islam and humanity, over the past 1,300 years. He told a story of oppression, cruelty and injustice stretching from the Crusades and the Spanish Inquisition up to the bombings of Iraq, the oppression of the Palestinians and the war against terror. Also included was a fierce indictment of Western capitalism, economic inequality, violence, racism,



Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta

Bernard Adeney-Risakotta (left), mission co-worker and professor of religion, ethics and social sciences with the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, teaches a class in Indonesia.

promiscuity, massacres of native peoples, slavery, crime, pornography, war, homosexuality, destruction of the environment, human trafficking, abortion, and the sexual victimization of women and children. In contrast with this gruesome story, he presented the noble teachings of Islam, including justice for the poor, defense of the weak, racial equality, peace, respect for women, care of the environment, sexual morality, and an ordered, law-governed society.

My presentation was next, and I was caught off guard, unprepared for such a vivid, wholesale attack on the West. Without using the term, his narrative reprised the theory of a “clash of civilizations” between Islam and the West. But unlike political scientist

Samuel Huntington, whose *Clash of Civilizations* generally portrays the West as the good guys, in this story the forces for good are in Islam, while the West is the source of all evil.

During the question and answer period, I felt strong emotions rising within me. I knew I had not effectively addressed the imagination of reality, which the other speakers had presented so passionately. Those who observed closely could see smoke beginning to seep out of my ears. The moderator invited me to speak again.

For half a minute I was silent. Then I said quietly:

“You know, brothers and sisters, America is much worse than you imagine. . . . All of the terrible

things presented by the other speakers about the West are true. There are also many other ugly realities which they did not mention. There is much in our history and present reality which grieves and shames me.

"But the West is also much better than you imagine. There is amazing goodness and beauty in the peoples, cultures and civilizations of the West. The amazing achievements of science, literature, religion, art, education, civil society, law, and social institutions are all parts of 'the West,' which the other speakers failed to mention. The other speakers have only compared the worst crimes and problems of the West with the noble teachings of Islam. That is not fair.

"Are there no crimes and problems in Muslim societies? Does Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Afghanistan or Indonesia embody the noble teachings of Islam? All countries have both beauty and ugliness in their history, including Indonesia. Every country does not live up to its brightest ideals nor sink to its lowest shame. If you must compare different countries, religious communities and civilizations, you should compare teachings with teachings, ideals with ideals, crimes with crimes, social problems with social problems. It is not fair to compare the worst crimes of one with the



Farsiana Aderey-Riskotta

Bernie says he enjoys being in a position of always learning, always struggling to catch up and participate in all God is doing in Indonesia.

best teachings of the other.

"The world is not divided into black and white, good and evil, the good guys and the bad guys. Rather there is good and evil in all of us, as well as in all of our histories. Islam is now part of the West, and the West is part of all of us in this room."

I paused for them to think about it. Then I concluded by saying:

"Brothers and sisters, I am a Christian and an American. Am I your enemy?"

I sat down. In that large hall, you could have heard a pin drop. Finally the old Muslim cleric broke the silence. He said, "No, Professor Bernie. You are not our enemy. Only the enemies of Islam are our enemies." When I left the campus, the dean thanked me with tears in his eyes. He said, "What you said is something we badly needed to hear."

Today 62 percent of all Muslims live in Asia. Indonesia has the largest

Muslim population in the world, more than the whole Middle East combined. It also has over 26 million Christians. The Christian church has grown rapidly over the last century. Islam is also experiencing a renaissance in Indonesia. Muslims and Christians have lived side by side as brothers and sisters for hundreds of years in Indonesia. The government does not tolerate terrorism and most Muslims view Christians as children of Abraham, who worship the same God. The vitality of both Islam and the Church in Indonesia, and their ability to live in peace, will have a decisive influence on the future of this country, and perhaps the world.

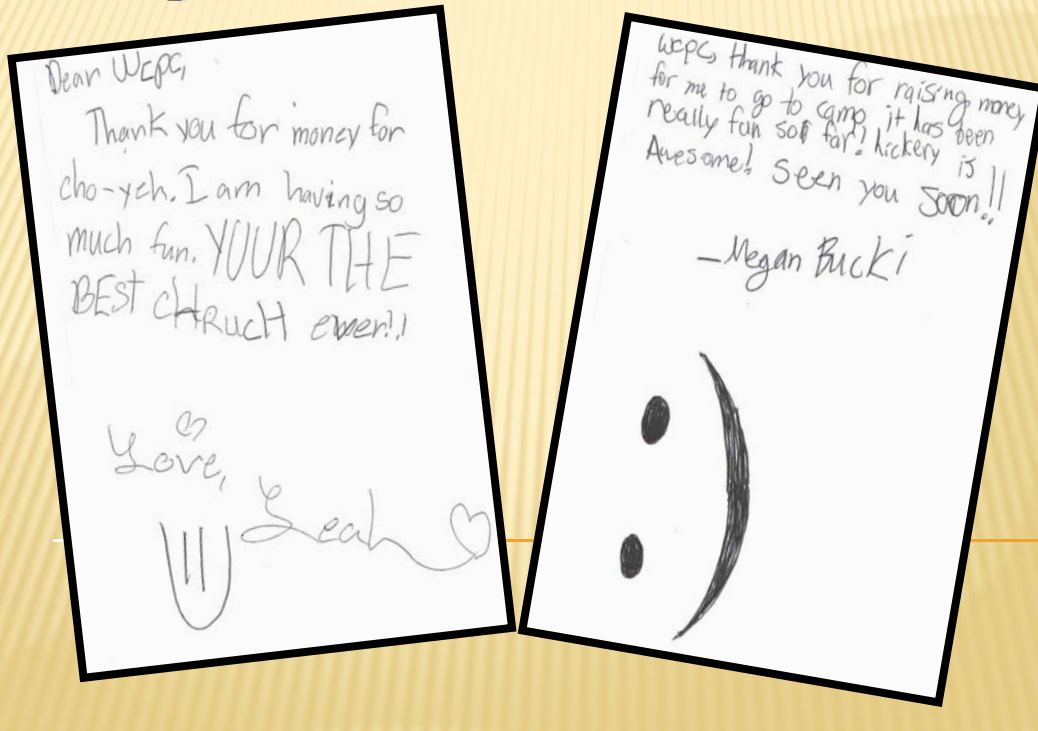


Sponsor a Backpack for the Buddy Backpack Program

You will once again have the opportunity to sponsor a backpack for \$10 for the **Montgomery County Food Bank Buddy Backpack Program**. For the first three Sundays in August, MOT will have a table in the courtyard

where you can sign up to sponsor a backpack. Through this program, food insecure children in our county are provided with 7 nutritional meals and snacks for the weekend. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x7 or mstelter@wpcp-tx.org.

Camp Fundraiser Thank You's



Stephen Ministry Is Your Ministry...

All Alone?

Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. God wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Following worship Stephen Ministers are available for those in need of prayer. Need prayer? We'll be there for you.



Help Wanted!

for the 2016 Women's Christmas Brunch

We need a team of individuals to help plan this festive event for **Dec. 3, 2016**

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



SAVE THE DATE!

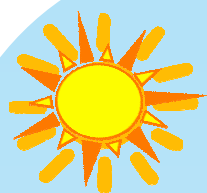
Connect with Montreat
October 25-28, 2016

Plan to join women and men from churches across our presbytery for a retreat at one of the national conference centers for the PC (USA). What a perfect time of year to encounter God through relationships, renewal, recreation, and rest in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.. Not only will we learn about Montreat Conference Center, we will have the opportunity for bible study using the St. John's Illuminated Bible. A caravan along the Blue Ridge Parkway has also been scheduled. Everyone will be responsible for his or her own transportation to Montreat. Housing and meals will be in the newly renovated Assembly Inn. Costs and registration information will be available soon. Questions?? Contact Laura Grice- lgrice@wcpc

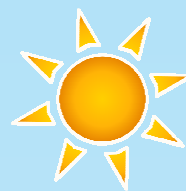


PRAYERS & SQUARES

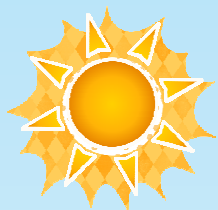
Prayers and Squares will be taking a break over the summer and will return to have their next meeting on September 19. But please remember that even though we are on break, we have many completed quilts and prayer shawls available for tying and prayers and we encourage your requests for these wherever you see the need. The recipient should be asked if they would like a prayer quilt or shawl. Request forms may be filled out in the church office. For info call Nancy Kiefer at 281-292-2491 or Bettie Martinez at 281-719-5182.



Yoga Sun Salutations



Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations-Every Friday 09:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.



Gentle and Restorative Meditation



Gentle and Restorative Meditation-Every Monday 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Gentle Mixed Flow (Yin Yoga)-Every Wednesday 06:30 P.M. - 07:30 P.M.

Hello Everyone,

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church for allowing me the opportunity to share my Yoga experience with community members. This summer, the sanctuary narthex has proved to be the perfect place to practice Yoga, and to meditate.

I recommend the following website which touches on recent research data and key findings on Yoga:

www.yogaalliance.org/Portals/0/2016%20Yoga%20in%20America%20Study%20RESULTS.pdf

In summary, the latest findings indicate that Yoga is becoming an increasing part of American life. Since 2012, those aware of Yoga has climbed from 75% to 90%, with every 1 in 3 trying Yoga on their own at least once.

Many have enriched their lives by adding Yoga to their exercise programs such as running, group sports, lifting weights and cycling. In adding Yoga to a regimen, a strong correlation has been reported with a positive self-image. Moreover, in comparison with non-practitioners, individuals are more likely to make positive statements such as :

- I have a strong sense of mental clarity
- I have good balance
- I am physically strong
- I have good physical agility or dexterity
- I give back to the community
- I have a good range of motion or flexibility

In essence, practitioners are more cognizant about their health, the environment and the community, and at least 50% of practitioners admit to living 'green', eating sustainably and donating time to their community. It is so heartening to report that 90% of our citizens are aware of Yoga, while many practitioners carry a warm and friendly demeanor, and so have the potential to be a Yoga teacher and influence others through even a basic knowledge of Yoga poses.

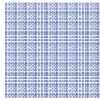
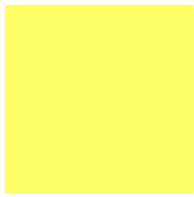
Approximately one in four Individuals surveyed admit that they began practicing through an introductory free Yoga class. Yoga is perceived as a positive activity that helps physical and mental health.

For Fall 2016, I am planning a class named 'Yoga Basics 101'. Additionally, I am looking forward to resuming our monthly 'Healthy Cooking Class'. My aim is to share and learn together as a community member, create easy-to-cook home recipes comprising whole grains, varieties of vegetables and spices.

We will be cooking vegetarian and vegan dishes where you will learn :

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| Yoghurt making | Beans and Rice | Indian bread (Roti) |
| Lentils and Legumes (Cooked and Sprouted) | Row vegetables fun way to use in condiments | |

Rita Upadhyaya
TheWoodlandsLady@gmail.com



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 11am worship	 Mondays 7/11,		 Dinner & Movie		1	2
3 No Children's Sunday school Worship at 11am	4 	5	6 No Wednesday Movies	7	8	9
10 Sunday school 9:45 Worship 11am	11 Magic Monday 9:30-12:30 CHEB rms. 307-309 childcare by reservation ahead to sduncan@wcpcc-tx.org	12 VBS Work Day 9:30-12 in 203, nursery by rsvp to Susan in 102 CE building	13 4-6 pm family movies Rooms 301 & 302 CHEB 6 pm Potluck dinner	14 Tweens (Rising 5th-6th) Mission Project , 9:30 am preparations for Gathering Place in FH, then Incredible Pizza	15 Gathering Place 10-1 pm, and Tweens Mission Project , childcare 9:30-1:30 in 102 by rsvp to Susan	16
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24 Sunday school 9:45 Worship 11am VBS Set Up after worship	25 Camp Edge VBS 9:00-12 opening skits in sanctuary	26 Camp Edge VBS 9:00-12 opening skits in sanctuary	27 Camp Edge VBS 9:00-12 opening skits in sanctuary No WED Movies	28 Camp Edge VBS 9:00-12 opening skits in sanctuary	29 Camp Edge VBS 9:00-12 opening skits in sanctuary	30
31 No SS 10am brunch & rehearsal for children in FH VBS Worship 11am						



Mid-Week Movie & Meal

Showing on

Wednesdays:

4-6 pm Movies in

Hendricks Building rooms 301, 302,
Games in 303

6 pm Potluck Meal in Fellowship Hall

**July 6th No WED Movies for the
July 4th Holiday Week**

**July 13th Gnomeo & Juliet, Princess
Diaries Game Room: Checkers
Tournament Potluck theme: Meat-
less, pasta salads, any salads, Mac
n Cheese, fruit**

**July 20th Christmas in July:
Arthur's Christmas or Muppet
Christmas Carol Game Room:
Uno Potluck theme: Christmas
Dinner, turkey, ham, potatoes,
casseroles, green beans, desserts**

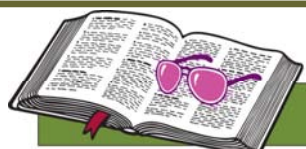
**July 27th No WED Movies during
VBS week**

**August 3rd The Jungle Book,
Tangled, or Brave Game Room:
Monopoly or Yahtzee Potluck
theme: Breakfast for Dinner!**

**August 10th Cinderella, Monster's
University Game Room: Sorry,
Mancala or Trouble Potluck: sides
or dessert to go with Pizza!**



Sunday School



Summer Worship
Schedule

9:45am Sunday
School
11:00 am Worship



VBS Volunteers: Child Protection
Training offered online or July 21st
after the All VBS Volunteer Meeting
at 9:30 in the Sanctuary. Contact
Susan for online directions



VBS Work & Planning Meetings:
July 12th, 19th & 18-22nd all starting at
9:30 am in room 203. Childcare available
in room 102 by reservation ahead to
Susan.

July 21st ALL VBS Volunteer's Meeting
9:30-12 in the Sanctuary.

Please reserve childcare with Susan
sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

Tweens (rising 5th-6th) Theater Camp
week of July 18-22nd 9:30-11:30 in youth
room 206. Come learn theater skills while
rehearsing for VBS skits, behind
the scenes helpers needed too!



Children's Sunday School Rotation Bible
Topic for July: Study of Special Offerings of
PCUSA during the year in worship.

9:30 am every Sunday in **July** in Room 100
and in the Children's Education Building.

No Sunday School in August.



Needed: 16.9ounce water bottles *with
lids*

Props to borrow for the week of July
25-29: Camping gear like tents, lanterns,
camp chairs, kayak or canoe, flashlights,
camping themed toys,



Summer Childcare

Summer Magic Mondays:

July 11th & 18th 9:30-12:30pm.
Email reservations to Sduncan@wcpc-tx.org or Robin Ward

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 fore-
head, and write them on the doorpost of your house and on your
gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-8

Children's Ministry

Summer Mission Opportunities

July 14th & 15th Tweens Mission Opportunity
The Gathering Place



Children rising 5th grade and 6th grade meet on Thursday July 14th to prepare for the Gathering Place. Their theme for July is **Camping** and they need help preparing lunch and a craft for Friday. We will also practice to lead chair exercises. Meet in the Fellowship Hall Narthex Thursday at 9:30 am. After we are finished with our preparations we will go to **Incredible Pizza** for fellowship and fun.

Then come back to church on **Friday at 9:30-1pm** for The Gathering Place where we will lead the calendar and chair games and help with crafts, serving lunch and setting up.

VBS sings for the Gathering Place
 last summer! —>



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**Save these
 Dates!**

August: Mon. 8th, Tues. 9th, & Wed. 10th for rising 6th to 9th grades for Servin' Safari .

Aug 11th & 12th for rising 5th grade for Mission Possible! 5th graders join us for serving projects and fun Thursday and Friday.



End of Summer Get-Together



POOL
PARTY!



Church-wide End of Summer & VBS Pool Party!

Who: Babies, Toddlers, Preschool, School Age, Tweens, Jr. & Sr. High Youth, Adults, and Prime Timers! Everyone in the church from 0-100 years!

When: Sunday August 14th 6-8 pm

Where: Shadowbend Pool on Lake Woodlands Drive



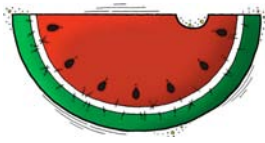
Bring snacks to share:









Family Last name starting with A– K bring chips, savory snacks or finger foods

L-Z fruit or sweets- finger foods

Also both groups bring a large bottle of water,
soda, tea, or lemonade to share!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	 <p>4-6 Family Movies CHEB 301, 302 6 pm Potluck Dinner FH</p>	4		6
<p>7</p> <p>No Sunday school in August CM Team MTG 9-10:50 *childcare in CHEB 11 am Worship</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Servin Safari rising 6th-9th graders</p> <p>Magic Monday 9:30-12:30 Child-care by reservation CHEB 307-309</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Servin Safari rising 6th-9th graders Veggie Village</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Servin' Safari Copperwood Party rising 6th-9th</p> <p>Last 4-6 Family Movies CHEB 301, 302 6 pm Potluck Dinner FH Pizza</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Mission Possible rising 5th graders</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mission Possible rising 5th graders</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>No Sunday school in August 11 am Worship End of Summer Pool Party 6-8pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>The Gathering Place *childcare for volunteers by rsvp to Susan</p> 	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>No Sunday school in August 11 am Worship Backpack Blessing Nursery in CHEB Noisy Offering for VBS Living Water in Peru</p>	<p>22</p> <p>CISD starts back</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>ESL resumes for fall 8-12</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>No Sunday school in August 9-10:50 CM Youth Joint Meeting * childcare in CHEB 11 am Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:15 Wednesday Afternoon Music resumes 5:30 dinner</p> 			



Dear Church Family-

Summer is for R&R: Rest, relaxation, rejuvenation, regrouping, and...

REMINDERS!!!!

It's that time of year again! Time to update your class lists and contact info. Kids are rising into new programming this coming year, and we need to update your contact information.

Please visit our website to subscribe and unsubscribe from email and text messaging groups. <http://www.wcpc-tx.org/everything-happening-ytm/>

Are you rising into our Tweens Group? (Rising 5-6th grades?) Rising into Youth either in Jr. High (rising 7-8th) or Sr. High (rising 9-12th)?

Join our email and text messaging reminders through Mailchimp and Remind101 on our website. Just follow the directions or download the instructions!

Parents can also subscribe to keep updated on schedules and cancellations. These are the BEST WAYS to stay in contact to find out what our different Youth Groups at WCPC are up to!

Parents can also join our closed Facebook groups to get quick info and alerts on happenings and changes throughout the year. We are revamping some of these on the website so please keep an eye out and join the right group for you or your child. More details to come so keep an eye for an invite in your email or Facebook accounts.

Please see me, a staff member or team leader for more information about what groups and messaging services will be right for you in the new school year!

New annual paperwork is also due before kids can participate in Fall events. Please download these from the above link and get them into Pastor Charlie so your child can participate in upcoming events such as August's Servin' Safari & Mission Possible (2nd week of Aug.) , the Youth Group Beach Retreat (last weekend in Aug.) and on-going weekly events & outings!

My prayer for you is that this summer is providing you with the R&R that you need. We are excited for the new year ahead! Get your updates & paperwork, deposits in ASAP!

In Christ's Love,



Pastor
Charlie

Please support these ministries of WCPC with your prayers, your time, and/or your talents.
Contact Pastor Charlie with questions or to volunteer
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Cell (Text) 832-730-8334

Elder for Youth: Sally Bowers www.wcpc-tx.org

Elder for Children & Tweens: Jen Conner

JOIN OUR TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS GROUP!

TWEENS & PARENTS—TEXT @WCPCTWEENS TO 81010

JR HIGH (7-8 GRADES) - TEXT @WCPC JR TO 81010

SR HIGH (GRADES 9-12) - TEXT @WCPCSR TO 81010

THEN FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS!



WCPC's First Ever VBS Theater Camp

Who: Rising 5th Grades & Up and Adult Mentors

What: All things Theater

When: M-F July 18-22, 9:30am – 11:30am all week long

Where: WCPC's Sanctuary

WHY? Why not! It's theater and VBS together!

Calling all WCPC Thespians and those who love to learn about or teach all things Drama!

Three Teams available to sign up for:

HELP WANTED

Front of the House Actors:

Kids – Parts in our skits & drama fun! (2 week commitment & VBS Registration required)

Stage Manager

Adult Mentors to lead theater games, improve, lessons and rehearsal VBS skits to be performed during VBS Assembly all week

Tech Team (Music/Lights/Sound)

Kids – Join Susanna Keiser at the media and sound board to learn about all things Tech at WCPC!

Adult Mentors to lead and teach, and help us design our tech for VBS

Back of the House Stage Hands

Kids – Join our team to learn about stage design, managing and crafting props, costumes and building/painting the scenes

Adult Mentors to help craft the themes, props, costumes and stage design

All invited to participate in the drama-learning workshops

Email, call or text Pastor Charlie to sign up and join one of our teams!

Adult Mentors ~ You do not need to commit to all two weeks. Come as you are able, and let Pastor Charlie know which team you would like to serve on and your availability! **Help for one camp session or the whole two weeks as you are able.**

Kids ~ We hope you can join us for both camp week and VBS week. Actors and some back-of-the house will need to be there the whole time, **but if you can't make VBS at WCPC**, just come for camp week to have fun, help out and learn about all things Theater! No acting required unless you want to participate or have a part. Parts assigned by lottery.

See you in July for VBS & WCPC's First Ever VBS Theater Camp!

Don't forget to sign up! This is a no-cost week of camp.

VBS Registration for tweens & under is required for participation in VBS week.

Pastor Charlie – email: chornes@wcpc-tx.org

Cell/text: 832-730-8334



Servin' Safari

**A Three Day Mission Opportunity for
Rising 6th-9th graders**

August 8th-10th

See Upcoming Publications or Pastor Charlie for More Information



**A TWO DAY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR
RISING 5TH GRADERS**

AUGUST 11TH-12TH

SEE UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS OR PASTOR CHARLIE FOR MORE INFORMATION

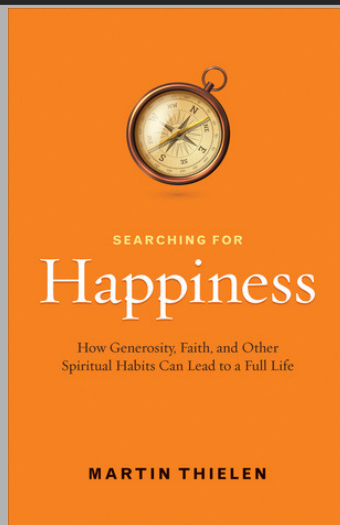
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Group rising 7th- graduating 12th **Searching for Happiness**

Led by Pastor Charlie
and Nancy Hathaway

Youth Room CE 206

9:45am—10:45am
Every Sunday



Searching for Happiness: How Generosity, Faith, and Other Spiritual Habits Can Lead to a Full Life by Martin Thielen (author of ***What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian***) examines the factors that contribute to our ongoing happiness. They go far beyond our life circumstances such as income, health or employment, but do include factors such as our ability to express gratitude or cultivate optimism. Our class discussions will compliment our Summer Sermon Series on these same topics.

- 7/3 "Practicing Forgiveness"
- 7/10 "Practicing Generosity"
- 7/17 "Nurturing Relationships"
- 7/24 "Gratitude"
- 7/31 "Caring for Our Bodies"

Tweens Group Rising 5th-6th

Tweens will be joining our Children's Ministry Team for Sunday School in the Summer. The rotation will be based on PCUSA Special Offerings

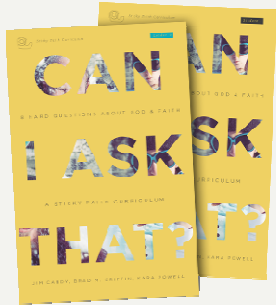
Summer Schedule:

July 3 rd	No Sunday School
July 10 th	One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
July 17 th	One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
July 24 th	VBS Living Waters Intro Activity & VBS Setup projects
July 31 st	VBS Sunday! Come for Light Breakfast



YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7-12TH GRADES 6:00PM CE 206 **THE GREAT FAITH RACE!**

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



CAN I ASK THAT?
8 HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD AND FAITH

Jr High Sunday School 7-8th Grades 9:45am CHER 305

Can I Ask That?

Teenagers are tired of vague or nonexistent answers to their tough questions about God, the Bible, and Christianity.

It's not doubt or hard questions that are toxic to faith. It's silence.

This study provides tools both to start conversations about hard questions, as well as to lead students toward discovering their own faith convictions.

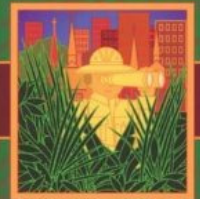
SR High Sunday School 9-12th Grades 9:45am Youth Room CE 206

BEING PRESBYTERIAN IN THE BIBLE BELT

Addressing such questions as "Are You Saved, or Are You Presbyterian?" and "Is the Bible the Literal Word of God or Just a Long, Boring Book?" this is an easy-to-understand, slightly irreverent approach to theology and the kind of theological musings that many youth and others have today. *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt Today* helps Presbyterian young people articulate their faith and respond to these questions from a mainline point of view.

Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt

A THEOLOGICAL SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR YOUTH, PARENTS, AND OTHER CONFUSED PRESBYTERIANS



Ted V. Foote Jr. & P. Alex Thornburg



Tweens Sunday School 5-6th Grades 9:45am CE 202

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

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

Connect takes *tweens* on a journey through the Old Testament and into the New Testament, exploring the connections between several stories each week. New Testament begins Fall 2016.

Kick-Off Sunday



Save the Date!

September 11, 2016

Come join us for food, games, fellowship and fun and learn about all the ministries of WCPC as we kick-off for our 2016-17 year of activities.

If you would like to help with the fresh take on our annual ministry kick-off, please contact the church office.

