



The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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The Woodlands, TX 77381

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May 2018

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



Family Promise at WCPC in June*

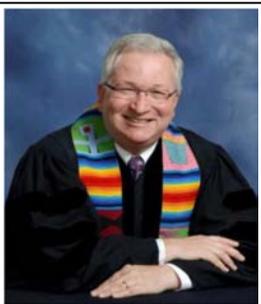
This year will be WCPC's fourth year to host Family Promise, which provides homeless families in Montgomery County with temporary places to stay, meals, and a program that helps them find permanent housing, transportation, and employment. **We will be hosting for two consecutive weeks beginning Sunday, June 3rd and ending Sunday, June 17th.** Lots of volunteers are needed to run Family Promise. Last year over 130 people helped in some way and we expect to need at least that many this year! We need dinner/evening hosts, overnight hosts, Saturday hosts, laundry angels and drivers. Remember families of all ages and sizes can participate as meal and Saturday hosts. We welcome everyone's participation in this mission outreach project. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for Family Promise during their stay at WCPC this June. We have made it even easier to volunteer this year as it is now on SignUpGenius! So, you can sign up in the comfort of your own home by clicking on this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aaba92ea5fb6-family> or **during the month of May there will be a sign-up table in the courtyard on Sunday mornings where you can sign up through SignUpGenius (see page 10 for instructions).** If you have any questions, please contact Warren Evans at 713-299-7323 or wevans36@comcast.net to volunteer.

**Room 306 in the Hendricks Building will be unavailable from May 27th through June 17th. The whole Hendricks Building will be unavailable for use from June 2nd through the 17th. If you have meetings or studies, classes etc scheduled during this time please contact Shirley Barclay (sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org) to relocate to another room or to let her know that you are cancelling.*

SENIOR SUNDAY JUNE 03

GRADUATION SUNDAY: On June 3 WCPC will honor graduating seniors during the 11 am worship service. If you are a graduating senior in 2018 then please contact Sally Bowers to sign up. There is a reception during the Sunday School hour in the youth room. ***Please contact Sally Bowers sally_bowers@comcast.net or Shirley Barclay, sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org to let us know if your senior will attend or to help plan the reception!***





Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

Let me share with you our summer schedule which has been approved by your Session:

June – July

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship 11:00 am

August through Labor Day (September 2nd)

No Sunday School

Worship 10:00 am

The purpose of the one joint service during the summer has always been (8 years now) to give members/friends/guests who separately attend the 8:30 service or the 11:00 service 9 months of the year an opportunity to worship together. And when you also consider that there is much traveling and vacationing taking place in the summer one service works well.

The reason the hour of the one worship service in June and July is 11:00 am is due to the value that we place, not only as a congregation, but as Presbyterians, on education. Having an 11:00 am worship service doesn't require changing the time for Sunday School. We have found over the last two summers when we used this same schedule that attendance has been more consistent than when we changed the time of the Sunday School hour as we had to do when a different time other than 11:00 am was chosen.

We traditionally have not held Sunday School August through Labor Day, giving teachers a chance to rest but also prepare for September. So, the Session decided that adjusting the worship time for August to 10:00 am was appropriate.

The only concern about this change is that in the past, since so many, especially those who are unchurched, assume worship at churches is always 11:00 am, we have missed out on guests who arrived in past summers either after the service was over or in the middle. Since we are now using many different online tools and social media to help make others aware of our service times we are praying this problem will not occur in August.

As we have done each year we will evaluate our expectations vs. reality. Certainly, your Session and Worship Team welcome your feedback.

Your pastor,

WCPC HOSTS A WEEKLY AA MEETING.

Each Monday at 7:00 pm in Hendricks 306 a local AA group is meeting. If you know of anyone who would like to attend please share this information.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

It is hard to believe that May is already upon us. I look forward to this busy month every year, and the excitement that it brings. Of particular excitement this year is Confirmation Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday. It is quite appropriate that this day on which we celebrate God's gift of the Spirit and the "birth" of the Church is the same day we will receive these young disciples into membership at WCPC as they profess their faith. I love watching God at work, don't you?!

With the arrival of May, I've begun to look ahead to this summer while David is on his much deserved sabbatical. While he is away, I know I will need your help. Many of you have already offered to do so, and I am very grateful. I've already talked to the Session and the Deacons about helping with pastoral care needs. If you would like to help with visitations, we already have two wonderful groups (the Hospital and Home Outreach Visitation Teams) in place, but I'm sure there's always room for more volunteers. Worship is the central act of our life together as a church, and if you would like to lead liturgy during worship, we'd love to have your help. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or others, please let me know and I will get you connected with the appropriate ministry team lead. I also welcome your prayer during this time. WCPC does a very good job of "being the church," taking care of one another, etc., and I know this summer will be no different.

*Grace and Peace,
Laura*

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was established to provide financial assistance to those in need who make requests to the pastors of WCPC. Primarily it is used to assist non-members, but on occasion funds are used to assist members with short-term needs. Individuals and families in the past have been helped with rent, utilities, car repair, and prescriptions. A person requesting aid meets with one of our pastors. Their needs are assessed and typically referrals are provided. As an example, if someone lives in the area supported by Interfaith of The Woodlands they are encouraged to contact Interfaith. Your pastors have the discretion to assist those requesting financial help if they believe the need is legitimate and other avenues of help have been explored and are either not available or have been exhausted. If you would like to make a special contribution to this fund you are invited to prayerfully consider doing so. Please make certain that your check to WCPC notes that it is for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact any of our pastors.



Show You Care with Call-a-Friend

WCPC is looking for a few members to make a short phone call every so often to someone in the congregation who can't come to church. Choose one person to contact by phone to say that the church cares. It's easy, but it makes a difference—for both of you. Prefer to visit in person? We have a Visitation Ministry, and we need your help there, too.

Email Mignon Mabry at mwmabry@gmail.com or Tammy Rand at fromaway1958@me.com for details or a call-back.

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

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| 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 | | |

BOARD OF DEACONS**SESSION MEMBERS**

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

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| Patty Ahern | Carrie Bucki | Ed Allen |
| Kathy Bray | Karen Gonzales | Kristen Campbell |
| Mary Jo Chapman | Barbie Hardy | Jane Harding |
| Beth North | Debra Martinez | Leslie Lee |
| Tammy Rand | Kim Petrie | Mignon Mabry |
| | | Erin Michaelis |
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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 from 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 Class & Study Opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING 9:45—10:45 am

**History of the Bible: The Making of the
New Testament Canon.** HEB 301a
led by Corliss Lentz, Bill McCleary & Joe Christoffel

Our new study is “History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon.” This study will run until July 1st.

Lectionary Class HEB 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 HEB 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 with Love and Logic HEB 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 HEB 301b
Mondays 9:30-11:30 am

led by Tricia Knight

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

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

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
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 am in the Library

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
Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 am in HEB 301b

contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is using *The Challenge of Jesus*, by John Dominic Crossan.

WED. EVENING MEN’S STUDY GROUP
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 pm at Crust Pizza

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

THURSDAY

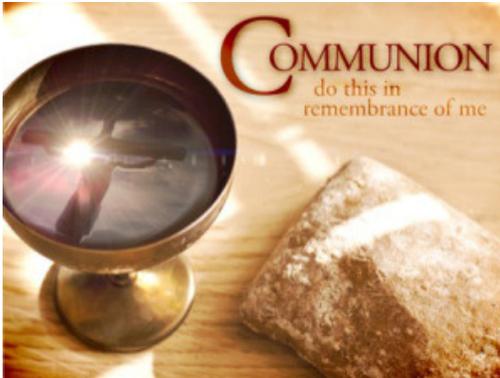
CIRCLE OF BLESSINGS - WOMEN’S CIRCLE
2nd Thursdays 7:00 pm in Member Homes

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE 1st Tuesday May 1 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 May 10 at 7:00 pm in the parlor
This year we are using the study *The Bad Girls of the Bible, and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs.

Communion Servers Needed



Would you like the opportunity to serve communion at WCPC? All confirmed WCPC adults and youth may sign up to serve. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, and did not receive a WCPC Communion Servers invitation on SignUp Genius, please email Nancy Castro at nancyc1254@yahoo.com. Your name and email will be included in the next SignUp Genius communion invitation message.

PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares, quilting/knitting/crocheting group will meet on Mondays, May 7 and 21. 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. Please contact Nancy Kiefer if you have any questions or would like additional information..



DONATION BASED YOGA CLASSES

Join us to practice 'Hatha Yoga' in the Sanctuary 'Narthex' on:
Monday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Gentle and Restorative Meditation
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations
Wednesday: No classes
Thursday: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Gentle and Restorative Meditation
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations



Gentle and Restorative Meditation



Energizing Yoga Sun Salutations



Rita Upadhyaya

TheWoodlandsLady@gmail.com

(713) 377-8521

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.



I love to sing in the shower! But I sure do see a lot of water going down the drain. Seems like a waste. I heard about a great way to save precious water. Install a high-efficiency shower head! Yes, it will cost a little, but you make that up in only a few years. And, best of all, you get just as clean with HALF the water! Half! I like that.

♪♪ Rubber Duckie, you're the one.... ♪♪



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

THINNERS & SINNERS

JOIN US for a Gardening Work Day at WCPC

Thinners and Sinners Garden Group

Sign up to help restore a neglected garden space, improve some areas in the Prayer Garden, and pull a few weeds.

If you are interested in this group and would like meeting times events etc please contact David Hitchcock for more info at dhitchcocktx@gmail.com or 281-705-5650



CPR/AED TRAINING EVENT

Date and Time: Monday, May 21, 7 pm
Location: Room 301 Hendricks Building

The Safety & Emergency Team is hosting a CPR/AED Training Event. This is not a certification course. The duration of the training is approximately 1 hour. The course will cover two-step CPR, defibrillator location and operation (AED), and choking emergencies. Light refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions please call Sheree Fleming at 936-648-7986.



Help make WCPC look it's best!
The Mow and Blow team needs volunteers!
Contact: Andy Ward at AndyNon7@gmail.com





Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

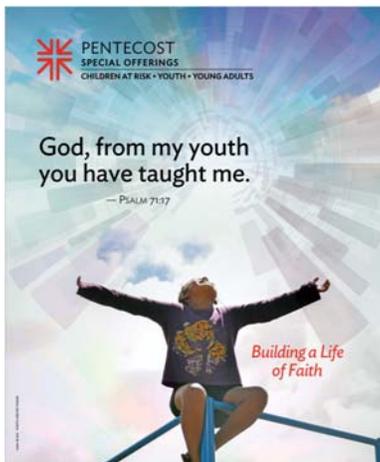
The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

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 Hendricks Education Building (HEB) to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1st.** 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.

Pentecost Offering on May 20th



25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) - Providing opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% goes to Ministries with Youth - Helping to guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

10% advocates for at-risk children - Supporting vital ministries to improve education and provide a safe haven for children across the globe.

40% stays with our congregation - Developing and supporting programs for children at risk, youth or young adults in our community. **The Youth Program at First Presbyterian Church of Dickinson will be the beneficiary this year.**

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. By giving to the Pentecost Offering we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come- children youth and young adults. Please give generously to this offering. Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it Pentecost. There are also specially marked envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience.

Our Local Beneficiary of 2018 Pentecost Offering

The Mission Outreach Team (MOT) voted at their March meeting to have the Youth Program at First Presbyterian Church of Dickinson (FPCD) be the local recipient of the 2018 Pentecost Offering. FPCD sustained significant damage during Hurricane Harvey as it took on more than five feet of water. The only thing escaping damage in their sanctuary was the stained glass.



Celebrate Patriotism At



The Gathering Place

Friday, May 18th
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 CarePartners or our care team helps determine if we can meet the family's need with our program. This is done by arranging for the caregiver and the care partner to attend The Gathering Place together for the first visit. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you. For information, call WCPC coordinator Kathy Bray at 281-419-0373.

Interfaith OF THE WOODLANDS **CarePartners**

PRESENT THE SPRING 2018

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, May 5, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Christ Church United Methodist
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 Aging in Place The Woodlands
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 Always Best Care Senior Services
 Ambassadors Caregivers
 Avatar Home Health
 Bee Organized
 Better Business Bureau- Senior Medicare Patrol
 Care Patrol
 Clark Hearing Solutions
 Conroe ISD Parent Resource Center
 Easter Seals
 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
 Hearts at Home Senior Care
 Houston Area Parkinson's Society
 Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging
 Legend Oaks Northwest
 Lone Star Legal Aid
 Medtronic
 Mom's Care Plan
 New Danville
 Smith & Smith Law Firm
 Sycamore Creek Ranch Memory Care
 Texan Plus
 Texas Children's Hospital
 The Alzheimer's Association
 The Magnolia House of The Woodlands
 The Village at The Woodlands Waterway
 The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Services
 Village Green Alzheimer's Care
 Village Learning Center
 Visiting Physicians
 VITAS Healthcare

For more information
 Call Raymona Lewis, Interfaith of The Woodlands @ 281-367-1230 or
 Becky Villarreal, CarePartners @ 713-682-5995

The Interfaith Food Pantry

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. To date, Interfaith has provided food assistance to almost 2,000 families or over 4,000 on an individual basis. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

Special Pantry Needs for May:

cooking oil, syrup
pancake/muffin mixes
peanut butter, jam & dry milk
shampoo & conditioner

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



Interfaith recently finished remodeling their food pantry. They didn't add any square feet, but put in a walk-in freezer and commercial-size refrigeration units.

How to Sign Up to Volunteer for Family Promise on SignUpGenius

1. Go to the WCPC website: <http://www.wcpc-tx.org/> and then follow all the directions below or Go to the direct link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aaba92ea5fb6-family> and follow the directions below starting with #7.
2. Scroll over "Adult Connect," and click on "Sign Up Genius" from the drop down menu.
3. Click on the "Sign Up Genius" link on the next page.
4. The WCPC Sign Up Genius page will open.
5. Click on the tab at the top that says "Family Promise Opportunities."
6. On the next page, you will see the following list of the Family Promise Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Drivers,
 - Daytime Hosts
 - Evening Meal Providers/Hosts
 - Overnight Hosts
 - Laundry Angels
7. Click on the opportunity you would like to sign up for.
8. Please read the description of the role carefully.
9. Choose the date you would like to sign up and click in the box that says "Sign Up."
10. If your volunteer opportunity requires you to type a comment, do that in the Comment box on the next page (Meal Hosts will need to type what they plan to prepare).
11. Then click "Submit and Sign Up" at the bottom of the page.
12. If you have used Sign Up Genius before, you will either be prompted to login with your email and password or, if you are registering from a device that recognizes your Sign Up Genius account, you may already be logged in. If you have never used Sign Up Genius, you will be prompted to create an account. This is as simple as providing your email address and creating a password.
13. Once you have logged in and clicked "Submit and Sign Up," you will see a screen confirming your sign up. You should also receive an email confirmation.

Dedication of our 8th Habitat House Saturday, April 28, 2018



The three bedroom Habitat House WCPC completed in partnership with The Woodlands United Methodist Church just before the dedication ceremony.



Bill Bray presenting Maria Beverly and her family with the prayer quilt from WCPC at the dedication ceremony.

Supplies Needed for Peru Medical Mission Trip

We are collecting eyeglasses, both prescription and reading glasses, as well as toothbrushes and unused travel-size toiletries for the Peru Medical Mission Trip to Lima. The toothbrushes and toiletries will be distributed to those families visiting the medical clinic in La Molina from July 25th - August 2nd while the eyeglasses will be used for the vision screening. 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. **We will be accepting donations through the end of June.** Please be sure to **mark your donations for the Lima, Peru Medical Mission Trip** when you leave them in the church office. If you have any questions please contact either Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x 7 or Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779.

Supplies Needed

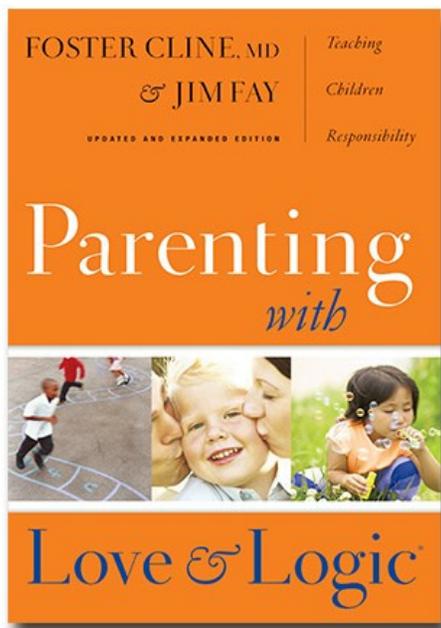
Travel-Size: soap, shampoo, lotion and toothpaste

Adult size: toothbrushes

Adult & Children's Eyeglasses: prescription & reading

PARENTING CLASSES

For Parents of Children 0-12 yrs



Sunday Morning Study 9:45-10:50 am Parenting with Love and Logic

Are you the parent of one or more children? 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 meet on Sunday mornings in HEB room 306. The books will be provided, please email Susan at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org so she can order it for you.

Please contact Mike or Tara Devoley with questions
tdevoley@yahoo.com

Are you CPR certified? Do you have a medical certification or a background in law enforcement, public safety, or firefighting? The newly formed Safety & Emergency Steering team would like to know. The team is tasked with assessing church safety. It would be helpful to know those WCPC members who have special skills and training that would be useful in an emergency situation. Please email Matthew Jensen mjensen@wcpc-tx.org with your name and certification / special skill set with "Safety Team" in the subject line.



ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
FELLOWSHIP HALL
AT 11:30 AM



Can you believe it's already May? Where has the time gone? I hope you all are excited to join us for bungee jumping and sky diving on May 30. Ok I'm just kidding, please join us for lunch and fellowship! No parachute needed! We are planning a feast made by the staff. So please bring a neighbor or a co-worker, the more the merrier! Don't miss out on all the fun catching up with your friends and church family! This will be our last event before the summer break, so please attend! We will also say goodbye to Rev. Dr. David Jones before he begins his sabbatical! Let's let him know how much we will miss him.



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church



WCPC May 2018 Newsletter

“Look at the wonderful things God made.” Job 37:14.

This has been an awesome year for all of us at ELP. As a new Director at ELP, I often take time on the weekends to reflect upon all the things that have gone on in the past weeks and think about the new things that are to come. Thinking all the way back to September, we cannot forget that our school year began with a hurricane. That huge storm was unexpected and devastating to so many people and many are still putting pieces of their lives back together. We must be careful not to forget that feeling of awe that we all shared as we either played a role in receiving or helping share God’s love for others. We shouldn’t need huge disasters to remind us to recognize the miracles and the blessings that surround us each day, and we should always strive to share this spirit of love and support even in the mundane days. The truth is, however, we do sometimes forget as we get busy and days turn into months. It is easier to forget to simply look at the wonderful things (and people) that God has made than we would like to admit.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to serve God’s children on a daily basis at ELP! This helps us to view the world from a child’s perspective, and this helps us remember to stop and stand in awe of even the tiniest miracles like caterpillars turning into butterflies, or seeds turning into flowers. Maybe this child like view is what we should always cling to! Our days for this remaining school year together are few, but our hope is that our children and their families would stop to enjoy all the wonderful things this year has brought and remember WHO gets the credit! May we remember to praise HIM, our Heavenly Father, for the time we have shared; even those times when we were together in a storm.

Thank you for supporting us this year! ELP loves WCPC and we are honored to serve alongside you!
Cindy

PRaising GOD FOR MANY BLESSINGS FOR ALL EARS! IN 2018.

SHELLEY MATHAY, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR
ALL EARS! LISTENING AND LANGUAGE CENTER
281-615-5475. ALLEARSCENTER.ORG
P.O. BOX 131602, THE WOODLANDS, TX 77393



TEACHING DEAF CHILDREN TO LISTEN AND SPEAK!



YOU ARE INVITED TO
FAMILY NIGHT
FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS

COME AND CONNECT WITH MEMBERS OF THE ALL EARS! FAMILY
ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AND LISTEN TO
GUEST SPEAKERS ON ALL THINGS HEARING LOSS.

JOIN US FOR DINNER AT 6 PM · PROGRAM AT 6:30 PM
CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SHELLEY@ALLEARSCENTER.ORG OR 281-615-5475 · WWW.ALLEARSCENTER.ORG

LOCATION: ELP (EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM) AT THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ADDRESS: 4881 W. PANTHER CREEK DR., THE WOODLANDS, TX 77381

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:

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| Sarah Parker | ssnyder888@gmail.com | Robin Ward | robinmctx@yahoo.com |

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| May 7 th | Moms Meeting | 9:30 -11:30 | Youth Room -CE 206 | Join us as we work on our backpack craft for our Blessing of the Backpacks at the end of Summer. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare. |
| May 14 th | Mission Monday | 9:30-12:30 | CHEB Nurseries/ Willis Parental Center | Mission Monday is an opportunity for us to fellowship together while volunteering in a local outreach mission. Drop your kids at the church with a peanut-free lunch and carpool up to the Willis Parental Support Center for a day of service. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare. |
| May 19 th | Parent's Night Out | 5:00-8:00 PM | CHEB Nurseries | The theme this month is <i>All about Dr. Seuss</i> . Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie, and crafts and activities right here at WCPC. Donations accepted for the cost of pizza. *RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org). |
| May 21 st | Planning Meeting | 9:30 -11:30 | Torchy's Tacos 4747 Research Forest Drive | Join us at Torchy's Tacos as we eat some breakfast tacos and plan next year's meetings and events. |

Moms in Mission

Join Moms in Mission for their annual end of year luncheon on Wed., May 2, from 12:00pm - 2:00pm at the home of Caroline Cameron Yarp, 55 Nocturne Woods Place (281.363.0975). Please bring a dish to share. For more information, email mimswcpc@gmail.com



Friday

MAY 4

New Fellowship
Group for
Parents of
Preschool
Children



First Friday of the Month
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 whose youngest children are 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. Upcoming dates is **May 4**.

Please contact Tara or Mike Devoley for the meeting location at tdevoley@yahoo.com and to reserve childcare or questions contact Susan Duncan at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

WAM END OF YEAR PARTY!

WAM END OF YEAR SWIM PARTY!

MAY 16TH
4:30 PM-6:30 PM

SWIM PARTY for Alleluia Choir, Angel Voices, Cherubs & Chimes at Tricia MacDonald's home. There will be a sign-up sheet during WAM to RSVP and list what foods you will bring to share. Ms. Tricia will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments and baked beans. Ms. Bonnie will provide drinks. Suggested additional items: apple slices, grapes, berries, watermelon, chips, pretzels, brownies. Other ideas welcome. We look forward to our end of the year WAM celebration!!

IMPORTANT WAM DATES

MAY 9 Wednesday, May 9th, 4:30: END of YEAR PROGRAM - program with Angel Voices and Cherubs singing together, certificates and dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Alleluia Choir will also sing and Chimes will ring.

MAY 16 WAM end of year party off campus. The Jubilate Bells will have their last rehearsal at the church during their normal time.. (No Wed. Night Dinner)

WAM TIMES THRU MAY 2

Children's Chimes at 4:15pm (Grades 2-6)
Meet in the Narthex
Choirs at 4:45
Cherubs (ages 2-3) meet in CHEB 302
Angel Voices (4-2nd grade) meet in CHEB 301B
Alleluia Choir (Grades 2-6) meet in CHEB 305
Everyone is invited to dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30
May 23rd Last rehearsal
before summer break begins!

Heavenly Metal Bells

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 in the Narthex

Jubilate Bells

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 in the Narthex

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 in the Choir Room

Pool Playdates coming in June!

**Every Wednesday evening
5-7pm at Ridgewood Pool**

Grab your suits and goggles, pack a picnic dinner (or grab a pizza) and come swim with friends! We'll see you at the pool! Everyone is invited!

(Regular pool fees apply.)



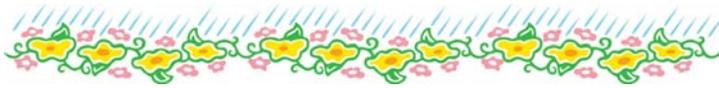


Join us every Wednesday evening in June from **5-7 pm** at **Ridgewood Pool**. Grab your suit and goggles, pack a picnic dinner (or grab a pizza) and come swim with friends. We'll see you at the pool!
July Pool fun starts Wednesday July 11th at Sawdust Pool.

(Regular pool fees apply.)



Wear Red for Pentecost
Sunday May 20th
Also Confirmation
Sunday



CHILDREN'S
Ministry
NEWS

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School Bible Topics this month:

Pre-K-K **The Apostles**

1st-2nd **Fruit of the Spirit**

3rd-4th **Lectionary Abide in Love John 15:9-17;**

Matthias is Chosen Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Pentecost Acts 2:1-21

5th-6th **Connect Unit 5 Jerusalem Conquered**

Godly Play Knowing Jesus stories will continue with Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost



**THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS**

Teacher Appreciation Brunch June 10th

for Teachers, Leaders and Helpers of
All Age Groups!

Come and let us thank you for your all your help this year in W.C.P.C.'s Sunday School classes with a brunch on **June 10th** in the Fellowship Hall. *We really appreciate you!* We could not do Sunday School for our adults, youth and children's classes without your willingness to serve and share your faith this past year as Teachers, Leaders, Floaters, and Storytellers! We will also recognize your contributions at 11 am worship June 10th.



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost



Register and pay for VBS Shake It Up Café! online at wcpc-tx.org before it's *Too Late!*

Public registration is May 1st!

VBS July 16th-20th

VBS Planning meetings on Mondays in June:

**June 3, June 10,
June 17, and June 24
in 204 from 9:30-12 noon**

Childcare provided by reservation. Use this opportunity to make a supply list and plan your lessons or —help with decorating and craft preparations.

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



"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem..."



and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8, NRSV

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Public registration for VBS opens |  | 1  May Day | 2 WAM 4:15 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner | 3 | 4 Tweens & Youth Harry Potter Night 6-8 pm in FH  | 5 |
| 6 Worship 8:30 & 11 am 9:45 Sunday school | 7 Mom's Mtg 9:30-11:30 childcare in HEB room 307 rsvp to Susan | 8 | 9 Last WAM 4:45-5:30 Program FH 5:30-6:15 dinner in FH | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Worship 8:30 & 11 am 9:45 Sunday school  | 14 Mission Monday 9:30-12:30 childcare in HEB 307 rsvp to Susan | 15 | 16 WAM Party at the MacDonald's backyard 4:30-6:30 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 PNO Dr Seuss Fun! 5-8 pm rsvp to Susan  |
| 20 Worship 8:30 & 11 am 9:45 Sunday school PENTECOST  | 21 Mom's Planning Mtg 9:30-11:30 childcare by rsvp to Susan | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Worship 8:30 & 11 am 9:45 Sunday school | 28  Church office closed | 29 | 30 | 31 Last day of CISD  |  | |



Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:50 drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 204, 106, 101 and 206. 5th and 6th grade SS classroom in 205.

Childcare for worship and under 3 Sunday school in Charles Hendricks Ed. Build- ing rooms 307-309.

Children's Ministry Continued

May 19th
Parent's Night Out

Dr. Seuss

Let your kid's ages 0-10 years spend an evening 5-8 pm with friends, enjoy pizza dinner, a movie, games and crafts right here at WCPC in the Hendricks building nurseries. We will watch Cat in the Hat. RSVP to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org.

May 27th marks the end of the regular Sunday school and worship schedules. To celebrate the end of Children's Sunday school we will have a celebration with mission projects, games and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. Parents and everyone else are very welcome to join us! Our Summer Worship schedule begins June 3rd at 11:00 am with one service and Sunday school before the service at 9:45 am.

SUMMER
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE



Regular Sunday school classes will finish

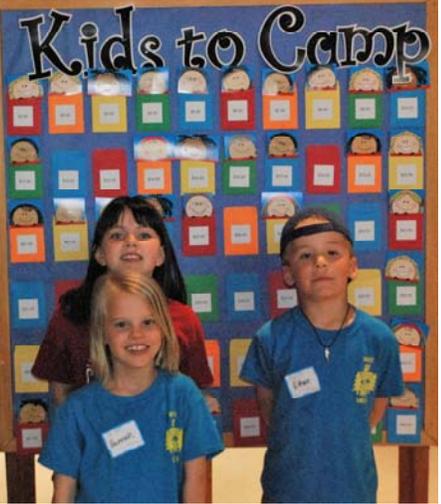
May 13th (except for Tweens)

May 20th we will combine for a Pentecost celebration in the downstairs CE classrooms.

May 27th Memorial Day Weekend we will combine in Fellowship Hall for Mission activity centers.



Summer SS begins June 3rd in room 105 at 9:45 for completed grades 3rd-6th. Younger Grades and Pre-K will meet in room 101.



Camp News

Summer Cho Yeh dates are June 10-16

So far 5 WCPC children have signed up for Camp Cho Yeh assistance this summer and will be using a portion of the funds raised from the Rummage Sale fundraiser to help them get there! Several others are also going without a discount. A very big **Thank You** to all the donors and volunteers for the Rummage Sale who made this possible!

Children's Summer Sunday School

How Can I Help in Our Neighborhood?

Beginning
June 3rd—July 29th
9:45 am-10:50 am
3rd-6th room 105
2nd and under in 101



THEOCADEMY CONFIRMATION



**Confirmation Sunday
May 20**

SENIOR SUNDAY JUNE 03

On June 3 WCPC will honor graduating seniors during the 11 am worship service. There is a reception during the Sunday School hour in the youth room.



YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for our **"Who is Jesus?"**
Study at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room (CE Rm 200)
Come early at 5:30 for dinner in Fellowship Hall!

May 2nd – we will also celebrate Sally's birthday!!

May 9th – Last Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study

Youth and Tweens Fellowship
Harry Potter
Friday May 4, 6-8pm

Be ready to have fun in a Harry Potter inspired youth and tween combined fellowship event. Meet in the fellowship hall on Friday May 4, from 6-8pm.

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.



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:

Susan Duncan

sduncan@wcpc-tx.org

Elder for Children & Tweens:

Jen Conner

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Youth Team Chairs:

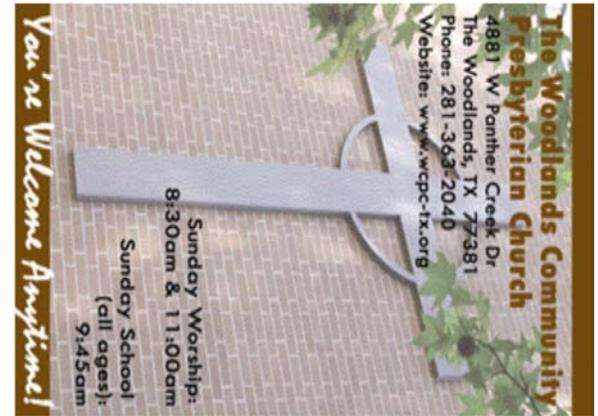
Sally Bowers

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Megan Hansen

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



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR JUBILEE & CELEBRATION AT MO RANCH IS MAY 15! CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO FILL OUT A FORM AND RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOUR YOUTH. THERE IS LIMITED SPACE FOR EACH CONFERENCE!

Youth Celebration*

June 24-29 \$575

Youth Celebration is a conference for high school students completed 9th-graduated 12th grade. It's a week filled with exploration of faith, worship, new friends and recreation. This conference begins on Sunday evening with the "big hello" and closes with the "big goodbye" on Friday morning. Conference activities include energizers, keynote presentations, worship and music, small groups, afternoon recreation and evening vespers. Join us June 24-29, 2018!

Jr. High Jubilee II*

July 8-12 \$495

During Jr. High Jubilee, (completed 7th –completed 8th) youth come together to be inspired to grow in their faith by learning and living the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hundreds of youth participants will gather together in the Hill Country for an unforgettable Mo-Ranch experience that's filled with new friends, spiritual enrichment, worship, study and recreation.

Activities and recreation will include everything from taking a challenge on the Mo ropes course, dancing, games, energizers, vespers and popsicle parties, to aquathons, sports, evening movies, swimming in the beautiful Guadalupe, singing God's praises and more!

*Scholarships available