



The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
4881 W. Panther Creek Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381

October 2018

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

WELCOME TO WCPC



A class for guests interested in learning about the ministry and mission of WCPC. October 7, 14, 21, 28 at 9:45 am in Rm 302 in the Hendricks Education Building

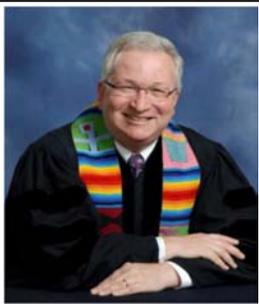
Trunk or Treat
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Friday, October 26

See Page 18 for details!

Meet Your Deacon!



The deacons will be in the Welcome Center and serving as greeters October 7, 14 so you can meet them and they can meet you. Stop by and meet your Deacon!



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

A very special and wonderful occasion occurs on October 1st. Rachael is getting married! I will be officiating at the ceremony which will take place in the mountains of North Carolina. Rachael and Matthew have been together for five years now. The wedding is small, just immediate family. I invite your prayers for their wedding and most of all for their future life together.

This past weekend I was honored to be asked to officiate my niece's wedding in Lexington, Virginia. My brothers and sisters and most of their extended families were there. It was a joyous time of being together. I also invite your prayers for Taylor and Evan as they begin their new life as a married couple.

As I shared with both the Personnel Team and your Session I continue to be very grateful for the sabbatical I took this summer. Many experiences. Many conversations with others along the way that Jullie and I will remember for a very long time.

Iona, Scotland was the spiritual highlight of the journey. In hindsight had I known how much it would inspire and challenge me and Jullie we would have spent far more time on the island instead of the four days we were there. It's not just the island, which is unique and beautiful, but the community established there around the ruins of the Abbey (ruins date back to the middle ages).

The Iona Community is an ecumenical Christian community of men and women from different walks of life and different traditions in the Christian church committed to seeking new ways of living the Gospel of Christ in today's world. It was founded in 1938 by George MacLeod. They are practically focused on social justice issues. Their daily worship services were simple but profound.

I was deeply moved while we worshiped in that ancient building, not focused on the past, but how the gospel can impact our lives today and how we can make a difference in the lives of others now.

After returning home we left for New Mexico and the Monastery of Christ in the Desert located fifteen miles from Ghost Ranch. The emphasis at the monastery is silence. The monks can talk but always the focus is on less not more. Choosing your words carefully.

After our time at the monastery we spent five days near Ghost Ranch. Jullie has said this was her sabbatical since the focus was on the artist Georgia O'Keefe. I was surprised how much I learned about the process of painting. The many stages. The false starts. Jullie is a very gifted artist and it was wonderful to see how much this experience meant to her.

After New Mexico we drove to California and spent time with Jullie's mom in Palm Springs and Jullie's friends in Laguna Beach. Jullie grew up in Laguna and really enjoyed being back again, especially swimming in the Pacific.

Our final trip was to Sarasota, Florida. Jullie graduated from Ringling College of Art and Design. My first call was in Palm Harbor, Florida. Its where we met.

I return refreshed and excited about the future as your pastor. I'm especially grateful for Laura Grice and her leadership in my absence. I am very blessed to have her as my colleague in ministry. My thanks also to the staff. WCPC has a wonderful and dedicated staff team. It is a privilege to serve with them.

Your pastor,

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.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

A few weeks ago, I preached about prayer and the power it has in our lives. Following worship, several of you asked what to do if you're called upon to pray, but cannot find the words. I shared with them what I will share with you all, I've learned several techniques for praying when you can't find the words.

1. In scripture, we have been given powerful words that can be used as prayer. Some of the most powerful words can be found in the Psalms. Among those 150 songs and prayers, you can find many of the emotions and situations we may encounter in the life of faith: trust, hope, joy, sorrow, anger, fear, etc. Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer called the Psalms the prayer-book of the Bible.
2. Learn a prayer or prayers that you like that may speak to many situations. I remember learning the Lord's Prayer as a child. As we pray it in worship, sometimes these words become more recitation than prayer. Try praying it more slowly, pausing after each phrase. Allow God to move in the silence. The Presbyterian Book of Common Worship— Daily Prayer book also has wonderful prayers for many situations and times of year.
3. Learn a technique or form of prayer you can adapt as needed. One of my favorites is the collect form of prayer. A simple collect includes an address, a petition, and a conclusion. A silly example, perfect for Halloween candy season, from the Presbyterian Mission Agency's resource on this form of prayer reads:

Sweet God, (ascriptive address that serves as invocation)
giver of chocolate, (affirmation of who God is/what God does)
Help us to taste and see that you are good (petition)
that we may trust and share the richness of your love for us (desired result)
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen (doxological conclusion naming Christ as Lord)
4. Sometimes there are no words, or the words don't come. It is perfectly appropriate to name this in your prayer. This might look like:

Dear God,
I don't know the words to pray right now,
but trust that you know and hear the prayers of my/our hearts.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Laura

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.

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

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Dr. David F. Jones	<u>Music Ministries:</u> Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs Dr. Dave Faber, Organist	<u>Early Learning Program:</u> Cindy Mountain, Director Chantal Porter, Administration	<u>Our Missionaries</u> Nancy Collins, Zambia Sara Armstrong, Peru Rusty Edmondson, Peru
<u>Associate Pastor</u> Rev. Laura R. Grice		<u>Administration:</u> Matthew Jensen Financial Administrator Shirley Barclay, Dir. of Communications	<u>Our Seminarians</u> Martin Garner Naomi Daka
<u>Pastor Emeritus:</u> Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks	<u>Mission Outreach:</u> Michele Stelter, Facilitator		
<u>Parish Associate:</u> Rev. Warren Johnson	<u>Children's Ministries:</u> Susan Duncan, Director		

BOARD OF DEACONS**SESSION MEMBERS**

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Nancy Castro	Todd Duncan	Pierce Burnette	Carrie Bucki	Ed Allen	David Castro
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Bruce Lee	Betsy Whitehead	Tim Moore	Debra Martinez	Leslie Lee	Robin Haney
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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 from 9:30—10:30 am at the church. This group is led by Sally Lichtenwalter. Through the use of Lectio Divina and Intercessory Prayer, the group prays for members, family, and friends that have requested prayers. Contact Sally Lichtenwalter (218-292-3152) for 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.

Communications Corner

Life of the Church: Articles due preceding Tuesday by noon.

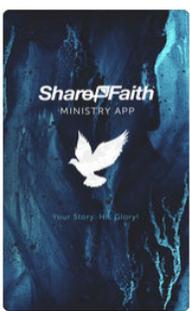
Newsletter: Articles due October 15 for the November 2018 newsletter.

Website: Information due Monday at noon . Send to communications@wcpc-tx.org.

Ways to stay connected!

Find all of this information online on our website at www.wcpc-tx.org

Download the **WCPC App!** First you must download the ShareFaith App then follow the below directions to find WCPC. This app will have Sermons, Peazy's Blog, Newsletter and more!



Find us on Instagram by searching for WCPC1981 or enter the address below
<https://www.instagram.com/wcpc1981/>

Find us on Facebook by searching for Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church or enter the address below
<https://www.facebook.com/wcpcWoodlandsCommunityPresbyterianChurch/>

Find the **Church Life App** under the GIVING tab on our website which tells the steps. This app will have the church directory which has the most updated contact information available.

This app is also a wonderful way to update your address, phone number and picture. Here is the link to the page:
<http://www.wcpc-tx.org/church-life-app-2/>

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- 1 - Click **MyWCPC** below.
- 2 - Select Need a Login?
- 3 - Enter Email, First & Last Name.
- 4 - Use the email you receive to set your password.

2

- 1 - Go to your phone's App Store (Android or Apple OS)
- 2 - Download ACS Church life App.
- 3 - Log in with email & password.

3

- Use the Church life App for:
- Member Directory
 - Set up Giving
 - Update your photo
 - Registering for Events

Please feel free to contact the church office for help or with any questions!

MyWCPC



Fall Adult Class & Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:45—10:45 am

The History of Christianity HEB 301a
led by Bill McCleary & Joe Christoffel

How did a persecuted sect in 1st-century Palestine rise to command such a massive influence on human culture, imagination, and spirit? Explore Christianity's first 1,500 years, from the disciples to the dawn of the Reformation with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson.

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

A fun, interactive discussion of the Gospel of Mark. Part of N.T. Wright's series, *New Testament for Everyone*, this study of the Gospel of Mark is an accessible and practical study for everyone. Great for those new or well-versed in Bible Study.

Parenting: Smart Money, Smart Kids 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! In *Smart Money Smart Kids*, Dave Ramsey and his daughter, Rachel Cruze, help you get a no-nonsense approach for teaching your kids and teens the basics of money.

First Place 4 Health Parlor
led by Patty Ahern

This class is a Christ-centered weight-loss and healthy living program. This Bible study, addresses many issues of everyday life and provides opportunities for growth in Christ. Our first class will be on September 16th, our bible study will be "Walking by Faith" by Christin Ditchfield. The books are available at First Place 4 Health's web site.

Monday

Women's Bible Study HEB 301b
9:30-11:30 am

led by Tricia Knight

This group will be using the study, *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. New members are always welcome!

Moms' Group Youth Room/CE 200
4th Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am

Contact Marnie Bush

This year we will be reading *The Power of a Positive Mom* by Karol Ladd. This study offers seven principles that will help you and your child face the complicated issues confronting parents today including bullying, social media, single parenting, and more.

Tuesday

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle
1st Tuesdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This group is using the Horizons Bible Study *God's Promise: I am with you* by Amy Poling Sutherlun. This study takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider God's most repeated promise, "I am with you," a promise of presence.

Wednesday

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group Library

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

Wednesday Morning Study Group HEB 301b
10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is using The Great Courses study- *Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation*, by Craig Koester, Ph.D. This study offers a comprehensive, book-by-book analysis of the Bible from the fascinating perspective of literature and narrative.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group Crust Pizza

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

Thursday

Circle of Blessings - Women's Circle
2nd Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

This group is also using the Horizons Bible Study *God's Promise: I am with you* by Amy Poling Sutherlun.

The Woodlands Concert Band
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Preview

our
Preview Fall 2018 Concert Series



<http://www.woodlandsband.org>



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, AT 7:30PM
@ THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 4881 W. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 11:30 AM

Join us as we have a ghostly good time celebrating the wonderful fellowship we have at WCPC. Enjoy lots of good food and homemade desserts! 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! Since it is on Halloween, costumes are optional!

General Assembly and Actions on Climate Change Tuesday October 23rd at 7pm

On Tuesday Oct 23rd at 7 pm, Bill Bray will lead a discussion on PCUSA's 223rd General Assembly and the Actions taken on Climate Change. Three main areas will be covered;

1 General Assembly Actions

- * Divest or Engage with Fossil Fuel companies
- * Environmental Justice
- * Support for Carbon Pricing

2 Carbon Pricing and Overtures

- * Overture 08-12 which WCPC Session and Presbytery of New Covenant approved
- * Protecting the Least of us
- * Carbon Pricing how it works and options

3 Actions

- * What needs to be done
- * What others are doing
- * What we can do

Please join the discussion in the Hendricks Education Building room 301.

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.



YOGA FALL 2018

Let us fall back into a routine that will keep us focused, balanced and motivated. First, we all know how an hour of Yoga practice can bring back flexibility to our limbs and calmness to our mind. Second, the hustle and bustle of our daily lives brings on stress which we need to lessen. Third, learning to minimize the level of stress is key to a healthy body. Thus, we must recognize that a well prepared mind and body will make the challenges of everyday life much easier to process.

I would like to invite you to join our Yoga practice in the Narthex, Sanctuary.

Our first day of the Fall schedule will be Saturday, September 1, 2018.

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

Rita Upadhyaya, TheWoodlandsLady@gmail.com, (713) 377-8521

Can we talk about dryer lint? Sounds like a nothing topic, doesn't it? But clearing the clothes dryer lint trap before every load is very important. Not only can it prevent an appliance fire, it keeps your exhaust vent clear (and saves expensive clean-outs). Also, your dryer will run more efficiently with a clean lint trap, and that saves energy and money and reduces air pollution. See? Talking about lint is important after all!



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

GOODBYE PLASTICS?

By 2050, there may be more plastic in the ocean than fish! By reducing your use of plastic, you'll join thousands of individuals, communities, and companies that are actively working to create a sustainable world by saying goodbye to plastics.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Marine species are already facing severe threats from climate change and over-fishing. Reducing the rate of plastic pollution will protect whales, seals, birds, and turtles.... As consumers, we can take action in our daily lives to ditch plastics:

- If possible, avoid using plastic straws. Try a reusable straw, compostable straw, or skip it altogether.
- Buy products (like snacks) in bulk instead of purchasing individually wrapped packages.
- Clean plastic food containers before recycling them so they don't end up in the landfill.
- Use reusable food containers and look for storage containers made of other materials, like glass.
- Make sure to drink your water out of a reusable bottle rather than buying the disposable variety.
- Use a razor with replaceable blades rather than disposable razors.
- Tell restaurants that you don't want plastic cutlery: carry your own utensils or plan to bring take-out food home with you.

Sierra Club



Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

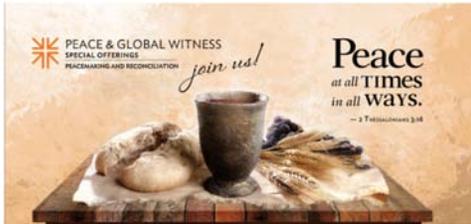
Because God's love knows no bounds, the Mission Outreach Team encourages the congregation of WCPC to be a servant people, witnessing to the light of Christ through actions and words so that the world might know the grace, peace, and love of God.

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, October 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.

2018 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

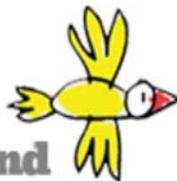


The church always wrestles with the distance between our timeframe and expectations and God's. In God's time, even the small seeds we plant can grow into sturdy trees. In God's time, our expectations can be expanded and surpassed by God's faithfulness. **The 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering, which will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 7th and accepted throughout the month,** encourages the church of our time to rid itself of anxiety and fear, discord and division and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those in our community and around the world. God offers boundless peace, which bursts through the shack-

les of time and expectation. It quiets the anxiety of each believer by joining us together as we pray: Now, may the Lord grant us peace at all times in all ways. Prayerfully consider supporting programs vital to nurturing peace throughout the world **by giving generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.** Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it for "Peace & Global Witness." There will also be specially marked envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. Seventy-five percent of this offering supports efforts to inspire, equip and connect Presbyterians engaging in ministries of reconciliation and peace. The remaining 25% will be retained by our congregation and will be used to support Hand in Hand, which is the only network of Jewish-Arab schools in Israel (see article below for more information).

Center for Jewish-Arab
Education in Israel

Hand in Hand



Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel, is building peace, partnership and equality through a network of integrated, bilingual schools. Hand in Hand in Jerusalem is a school where Jews and Arabs study together. It started in 1998 as one kindergarten class in Jerusalem and one first grade class in Galilee and has grown to be a national movement, encompassing six schools and close to 1,800 students. Beyond the classroom, Hand in Hand engages thousands of Jewish and

Arab adults in joint community programs. Their goals are to open more integrated Jewish-Arab schools, spread their model of multicultural, bilingual education to more communities in Israel and to be a strong and viable model for Jewish-Arab shared society. Hand in Hand is transforming fear and mistrust into friendship and cooperation, proving to all of Israeli society that Arabs and Jews can live together.

Response to Hurricane Florence



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

As news comes in of the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and South Carolina, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is organizing a response that will help sustain life and restore hope in the coming days. "Our hearts break and rise up in prayer for the people along the Atlantic coast and the inland areas of the Carolinas," says the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, PDA director. "Right now, we need the church's prayers and financial assistance." If you would like to contribute to PDA's Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts, you may donate directly online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/#> or you can make a check to WCPC with a note for Hurricane Florence Relief.

As God's people, we are called to stand in the "GAP," - GIVE, ACT, PRAY.

🎃 Come Celebrate 🎃

Halloween at The Gathering Place

Friday, October 19th
10:00am to 1:00pm
(Lunch is provided)
WCPC Fellowship Hall

The Gathering Place of The Woodlands at WCPC is a ministry for those who are living with memory loss and the people who love and care for them at home. The Gathering Place seeks to help both the care partner and the caregiver. If you or someone you know are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's, or other dementia, you know that caregivers often find it difficult to do things such as run errands, visit friends, or just have free time alone. The Gathering Place provides the caregiver a few hours of free time or they may choose to participate along with their care partner or they may attend Common Ground, a caregiver support group which meets in the WCPC Parlor from 10:30am to noon.

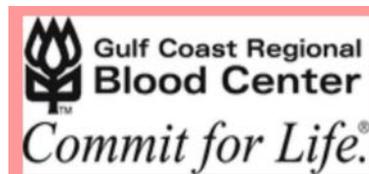
The Gathering Place provides a time of fun activities and fellowship in a safe, caring environment for the care partner during a time where it may be difficult for a caregiver to find appropriate social activities for their loved one with memory loss. The monthly programs will vary, often featuring a festive theme to help the care partner identify with the current season, event or holiday. In a fun, interactive atmosphere, our volunteers offer music, games, chair exercises, crafts, reminiscing, guest performers, and a light lunch.

A representative from InterFaith CarePartners or our care team helps determine if we can meet the family's need with our program. This is done by arranging for the caregiver and the care partner to attend The Gathering Place together for the first visit. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you. For information, call WCPC coordinator Kathy Bray at 281-787-6314.

WCPC Blood Drive

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Fellowship Hall
Walk-ins are welcome!

Schedule an Appointment at
https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/281338



**Help save lives by participating
in the WCPC Blood Drive**

Donor Requirements

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

The Interfaith Food Pantry

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. Since the beginning of the year, Interfaith has provided food assistance to almost 6,000 families and approximately 13,500 individuals. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

Special Pantry Needs for October:

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

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

2018 Ayaviri Peru Mission Trip

Earlier this year, WCPC provided financial support to Webster Presbyterian Church for their 2018 Mission Trip to Ayaviri, Peru. These funds were used to purchase a solar hot water heating system for the local church. The new system was installed by the WPC Team during their mission trip in early August. With the completion of this 500 liter system, they now have hot water for the **FIRST** time in the church kitchen and showers. The congregation is enthralled with the system and sends their thanks and blessings to WCPC for the generous contribution. During the dedication Services, Pastor Eron sung the praises of the hot water system and remarked how great it was to have hot water for use in the kitchen and showers. He said most congregation members do not have hot water, and some members, including himself, come by for a hot shower now and again.

Ed Tobia, the WPC Peru Mission Team leader, said, "Funny thing though, it snowed two out of the five days we were onsite. I can tell you one drawback of the system, there is no hot water when the system is covered in snow. However, when the sun is out, the system gets so hot it has a steam outlet valve that you can see venting in the afternoon. It is a great system."



Caregivers CONFERENCE FALL 2018

Saturday, November 3, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christ Church United Methodist
6363 Research Forest Drive

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Free skill-building and informative workshops for family members caring for a loved one, including children with special needs.

SPECIAL SESSION
Ask the Experts:
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or
Becky Villarreal, CarePartners, at 713-682-5995.

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Delivering Health & Hope to the World

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

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

FAITHS TOGETHER

Bring your family to the 20th Anniversary of the
inter-religious Thanksgiving observance



“Embracing All - Past, Present and Future”

**Tuesday Evening
November 13, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

Hosted this year at:

**The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
4881 West Panther Creek Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381**

**FaithsTogether is a fellowship of religious communities
in The Woodlands, Texas that honors spiritual diversity by building
relationships and understanding among people of different faiths.**

Please bring a can of food to donate to those in need.

Want to help with the Observance?

Preparations are underway for the 20th anniversary of the inter-religious Thanksgiving **observance**, which is a wonderful opportunity to join with our neighbors from many different faith communities to celebrate our diversity and give thanks together. **It will be held at WCPC this year on Tuesday, Nov. 13th @ 7:00 pm.** In order to make this a successful event, we need lots of help! There are many different ways in which you can help from ushering to publicity to helping with the reception or even singing in the FaithsTogether All Faiths Choir* directed by our own Jonathan Aigner. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Thanksgiving Observance, please contact Diane Boyd at 832-761-5294 or Michele Stelter in the church office.

*There will be two Monday night rehearsals in our church Choir Room:

- Nov. 5th @ 7pm
- Nov. 12th @ 6:30pm



Stocking Stuffers Needed

From **Oct. 28th** through **December 2nd**, the Mission Outreach Team will be collecting unused travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner and lotion), recent magazines, disposable razors, deodorant, playing cards and individually packaged toothbrushes. These items will be used to fill over 100 Christmas stockings for the residents of Haven of Hope and the DeGeorge (primarily male veterans in transition). Please mark donations for DeGeorge/Haven of Hope and put in the specially marked basket located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings **beginning Oct. 28th** or in the office during the week. If you have questions, please contact Michele Stelter at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040.

PRAYERS & SQUARES



This past year has been an exciting and productive year for the Prayers and Squares sewers. We have continued with the quilt ministry and also were able to provide 123 dresses for the Africa, Peru and Willis Parental Support Center mission projects. In June we supplied 60 blankets to foster children attending the Love Fosters Hope camps. A huge thank you to all the women and girls who helped make these things possible.

We have more sewing work for mission outreach this year. Please come and join us as we sew dresses to sell at the Alternative Market. This year we need help making more blankets for the Love Fosters Hope camps, and we will also be sewing blankets for aged out foster youth who will be living at Love Fosters Hope Emergency Home. Bring your sewing machine or serger and join us on the first and third Mondays of each month from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Our next meetings are on October 1st and 15th. Contact: Nancy Kiefer.

Communion Servers Needed



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

WCPC Book Club

If you enjoy reading a variety of good books(both fiction and nonfiction), followed by lively discussion, come join a monthly book club starting at WCPC. The first meeting will be held at 7:00 pm October 8 in the WCPC Library. Book selections and meeting time will be discussed. Contact Harry Sharp with questions (281-352-7896 or wsharp@comcast.net or text him at 713-907-3760). All are welcome!

Moms in Mission

Fall into friendship! Join Moms in Mission for lunch & fellowship on Wed., Oct. 3, at 11:30 at Zoe's Kitchen, 6700 Woodlands Pkwy #170. We'll meet again on Wed., Oct. 17, from 12:30 - 2:30 in the library area of the HEB building to make heart pillows for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. All supplies are provided; light hand sewing skills are helpful, but not required. MIMs is a group of moms with children aged high school and older. We welcome new members! Questions? Email Jeanne Bonnette at mimswcpc@gmail.com.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

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





All Ears! Listening & Language Center is blessed to be adopted as a mission of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church. All Ears! is a non-profit dedicated to empowering children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families to develop listening and spoken language. In other words, we teach deaf children how to talk with the goal of mainstream school by kindergarten. When these children are mainstreamed by kindergarten without special services, it saves the tax payers over \$400,000 per child.

3 of every 1,000 babies are born with hearing loss.

95% of these babies are born to families who listen and speak who want their children to communicate using the same language that they do. With the assistance of hearing aids and/or cochlear implants, children who are deaf can learn to listen and speak.

There are several aspects of the family focused All Ears! Center that make it unique. We provide Auditory Verbal Therapy sessions for families. These sessions focus on the development of listening, language and speech skills for children with hearing loss by guiding and coaching the *parents*. Family Nights consisting of parent support, education and camaraderie are provided free for anyone in the community.

The critical time period for developing the listening part of the brain is birth to three years of age. Parents at All Ears! Center may receive services as soon as their child fails a newborn hearing screening. Those services range from community resources, Auditory Verbal Therapy, Infant-Toddler Play Group, Family Night, mentoring, preschool classes with hearing peers and summer camp.

90% of what kids learn by kindergarten they learn by overhearing. Therefore it is important for children learning how to listen and speak to have good language role models. The Early Learning Program, another Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church mission, is a state licensed preschool. The Early Learning Program and All Ears! work closely together to ensure excellent speech, language and social skills are overheard and observed by All Ears! students. All Ears! Center staff work on specific speech, listening and language skills. Then the students have an opportunity to practice and perfect those skills with age appropriate hearing peers from The Early Learning Program.

All Ears! Center was established in 2014 with 5 students. Currently 22 children are receiving direct services. Countless families are taking advantage of Family Night services. Hearing aid and cochlear implant manufacturers are providing educational opportunities to the community through All Ears! Center at The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church. All Ears! is also working collaboratively with Texas Children's Hospital The Woodlands to ensure the needs of the community are met.

The mission of All Ears! is to empower families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing, without financial burden, who have chosen listening and spoken language as their child's communication option by teaching them listening, speaking and literacy skills in order to promote independence.

If you would like more information about All Ears! Listening & Language Center, please contact Shelley Mathay at shelley@allearscenter.org or 281-615-5475 or visit allearscenter.org.



Join AB and Get Connected



Hear Carrie's story of hearing loss and hope

Thursday, October 4, 2018 6:00 p.m. ends about 7:15p

ALL EARS! Family Night

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381

Dinner will be from 6pm to 6:30pm, and childcare will be provided

RSVP to Meleesa at meleesa@allearscenter.org

If you cannot attend or would like additional information, you can connect with us at HEAR@AdvancedBionics.com or **866.844.HEAR**.



Family Night is an opportunity for families of children with hearing loss to meet other families and receive information to help their children listen and speak. If you would like to come learn more about hearing loss, please RSVP to shelley@allearscenter.org.

Come listen to Carrie Leising, an adult cochlear implant recipient, share her story of hearing loss. Advanced Bionics, a cochlear implant manufacturer, is proud to host a separate session provided for Spanish speaking families. All are welcome!



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WAM = Wednesday Afternoon Music= Lots of Fun!!

Wednesday Night Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30.

ALLELUIA CHOIR (Grades 2-6)

Children's choir ensemble performing a variety of musical styles.

Meets Wednesdays, **4:45-5:30 pm**, in HEB 305.

Performs at the 11:00 am service on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Alleluia Choir Director: Jonathan Aigner Accompanist: Maria Paz Pickens

ANGEL VOICES (Age 4 through first grade)

Young children singing such favorites as "Jesus Loves Me," "Hallelujah, Hallelujah," and more.

Meets Wednesdays, **4:45-5:30 pm**, in HEB 301B

Sings at the 11:00 am service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Angel Voices Director: Bonnie Graham Accompanist: Tina Davies

CHERUB CHOIR (Ages 2 & 3)

Introductory music for our youngest singers.

Meets Wednesdays, **4:45-5:30 pm**, in HEB 302

Performs occasionally in worship or special events.

Cherub Singers Director: Tricia MacDonald

CHILDREN'S CHIMES (Grades 2-6)

Children's Handchime ensemble, playing Level 1 music with three octaves of handchimes. This group is open to all children. There is no need to have any previous music training. New musicians welcome!

Meets Wednesdays, **4:15-4:45 pm**, September-May in the Sanctuary Narthex.

Performs every other month on the 4th Sunday, plus special events.

Director: Jonathan Aigner, jaigner@wcpc-tx.org



OCTOBER



Trunk or Treat
Oct. 26th 6-8 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Mom's of Preschoolers Group 9am in FH Narthex rsvp to Susan for childcare in HEB 308-9	2	3 WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner 5:30 Youth & Parent Study 6-7:30	4 All Ears Family Nite 6-8	5 Fellowship for Parents of Preschoolers 6:30 -9 pm, rsvp to Susan CISD half day off	6
7 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45 CE MTG 12:15 in 303	8 Columbus Day ELP & CISD holiday	9 ELP Book Fair all week	10 WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner 5:30 Youth & Parent Study 6-7:30	11 ELP Open House 6-8 Wed & Thurs	12 Tweens Friday Fellowship 6-8 pm FH for Trunk or Treat Prep	13
14 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Angel Voices sing Sunday School 9:45	15 New Mom's of Preschoolers Drop & Go 9-11:45 rsvp to Susan for childcare in HEB 308-9	16 ELP Petting Zoo days all week	17 WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner 5:30 Youth & Parent Study 6-7:30	18	19 ELP Board MTG 9-11	20  Parent's Night Out 5-8 pm rsvp to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
21 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45	22 New Mom's of Preschoolers 9am in FH Narthex rsvp to Susan or Trunk or Treat prep in 204	23 ELP Fall Festival all week	24 WAM Chimes 4:15 Child Choirs 4:45 Dinner 5:30 Youth & Parent Study 6-7:30	25	26  Trunk or Treat	27
28 Earth Care Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am Alleluia choir sings Sunday School 9:45 Blood Drive FH	29 New Mom's of Preschoolers Drop & Go 9-11:45 rsvp to Susan for childcare in HEB 308-9 or Book study in room 200	30	31 All Adult Luncheon 11:30 am FH No WAM Halloween			



Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:55 drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 105, 106, 204, 5th and 6th grade in 205, youth 200.

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



Fall Event: Trunk or Treat!

Grab your pumpkins and come to the church parking lot on Oct. 26th at 6:00 pm for Trunk or Treat!

Decorate your trunk with family friendly fall themes, or just put out a pumpkin or two! Set up your lawn chair and come to join in the festivities or to watch and support our young families by passing out candy. We have many ELP and ESL families that also join us. This year we are inviting our neighbors at Holly Creek Apartments too!

There are even prizes for the best trunks and we will supply extra candy if you run out! The best part—we also have dinner, hot dogs, chips and apples will be served!

October 26th
6:00-8:00 pm

Schedule:

We start at **6 pm** with food and carnival games for the children while the trunks get decorated and parked. We have popcorn and Kona Ice for those monster munchies!

We really need lots of volunteers especially those without children to help supervise food tables and carnival games and offer trunks for the treating! Go to the website click on the Signup page to see where we need help!

There will be fall decorations and photo opportunities for everyone.

Trunks are decorated and ready to open at **7:30 pm!** Enjoy the autumn weather and make plans to join us **October 26th for Trunk or Treat!**

Children's Sunday School Teams Still Forming!



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

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



Princesses, Ninjas & Bats all spotted at WCPC!



OCTOBER



This Month in Sunday school:

1st & 2nd grade Sunday school rotation topic this month: Joseph and His Brothers, and the Pharaoh with Sparkhouse Rotation curriculum. Room 105

Pre-K-Kindergarten children will study Abraham, then Joseph starting on a survey of Old Testament Bible stories using Walk with Me. Room 106

3rd & 4th grade children will follow the Bible passages used in worship, using Whirl Lectionary curriculum from Sparkhouse. They will study Jesus's teachings in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 10. Room 204

Tweens 5th & 6th grade will begin a two year study of the Bible starting in the New Testament with Sparkhouse Connect curriculum in room 205.



Parents with Preschoolers Fellowship Night!

October 5th 6:30-9 pm

WCPC is offering childcare for a new Fellowship Group for Parents with Preschoolers. This 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.

Please contact Sarah Parker or Rebekah Rydarowski for the meeting location at ssnyder888@gmail.com or rebekah.rydarowski@gmail.com

Sunday school class on **Smart Money Smart Kids** in HEB room 306

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



Sunday School

Children's Sunday School offering goes to Food Missions this year. The Noisy Offering and VBS Pennies for Peanuts Offering raised over \$350 and counting for the Montgomery County Foodbank to purchase peanuts for use to make peanut butter.

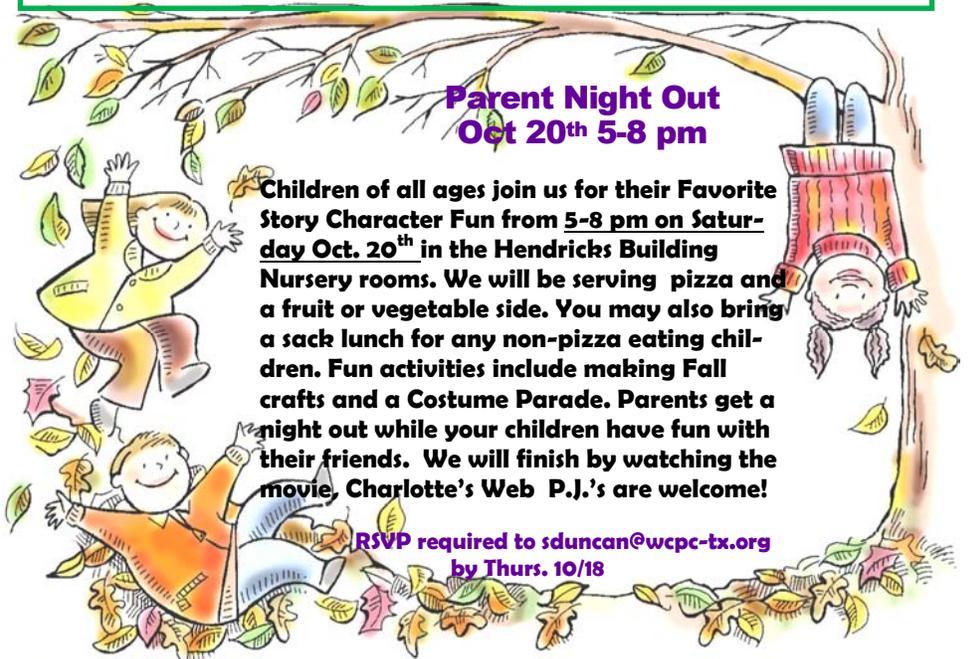
The children will also be learning more about the PSUSA special offerings in SS starting with the Peace & Global Witness Offering which will be collected on Oct 7th.



Worship Class for K-2nd graders is instruction on worship for children graduating from our nursery program. Children and their parents in Kindergarten-2nd grade, or any older children who missed it may participate. Children's Ministry created this program to help parents and the children adjust to the transition from nursery to worship and to prepare the children for participation at their level in worship. Children come the 4th Sunday of the month during the 11 am service after the Children's Message and meet in the Narthex of the Sanctuary with Susan. Contact Susan at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org for more information.

Worship Class this month is Oct 28th. The 2nd Lesson is on Order of Worship

Questions about Children or Tweens Ministry or childcare?
Contact Susan Duncan at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org



Parent Night Out Oct 20th 5-8 pm

Children of all ages join us for their Favorite Story Character Fun from 5-8 pm on Saturday Oct. 20th in the Hendricks Building Nursery rooms. We will be serving pizza and a fruit or vegetable side. You may also bring a sack lunch for any non-pizza eating children. Fun activities include making Fall crafts and a Costume Parade. Parents get a night out while your children have fun with their friends. We will finish by watching the movie, Charlotte's Web P.J.'s are welcome!

RSVP required to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
by Thurs. 10/18

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

— A new class by Ramsey Solutions —

Smart Money Smart Kids



*Raising the Next Generation
to Win with Money!*

Rachel Cruze and Dave Ramsey teach parents how to raise money-smart kids in a debt-filled world!

CLASS INFO

This Sunday School class will begin on September 9th at 9:45 in room 306 in the HEB. For more information please contact Mike and Tara Devoley at tdevoley@yahoo.com.



For more information, visit smartmoneysmartkids.com.



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



What a fantastic first month we have had here at ELP! With most of the “first times” now behind us, we can begin to get more relaxed and more into a routine. Young children (and most adults too) thrive on routines and knowing what lies before them. October not only brings much anticipated fall weather and festivities, but it also bring us a sense of calmness in knowing our new routines. The children are now feeling comfortable in their classrooms and with their friends and teachers too. It simply is the best time of year!

This month we will be enjoying a petting zoo as we learn about farm animals and harvest time. We will also be having a fall festival in the side yard and the children will have the opportunity to play games and engage in all the fun that the fall brings. As always, please stop by and enjoy seeing the delight in the children’s faces during this time! You’ll certainly see happy parents, teachers, and friends!

This month our Bible focus is “Treat Others The Same Way you Want Them To Treat You.” Matthew 7:12. This Bible verse is so commonly known as “The Golden Rule.” As we help expand our children’s world beyond their immediate families, this is the Word of God that we passionately want to teach and model; and it is GOLDEN indeed! This huge life lesson begins in the early childhood years and is one that we carry and grow in all the days of our lives. What a true pleasure and honor it is to be called a teacher and to be the first role models of His Word and His promises! We take our jobs seriously, but we get to have a blast helping children apply it each and every day!

We are also off to a great start with our new Monday’s Moms group. I wanted to say thank you again to Susan Duncan and WCPC for giving ELP parents this gift! Thank you for giving our moms the opportunity to build new friendships amongst parents with young children. This gift will last a lifetime and is priceless. God created us all with the desire to belong and for feeling a sense of community and having fellowship time together. Thank you for including ELP in the program and giving our families free childcare each week. Moms need a moment every now and again to connect with other moms and to recharge their batteries. We are all better for it! We thank you for the blessings that this new group will provide for our moms for years to come!

Blessings,
Cindy

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! The parents with preschoolers group will meet once a month at a local restaurant TBA by email.

Fall dates are:

October 5th

November 2nd

December 7th

Please contact

Sarah Parker or

Rebekah Rydarowski for the meeting location at

ssnyder888@gmail.com or

rebekah.rydarowski@gmail.com

and to reserve childcare in HEB 309 contact Susan

Duncan at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org.





New ELP Monday's Mom's group

9 am Oct 1st in the coffee area of Fellowship Hall

Childcare available in HEB 308

Future times: Oct 1, Oct 15 Drop & Go childcare, Oct 22, Oct 29 Drop & Go childcare,
Nov 5, Nov 12, Nov 26 D & G, Dec 3, Dec 10 D & G

Moms' Group of WCPC

A Fellowship and Support Group for Mothers
A Ministry of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

Oct 1 st	Mom's Meeting	9:30-11:30	Art Room -CE Building	Join us for some fellowship as we make cookie bars together. These will be used for Susan's son's wedding. More details to come. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.
Oct 15 th	Mission Monday	9:30 - 11:30	HEB Nurse-ries	Mission Monday is an opportunity for us to fellowship together while contributing in a local outreach mission. Join us for a day of service either on campus or at a local mission. More details to come. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.
Oct 20 th	Parent's Night Out	5:00-8:00 PM	HEB Nurse-ries	This month's theme is Your Favorite Character Costume Parade. Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie, and crafts right here at WCPC. Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted. RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org).
Oct 22 nd	Trunk or Treat Prep	9:30-11:30	Art Room -CE	We will be preparing activities, games and decorations for the Trunk or Treat festival on Friday. Please come and help get everything prepared for this fun event. The Art Room is located upstairs and to the right in the ELP building. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.
Oct 26 th	Trunk or Treat	6-8 PM	WCPC Parking Lot/Side Yard	Join us for crafts, games and trunks full of goodies. This is a family event. Hot dogs, fruit and chips will be available. Kona Ice, a petting zoo, the Cho Yeh rock wall and bounce houses will also add to the fun. Trunk or Treating will begin at 7:00PM.
Oct 29 th	Bible/ Book Study	9:30-11:30	Youth Room-CE 206	This year we will be reading <i>Power of a Positive Mom</i> by Karol Ladd. Join us as we examine how our attitudes and actions can influence our families. You can order a copy of the book through Amazon. Contact Marnie Bush (marniebush@gmail.com) for more information.

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

Marnie Bush	marniebush@gmail.com
Stephanie Keiser	stephaniekeiser1@gmail.com
Sarah Parker (Duck mom)	ssnyder888@gmail.com
Robin Ward	robinmctx@yahoo.com

A LOOK AHEAD...

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Kayaking

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

PYCC Youth Rally

FRIDAY—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16-17

Weekend Camping Trip

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Youth Christmas Party

JR AND SR HIGH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 AM

WEDNESDAY

MISSION PROJECT

6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY

6:10 PM

DINNER AT 5:30PM

CONCLAVES

2019

MARCH 1-3

SUMMER 2019

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MO RANCH

SR HIGH

CELEBRATION

JUNE 23-28, 2019

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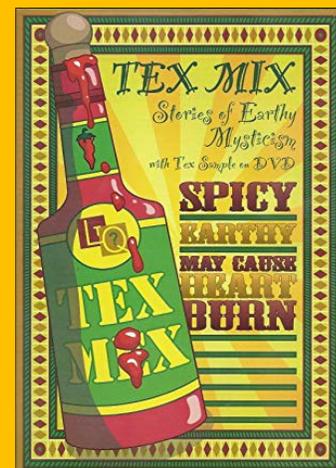
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YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rm CE 200

9:45 am– 10:45 am

This Fall the youth will be starting a storytelling series based on the stories of Tex Sample, a Methodist pastor with a deep love for storytelling. We will be listening to stories, talking about how they relate to our daily lives, and learning how to share our own stories.

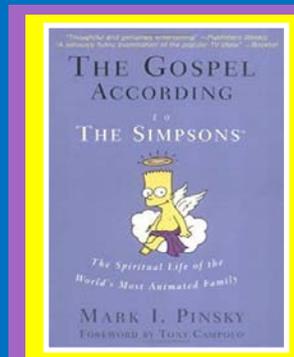


WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH:

Join us on Wednesday nights for our community dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a time of mission, group games, small group study and closing vespers in the youth rooms.

Both Junior and Senior High groups will spend time in fun, study, discussion and prayer as they deepen their understanding of scripture and what it looks like to live a life of faith.

Junior High will be exploring "The Gospel According to The Simpsons"



...and Senior High will be diving deep into Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

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



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3rd Sunday Fellowship October 21st

The youth (grades 7-12) will be kayaking on the third Sunday of October at Lake Woodlands. We will have lunch at the church (after 2nd service) and then go kayaking. Contact the church office or Sally Bowers to sign up and reserve a spot!

Director of Children's Ministry:	Susan Duncan	sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
Elder for Children & Tweens:	Jen Conner	jenniferconner79@gmail.com
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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.

Children | Tweens | Youth | All

October

- 5 Parents of Preschool Fellowship
- 20 Parent Night Out-Favorite Book Characters 5-8pm
- 21 Youth Fellowship- Kayaking
- 26 Trunk or Treat

November

- 2 Parents of Preschool Fellowship
- 2 Tweens- Game Preserve
- 2-4th Youth camping
- 9 Under 18 meeting 11 am
- 10 Parent Night Out-Thankful Turkeys 5-8pm
- 11 Youth Rally at Pines PC
- 13 FaithsTogether
- 23 Bless Friday
- 30 Tweens Christmas Party – Advent prep

December

- 1 Alternative Market
- 2 Advent Festival/Alternative Market
- 7 Parents of Preschool Fellowship
- 9 Caroling 3-5pm
- 15 Parent Night Out-Polar Express **4-8pm**
- 16 Church Choir Concert Dinner/Program
- 19 Youth Christmas party
- 23 Christmas Eve Family Service Rehearsal 9:45 am
- 24 Christmas Eve 5 (family service), 7, 9pm

Wednesdays: Music programs begin at 4:15pm, dinner at 5:30, **Youth Mission Project at 6pm** and **Bible study at 6:10pm**, Teen/Tween Parent Fellowship/ Discussion Group 6pm

Sundays: Sunday school at 9:45 for all ages
4th Sunday Worship Class (gr K-2nd)

For additional dates & info visit wcpc-tx.org

Save the Date:

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| Jan 26 | Love Your Neighbor Day |
| Mar 1-3 | Conclaves |
| June-Aug | Camp Cho-Yeh |
| June 23-28 | Mo Ranch Sr. High Celebration |
| July 7-11 | Mo Ranch Jr. High Jubilee II |
| July-15-19 | Vacation Bible School |

