



# The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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**APRIL 2018**

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



Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast, April 1  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

March 26-30 **Holy Week** Self Guided Meditations in the Prayer Garden

March 28 **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**, Fellowship Hall 11:30am

March 29 **Maundy Thursday** Worship Service 7:00pm

March 30 **Good Friday**

Pot-luck Fellowship and Egg Hunt 10:00am-Noon

Good Friday Worship Service, 12:30pm

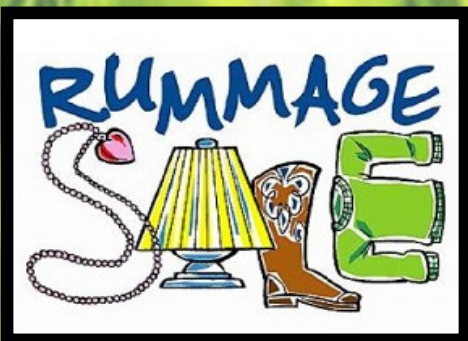
April 1 **Easter Sunday**

8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services

Godly Play Stories at 9:50 and 10:15 in the Prayer Garden

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Festival 9:30am-10:50pm

Butterfly Release 10:35am



**SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7am-12 noon**  
(Details inside on pg. 16)

*WCPC Sanctuary Choir*  
*Presents*

*A Concert of*

*psalms*

April 22, 2018

2:00 pm

Free Admission

(Details inside on pg. 17)



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones  
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

As some of you are aware I will be taking a sabbatical this summer (June, July, and August). New Covenant Presbytery several years ago encouraged Sessions to offer sabbaticals to their pastors after 7 years of service. Working with the Session's Personnel Team I developed my plan for a sabbatical and it was approved by your Session in February.

I'm excited about the opportunity to withdraw from the pace of pastoral ministry so that I can return with renewed energy and focus. Most pastoral sabbaticals have three parts – rest, study, and travel. My sabbatical will begin with some rest and then in early June I will be driving to New Mexico and spending about 10 days near Ghost Ranch to read/study/reflect. I was at Ghost Ranch about 7 years ago and while I won't be able to stay at the ranch due to their many summer events, I have been invited to have my meals there and use their library, etc. I will be staying at a hotel nearby for part of those days and then 2 to 3 nights at a nearby monastery, something I have never done. Jullie will be joining me at some point. We are still working on those details and then we plan to spend another week in New Mexico. Then we will be driving to Laguna Beach, CA and spend time with Jullie's mom and brother and some of her friends who still live in the area.

One of my intentions during my sabbatical, in my travels, is to reach out and talk or hopefully visit with pastors who are, like myself, in their final decade of ministry as a pastor. Also, I hope to visit with some who have retired, with the intention of learning from them how they finished well. I am in the last decade of my ministry and I want to end my ministry here with you with as much energy and enthusiasm as I had when I began some 34 years ago this summer.

In late July or early August Jullie and I are planning on a trip to Scotland to visit the many sites there that connect with our Presbyterian heritage. I also plan on spending some time at the Iona Community in Scotland. The Iona Community is an ecumenical community "working for peace and social justice, rebuilding community and the renewal of worship." You can learn more about it at (<https://iona.org.uk/>). We will end our visit in London.

I will certainly be sharing with you on my return some of my experience. I may try and develop a blog that you would be able to visit with my thoughts, etc., along the way.

In my absence WCPC will be in good hands with the Rev. Laura Grice. The Session and Personnel Team also will continue, as always, to be responsive to the needs of WCPC.

Now let me share a bit about my health. I have what is commonly known as a pinched nerve. The actual diagnosis is Cervical radiculopathy at C6. I have been seeing very good doctors and have begun three months of physical therapy. While initially I was in a great deal of pain I am almost pain free. Almost. Some days are better than others but more and more better days. I appreciate your prayers as this new journey continues.

I am grateful to God that for the past 13 years (I began my ministry here on June 1, 2005) I have been your pastor. I am grateful to you for your patience and support. God willing, I will continue to serve you faithfully in the years ahead. I love being 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,

Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia! We are an Easter people. We live in the hope of the good news of resurrection. We live in the joy that not even death can contain the power of God's love. Our joy and hope of Easter does not end with Easter Sunday. It's power and mystery are far too great. For the great fifty days of Easter we read of Christ's post-resurrection appearances and teachings. At it's end we hear about the winds, flames, and many languages of Pentecost, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the "birth" of the Church. Even then, the mystery of Easter does not end. Each Sunday, when we gather to worship celebrating the Lord's Day, we are also witnessing to and remembering our hope in Christ's resurrection. Spring will make way to summer all too soon, but our Easter hope, our Easter

faith never ends, because we are truly Easter people.

*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](mailto:mwmabry@gmail.com) or Tammy Rand at [fromaway1958@me.com](mailto:fromaway1958@me.com) for details or a call-back.

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

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

### 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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Beth North	Debra Martinez	Leslie Lee
Tammy Rand	Kim Petrie	Mignon Mabry
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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.wpcp-tx.org](http://www.wpcp-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@wpcp-tx.org](mailto:lgrice@wpcp-tx.org)). Please obtain permission from the person prior to adding their name to the prayer list.
- The Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets on Thursday at 9:30—10:30 am at the church. This group is led by Sally Lichtenwalter. Through the use of Lectio Divinia and Intercessory Prayer, the group prays for members, family, and friends that have requested prayers. Contact Sally Lichtenwalter (218-292-3152) if you would like more information about this group.

During the next few months, deacons will be contacting members who have added the names of friends and family to the WCPC Prayer List. The purpose of these calls is to assure the member that the WCPC church family is praying for those who need our prayers.

# Adult Class & Study Opportunities

## SUNDAY MORNING

9:45—10:45 am

**The Apocryphal Jesus** HEB 301a  
led by Corliss Lentz, Bill McCleary & Joe Christoffel

The 27 canonical books of the New Testament are a tiny fraction of what has been written about Jesus, his family and the apostles. These other writings offer fascinating insights into how different groups in the early Christian world understood Jesus and the first apostles.

**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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**PARENTING YOUR TEENAGER CLASS**  
**Wednesday** 6:15-7:30 pm in CE 204

A Parenting your Teenager class is being offered beginning March 21 and concluding April 26. This 6 part video and discussion series takes a Biblical look at Parenting teenagers and will include topics such as: identity, turmoil, rebellion, and legacy.

**WED. EVENING MEN'S STUDY GROUP**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## THE SANCTUARY GUILD 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

April 4 in the WCPC Parlor

The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is on Wednesday, April 4 at 9:30 in the parlor. For info, contact Carol Palmquist at [rnpalmquist@aol.com](mailto:rnpalmquist@aol.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday April 3 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday April 12 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.

# yoga

Whenever our mind is agitated and we wish to attain stillness, we could look to Yoga.

In order to achieve that during our Yoga sessions, we stretch our limbs to create poses, through twists and turns, falling forward, and returning to the tree pose. During these movements we breathe efficiently to provide energy to the tissues and muscles and invigorate blood flow through the entire body.

It is during these exercises that self-realization attains calmness, and while lying on a Yoga mat, in the Shavasana pose, that the body rests. The mind is satisfied and slowly through guided-meditation, streams of thought dissipate and one finds oneself in a state of stillness.

Whenever you feel that you wish to experience Yoga in such a way, please do join us in the Narthex Sanctuary.

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

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## Communion Servers



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](mailto: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, April 2 and 16. 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. Contact: Nancy Kiefer.



## CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We are planning to send cards of encouragement and small care packages to our college students to let them know we care about them. If you'd like us to send cards to your college student, please send their name and full mailing address to Leigh Cordier at [lacord@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lacord@sbcglobal.net). If you would like to donate gift cards or would like to help, please send Leigh an email.

## 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.



*The best soil around us contains about a gazillion living creatures called microbes and macrobes. The microbes are too small for us to see. But macrobes are bigger, like me! Some macrobes that are good for soil are beetles, centipedes, ants, burrowing frogs, and earthworms. They are "beneficial." In fact, did you know that I am considered a "beneficial" insect? That makes me proud!*



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

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



## Healthy Soil Helps Everybody

The Creation Care Team at WCPC wants to help our church campus become a healthy place, for the plants, the birds, the other animals, and for the people. It turns out, what is best for the plants is best for the animals and people, too! But there is a LOT going on in our soils, and it is very complicated. So, we turn to John Ferguson, local soil guru, to help us understand. Get ready for a real lesson in Healthy Soil 101!

The answer to the question, 'What is a healthy soil?' begins with organic matter, in the form of humus. This is plant waste, animal waste, dead animal bodies, insects and microorganisms. It is the source of food and energy supporting most soil dwelling life forms. Two of the major functions performed by humus is holding nutrients until needed (prevents leaching) and holding water until needed. It also buffers pH and adds

tilth (suitability for growing) to soils. However, the most important function may be regulating the availability of minerals in the correct proportions and providing food for the beneficial microbes.

Important minerals are found in granite and basalt sands, products from the ocean, green sand or glauconite. And much of soil consists of silicates in the form of sand, silt and clay particles. Loams contain a balanced amount of clays, silt, sand and organic matter. This is what we want for our lawns and gardens.

Soil life – in the form of microbes and macrobes – is a critical part of healthy soil, and it is the most frequently neglected and most easily destroyed. As these microbes live and grow they break down silicate minerals releasing the nutrients. Many of these have the ability to obtain nitrogen from the air which is assimilated into their bodies in the form of proteins, enzymes, amino acids, vitamins, etc., all beneficial to plants, wildlife and humans. Microorganisms break down detritus into useful soil products like humus. Microorganisms help hold soil aggregates together, creating channels through which plants roots grow, soil animals move, and water percolates. Microbes protect roots from pathogens.

In addition to the army of microbial workers, macrobes (earthworms, beetles, centipedes, ants, arthropods, burrowing frogs, etc.) churn and till soil increasing porosity and tilth. This burrowing action stimulates root growth in most plants. Of this group earthworms are the most valuable, a gardener's best friend

Plant roots and soil life forms require air and water. For the soil to breathe, which healthy soil does, there has to be pore spaces for the air and channels that air can flow. Additionally, the carbon dioxide produced by the respiration of microbes and other soil life and the breakdown of the carbon stored in the organic matter has to escape the soil and let oxygen back in, or the good life dies. Core aeration is of only short-term benefit, and tilling (other than mixing to form a new bed) has long term damaging effects. The best way to maintain water and air is healthy soil, full of the microbes and soil life that does the work.

So, how do we care for, and not destroy the health of, our soil?

We don't use pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.

We don't use bark mulch, especially dyed mulch.

We do use native mulch composed of tree limbs and branches.

We do use organic fertilizers.

We do use high quality compost.

We build balanced, organically rich soil. As we learn more about the complex life of soil, we will enjoy the benefits of a healthy environment.

(Technical excerpts from: *What Is a Healthy Soil*, by John Ferguson, Nature's Way Resources)



# 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, April 3rd.** 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](http://www.wcpc-tx.org) or contact Michele Stelter at [mstelter@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:mstelter@wcpc-tx.org) or 281-363-2040 x 7.



When the forces of chaos and calamity rip the fabric of human life, **One Great Hour of Sharing** gifts are there to sew it back together. This has been happening since 1949 when Presbyterians first joined with other Christians around the world through **One Great Hour of Sharing** to share God's love with people experiencing need. **This special offering collected joyously on Easter Sunday (but will be accepted through mid-April)** provides relief to those affected by natural disasters as 32 percent goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), food for the hungry as 36 percent is sent to the Presbyterian Hunger Program and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities as Self-Development of People receives the remaining 32 percent of the offering. Gifts from **One Great Hour of Sharing** made it possible for PDA to act promptly in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and other places when disasters struck in rapid succession this past year. **Please give generously to this offering.** Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it OGHS. There are also specially marked envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. Giving to this special offering helps fulfill the vision rooted in the biblical witness and stated in Isaiah 58:12: "You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

## You Are Invited

**TO?** The Dedication of our 8th Habitat House  
**WHEN?** Saturday, April 28th @ 9:00 am  
**WHERE?** 1210 Cedar Creek. in Conroe  
**WHY?** Come see what we have built & meet the happy, new homeowner, Maria Beverly & her family



## Celebrate Being a Texan!



### at The Gathering Place

**Friday, April 20th  
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 281-419-0373.

## The Interfaith Food Pantry

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. In February alone, Interfaith provided food assistance to over 650 families or almost 1,400 on an individual basis. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

**Special Pantry Needs for April:**  
dry and canned soup  
peanut butter, jam & dry milk  
toilet paper & kleenex

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.



### Did You Know that Employer Matching Funds Can Be Used for Our Habitat House?

Some employers have programs where they match employees and retirees charitable donations and/or hours to 501c3 organizations like Habitat for Humanity (H4H). ExxonMobil and Chevron will donate \$500 to the charity if you volunteer 20 hours for the same charity. In the past, Chevron retirees have donated funds to WCPC's H4H project which their company matches 1:1. These matching funds are also credited to WCPC's project if the proper instructions are given. If your employer has these or similar benefits, please investigate and discuss with Michele Stelter or Bill Bray to assure we take advantage of this great opportunity to help with our WCPC Habitat House.

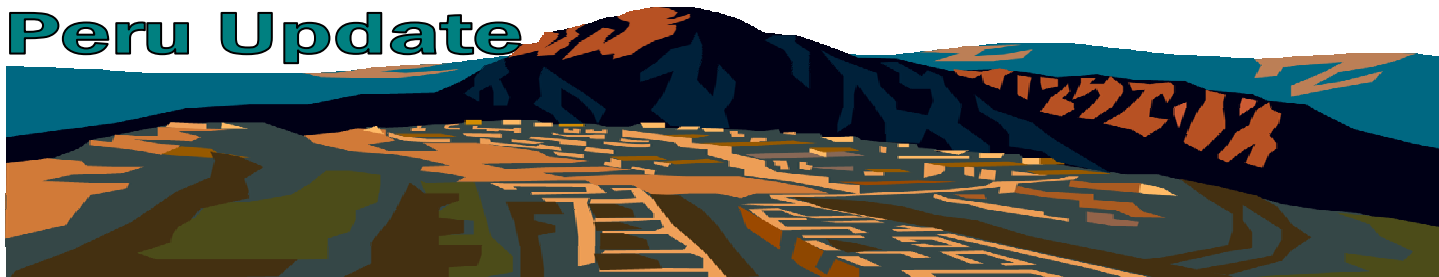


### Delivering Health & Hope to the World

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.

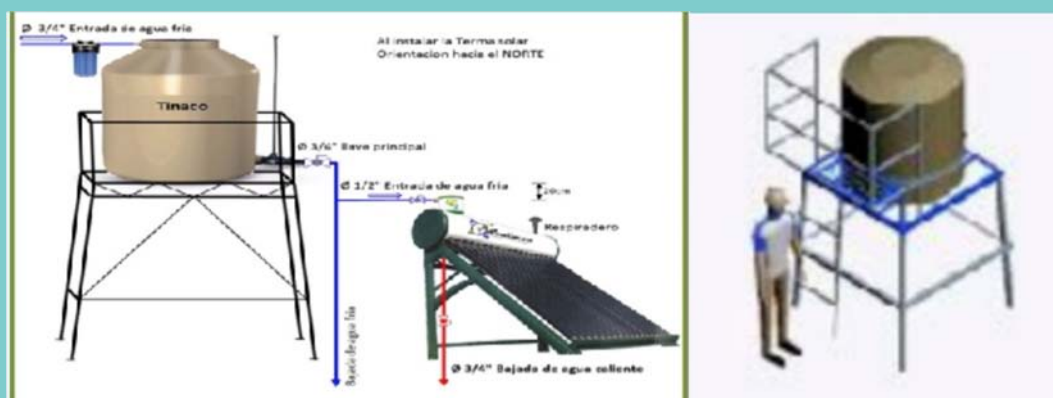
**The next trip to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse will be Thursday, April 19th. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am to carpool.** We will work until noon and then return to the church. To volunteer, please contact Sally Shu at [sally.f.shu@gmail.com](mailto:sally.f.shu@gmail.com) or 936-273-0370. All are invited to participate!

# Peru Update



## WCPC Capital Campaign Tithe to Peru Mission

10% of WCPC's Capital Campaign is being tithed to mission, with a third of that going to Peru. The Mission Outreach Team (MOT) recently decided to contribute \$2,000 in partnership with Webster Presbyterian Church to support construction of a solar hot water heating system at Iglesia Evangelica Presbyteriano in Ayaviri. The system circulates water through a series of black HDPE pipes into storage tanks. The storage tanks and solar system will be mounted on top of the recently completed kitchen and the hot water will be used in the kitchen and bathroom, which now has showers.



## WCPC has the opportunity to join First Presbyterian Church - Kingwood on a Mission Trip to La Molina

First Presbyterian Church – Kingwood has invited WCPC to join them on their 2018 mission trip to the barrio hills in La Molina (Lima) for a medical clinic and vacation bible school in support of the local church. The trip is scheduled for July 25 through August 2 and the **deadline for sign up is May 1**. For more information, contact Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779 or [gary.chapman5206@gmail.com](mailto:gary.chapman5206@gmail.com).



## WCPC has the opportunity to join Webster Presbyterian Church on a Mission Trip to Ayaviri

Webster Presbyterian Church has invited WCPC to join them on their 2018 mission trip to Iglesia Evangelica Presbyteriano high in the Andes. Share with the local community in friendship, service, outreach, education, worship, and construction. The trip is scheduled for August 3-12 and the **deadline for sign up is April 30**. For more information, contact Ed Tobia at [etobia01@comcast.net](mailto:etobia01@comcast.net).





# FaithsTogether Celebrates Twenty Years!

Twenty Years!! For those of us who have been involved with FaithsTogether since its origin I don't think we could have ever imagined that it would have continued for twenty years! We are celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the FaithsTogether "Giving Thanks Observance", on November 13, 2018, where it all began in the sanctuary of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church!

If you are new members to our congregation I would recommend that you read the two articles about FaithsTogether in "The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church. A Twenty-Five Year History of Ministry and Mission" pages 146-151. These articles give a detailed explanation of how FaithsTogether began. Briefly, in 1999 (Before 9-11-2001, when many beliefs, fears, and actions were aroused by that tragedy) there were two incidents that occurred in The Woodlands which brought to light the presence of discrimination, hatred, and ignorance being acted out in our community. Rabbi James Brandt from Congregation Beth Shalom in The Woodlands took the lead to counter these actions by gathering a powerful force of religious leaders to develop a positive response to these challenges in our community. Individuals from Congregation Beth Shalom, The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, Hindu Temple of The Woodlands, Unity Christian Truth Center, Islamic Congregation of The Woodlands, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Baha'i Community of The Woodlands, St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Society and All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Christ Church United Methodist and The Woodlands Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) met for several months to discuss the various issues involved and how to develop a response to these religious and community concerns in The Woodlands.

FaithsTogether was born!! We decided to host an Interfaith program with participants from each of these faith communities. We deliberately planned to hold the event around Thanksgiving to illustrate the message that FaithsTogether recognizes and celebrates, and is thankful for, the religious diversity in our community. We were cautious in planning the first program. We wanted to show respect for one another and not speak in error. So, we printed in the program every word that was spoken, sung or prayed during the service! "We have come a long way, Baby!" from those early years. As we have now shared twenty years of friendship and mutual respect, we have learned that sharing time together, learning about each other's faith traditions and religious beliefs has resulted in opportunities for personal growth by developing relationships with people from other religions that we would not have had were it not for FaithsTogether.

In addition to hosting the "Giving Thanks Observance," Faiths Together members have shared numerous community activities. They have volunteered in "Love Your Neighbor Day" at WCPC, volunteered at the Peanut Butter Factory, worked on Habitat House projects, attended worship services at religious houses other than their own, sponsored a Dinner Dialogue, and sponsored three Food Fairs (so far) in cooperation with the Montgomery County Food Bank, just to name a few of their activities.

As our committee is beginning to plan for our Twentieth Anniversary program I would like to personally invite you to join us in making this program the best one ever!! There are numerous ways you can volunteer: join the FaithsTogether planning committee; sing in the FT Community Adult Choir (Teens welcome); assist with the reception held in Fellowship Hall after the program; usher during the program; help direct parking on the night of the program; PUBLICITY. As you can see, a variety of gifts are needed for this program to be successful.

**So, mark your calendars:**

**November 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m. (the Tuesday the week before Thanksgiving)**

**FaithsTogether Giving Thanks Observance, Twentieth Anniversary**

**The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.**

"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." For more information about FaithsTogether and volunteer opportunities, please contact Carol East at [ceeast4@gmail.com](mailto:ceeast4@gmail.com).



## Family Promise at WCPC for Two Weeks 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. **Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 3 through Sunday, June 17**, which is the first two weeks after school is out. Lots of volunteers are needed over the two week period to fill such jobs as meal prep and evening hosts, overnight hosts, transportation AM and PM, breakfast and day hosts on the weekends, laundry assistance for bedding and towels, and coordinators for each of these positions. And of course, volunteers are needed to transform HEB into a home for our guests, and then to return it to classrooms after their two week stay. **Beginning in May you can sign-up for one of these volunteer spots through sign-up genius on our website or at a table in the courtyard on Sunday mornings.** If you feel called to be a coordinator or assistant coordinator or have questions, please contact Warren Evans at 713-299-7323 or Michele Stelter @ 281-363-2040 x 7.

## WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP BEGINS 16-WEEK STUDY ON MARCH 28

*The Challenge of Jesus*, by John Dominic Crossan. This is a video-based study published by *Faith & Reason*.

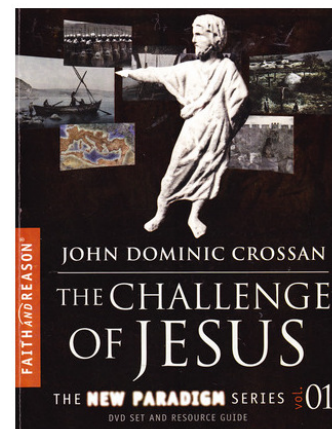
*In The Challenge of Jesus, renowned historical Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan, presents his life's work exploring the matrix of Jesus' unique time and place. Drawing on scholarly text, excavation and history, Dr. Crossan introduces us to the flesh and blood people who shaped the world into which Jesus was born. In these DVD presentations, we meet a Jesus we've not known before. Dr. Crossan's presentations are produced in a revolutionary new multimedia format that helps viewers comprehend the dynamic, multifaceted interactions between the Roman Imperial program of conquest and the struggles of occupied Israel in the century in which Jesus acted and taught.*

Wednesdays

10:00 to 11:30am

Hendricks Building Room 301

Everyone welcome!



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](mailto:mjensen@wcpc-tx.org) with your name and certification / special skill set with "Safety Team" in the subject line.

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 11:30 AM**



We will have a healthcare sponsored luncheon on Wednesday April 25 at 11:30 am. Sponsors include WCPC member Michelle Woodside of SureCare at Home along with Avanti, Encompass Health, and Rose of Texas Hospice. Join us as we enjoy the wonderful fellowship we have at WCPC and a yummy catered meal from Berryhill Cantina. 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! The sponsors will be available to answer questions after the luncheon.



Dayna Stewart cell 713-474-3999



Melanie Inabinet cell 936-537-6666



Felisha Tubbs cell 281-745-4633



Michelle Woodside cell 281-841-1425



## The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community  
Presbyterian Church



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"Behold, I make all things new." Revelations 21:5. Doesn't this promise send chills down your spine and give you the greatest sense of overwhelming peace and comfort at the same time? As believers and followers of Christ we are cleansed and made new. Jesus not only forgives us, but He lives through us! As early childhood educators at ELP, we pray daily for The Lord to radiate through us in everything we say and do for our children and their families. We feel honored that we have this daily opportunity to touch these young lives and be the hands and feet of Jesus and help our children learn about this new life in Christ. What a gift it is to share Christ's love and express to our little ones just how easy and freeing it is to follow Christ. Spring has definitely Sprung here at ELP! Our month starts off with Easter and the ultimate story of New Life with the resurrection of Jesus. Each child will be making their very own set of Resurrection Eggs and will be able to take them home to retell the story of New Life in Jesus with their family and friends. Our Spring Fling, which is where we celebrate and explore nature's signs of New Life, will take place on April 10-12. We will explore the complete life cycle of butterflies starting with larvae and ending up with a butterfly release. We will have a lady bug tent filled with lady bugs; a water table filled with soil and earth worms, planting and spring games to really immerse us in the many blessings God gives us every day. We are filled with joy and thank you for your love and support!  
Cindy Mountain

### 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](http://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

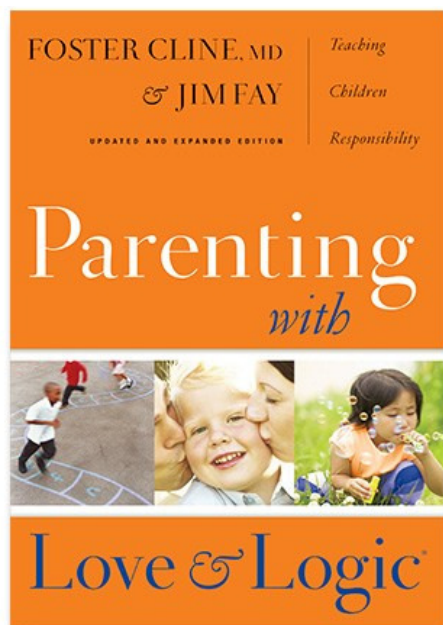
TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
[SHELLEY@ALLEARSCENTER.ORG](mailto:SHELLEY@ALLEARSCENTER.ORG) OR 281-615-5475 · [WWW.ALLEARSCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.ALLEARSCENTER.ORG)

LOCATION: ELP (EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM) AT THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADDRESS: 4881 W. PANTHER CREEK DR., THE WOODLANDS, TX 77381

# PARENTING CLASS

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](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) so she can order it for you.

Please contact Mike or Tara Devoley with questions  
[tdevoley@yahoo.com](mailto:tdevoley@yahoo.com)

## ALL EARS! LISTENING & LANGUAGE CENTER 4TH ANNUAL TOAST & TASTE DINNER 2018



FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

The Woodlands Country Club at Palmer Course  
100 Grand Fairway, The Woodlands, Texas

DINNER 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

VIP RECEPTION 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

HONORING BE AN ANGEL

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Melanie Bush, Conroe ISD Board President

Please visit [www.allearscenter.org/toast-taste-2018](http://www.allearscenter.org/toast-taste-2018) for ticket information, OR if unable to attend, please help us teach deaf children to talk by donating today.

EVENT CHAIRS:

Leslie Ellis and Tracy Piontek



ALL EARS!  
LISTENING & LANGUAGE CENTER

Teaching deaf children to talk!

## ALL EARS! ONLINE RAFFLE



\*Bike is an online only raffle

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2018tickets>

KHS T-REX 7 youth

1 ticket for \$15 or 5  
tickets for \$50



Dreams Taking Flight at All Ears! We had a visit from an Army pilot!

# 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:

Marnie Bush	<a href="mailto:marniebush@gmail.com">marniebush@gmail.com</a>	Stephanie Keiser	<a href="mailto:stephaniekeiser1@gmail.com">stephaniekeiser1@gmail.com</a>
Sarah Parker	<a href="mailto:ssnyder888@gmail.com">ssnyder888@gmail.com</a>	Robin Ward	<a href="mailto:robinmctx@yahoo.com">robinmctx@yahoo.com</a>

Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	Moms Meeting	9:30 - 11:30	Prayer Garden	Join us as our very own master gardener, Harry Sharp, comes to teach us a little Gardening 101 for our spring planting. For more information contact Sarah Parker at <a href="mailto:ssnyder888@gmail.com">ssnyder888@gmail.com</a> . *RSVP to Susan Duncan at <a href="mailto:SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org">SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org</a> for childcare.
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rummage Sale	7:00 am-noon	Fellowship Hall	Come and find someone else's trash to become your treasures. Get great deals at low prices! Proceeds go towards supporting our children, tween and youth ministries. Contact Jullie Jones at 832-326-6316 for more information or to volunteer.
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Monday	9:30-12:30	HEB 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 <a href="mailto:SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org">SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org</a> for childcare.
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent's Night Out	5:00-8:00 PM	HEB Nurseries	The theme this month is Earth Day! 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 ( <a href="mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org">sduncan@wcpc-tx.org</a> ).
Apr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Study	9:30-11:30	Youth Room-CE 200	Join us as we discuss and decide which study to begin in the fall. Bring your thoughts and ideas to help brainstorm what we should do next! Contact Marnie Bush at <a href="mailto:marniebush@gmail.com">marniebush@gmail.com</a> with any questions, suggestions, or thoughts.

## Moms in Mission

Friendship and fellowship bloom together this spring in Moms in Mission! Join us for lunch on Wed., April 4, at 11:30, at Hubble & Hudson Kitchen, 4526 Research Forest (281.203.5650). We'll meet again on Wed., April 18, from 12:30 - 2:30 in the HEB Library area to make heart pillows for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. All supplies are provided; light hand sewing skills are helpful, but not required. Questions? Email [mimswcpc@gmail.com](mailto:mimswcpc@gmail.com)



**Friday**

**APRIL 6**

**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 are **Apr 6** and **May 4**.

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



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church  
4881 W. Panther Creek, The Woodlands, TX 77381  
281-363-2040 [www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org)

**HOW:**

**Donate, Buy or Volunteer**

No TV's accepted; Pick up of donation items not available  
Donation drop offs accepted beginning April 9

**WHAT:**

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**WHEN:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**7am-12 noon**

Doors open at 7am. No pre-shopping

**WHY:**

**To benefit WCPC Youth &  
Children camp scholarship funds**

Questions? Contact Jullie Jones at 832-326-6316

**GET YOUR  
RID OF  
STUFF**

**COME ONE, COME ALL  
& BUY! BUY! BUY!**



# *WCPC Sanctuary Choir*

*Jonathan Aigner, director*

*Dr. Dave Falter, accompanist*

*Dr. Jason Oby, tenor*

## *Presents*

# *A Concert of Psalms*

*featuring settings by Adolphus Hailstork, Cesar Franck,  
and congregational hymns*

April 22, 2018

2:00 pm

Free Admission



### Rummage Sale at WCPC April 14<sup>th</sup>!

Items accepted starting Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> in FH. The Rummage Sale is benefitting children and youth camp scholarships and travel expenses. If you are able to help sort, sign up for shifts the week before April 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 9am-8 pm. Childcare will be offered for a few of the times. Contact Susan for times and to RSVP.



### Children's Summer Camp Dates:

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** 1-5 pm Family Funday

**Cho Yeh Summer Dates:**  
for 1-6<sup>th</sup> grade:

Core 2 June 10-16

or another week that works for your family and other WCPC families

(Reminder VBS July 16-20<sup>th</sup>, Servin' Safari Aug 6-8<sup>th</sup> for rising 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders)

(Cho-Yeh also grants a sibling discount when they attend the same week)



Contact Children's Ministry Director Susan Duncan at 281-363-2040 ext. 6 or [sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) for information about Children's programs.



## Sunday School

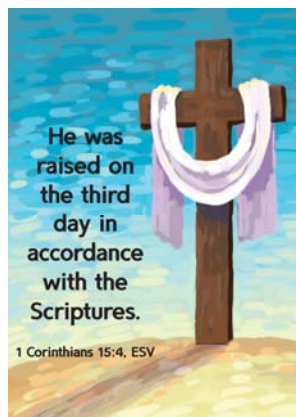
Children's Sunday School  
Rotation Bible Topic this month:

Pre-K-K Easter and The Apostles

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Week and Easter,  
The Woman at the Well

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Lectionary Acts 4:32-35; Luke 24:36b-48; John 10:11-18; John 15:1-8

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Connect Unit 4 Kings and Prophets  
& Unit 5 Jerusalem Conquered



### VBS July 16-20<sup>th</sup>

**Online Registration fills up fast!**  
VBS Workday is on Mondays in June 9:30 am -noon.

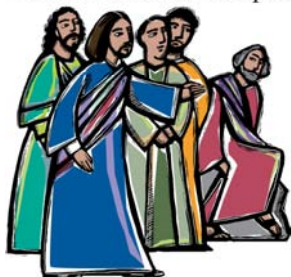
### Children's Worship Class



Worship Class for K-2<sup>nd</sup> after the children's message is Sunday **April 29<sup>th</sup>** after the 11 am children's message and will be on the sacrament of The Lord's Supper.



**GO** and Make Disciples



*Jesus, after the Resurrection.*

Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be hearing stories on *Knowing*



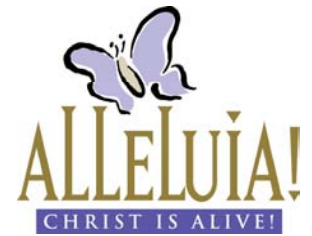
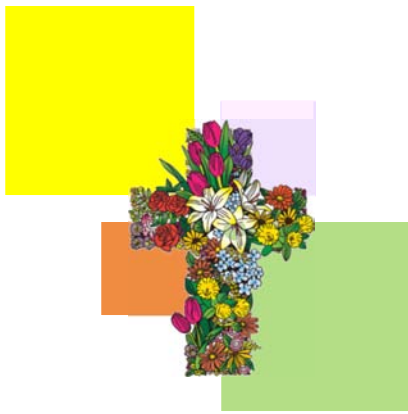
### Parents Night Out April 21<sup>st</sup> 5-8 pm

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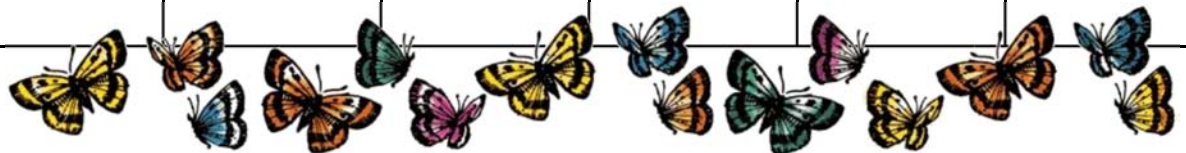
activities and games this month are on **Earth Day**. Children birth-10 years accepted. Reservations required, please contact Susan Duncan to make a reservation before April 16<sup>th</sup>. Donations accepted for cost of pizza. We will watch selections from Wall-E at the end of our time.

**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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Easter Worship 8:30 &amp; 11 am 9:45 children meet in FH for Festival, Pancakes, story &amp; Butterfly Release</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office closed for Easter holiday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>WAM 4:15 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH 6:15 Tween Bible study 205</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship 6:30-9 childcare in 307 by rsvp to Susan</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Worship 8:30 &amp; 11 am Sunday school 9:45</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mom's Fellow- ship 9:30-11:30 childcare in room 307, rsvp to Susan</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>WAM 4:15 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH 6:15 Tween Bible study 205</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tween Fellow- ship Rummage Sale service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Rummage Sale 7 am -12 noon for Youth &amp; children camp scholarships</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Worship 8:30 &amp; 11 am Sunday school 9:45</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mission Monday 9:30-12:30 child- care in room 307 rsvp to Susan</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>WAM 4:15 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH 6:15 Tween Bible study 205</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Under 18 Ministries Team MTG 11-1 pm room 301 child- care by rsvp to Susan</p>	<p>21</p> <p>PNO 5-8 pm Earth Day rooms 307-309 rsvp ahead to Sduncan@wcpc- tx.org</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day Worship 8:30 &amp; 11 am Sunday school 9:45</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mom's Book Study 9:30-11:30 childcare in room 307, rsvp to Susan</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>WAM 4:15 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner FH 6:15 Tween Bible study 205</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship 8:30 &amp; 11 am Worship Class K-2nd Sunday school 9:45</p>	<p>30</p>					



# Junior High Jubilee

# July 8-12 \$495

**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!**



**2018 theme- Isaiah 43:2**

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.*

During Jr. High Jubilee, (completed 7<sup>th</sup> –completed 8<sup>th</sup>) 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!

**Daily schedule: Here's what you can expect to be part of each day at JHJ:**

## Keynote and worship sessions

The keynote speaker will gather youth for inspiring messages each morning that will be focused on the conference's theme and scripture verse. In the evening, the conference's worship leader will delve into the conference theme again for scripture, prayer and song.

## Energizers

Energizers are a beloved Mo-Ranch tradition that involves pairing fun music with high energy and simple movements that everyone can be sure to enjoy!

## Small groups

Small groups are guided by adult leaders who build a safe and welcoming community for youth to have honest discussions with one another about keynote topics and their journey of faith. These groups are selected at random to allow an opportunity to meet and form friendships with youth across the Synod of the Sun and beyond.

## Home groups

Home groups are the groups you traveled with from your home church! Each night, home groups will return to their lodging and recap the day together. It's an excellent way get to know each other and strengthen the bond between you and your church's youth.

## Vespers

*Vespers* is the traditional word for evening worship marked by music and prayer. Mo-Ranch vespers incorporate reflective prayer, soft music and quiet time for internal conversations with God underneath a starry Hill Country night sky.

## Conference Goals

- To provide an opportunity for participants to experience God's loving kindness and carry this to the world
- To realize that God has a mission for us every day
- To help all participants fully understand the love of Christ and how to live a life of love as a Christian



## Keynote for session 2: Ashley Hood

Ashley is the associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine. She began in professional ministry as the youth director at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas. That congregation introduced her not only to youth ministry, but also to Junior High Jubilee and the Mo-Pole. From there she went to seminary at Perkins School of Theology (Southern Methodist University), then to serve in a variety of capacities as solo-pastor, chaplain and associate general Presbyterian. Through the years she has enjoyed serving on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, being in intergeneration and multicultural ministry, and occasionally on conference teams. Ashley is a native Texan and a UT Austin alumni and Longhorn fan. She and her spouse have a middle school daughter (Helen), high school son (Phillip) and they all spoil their Lab/Great Dane (Tasha). Her interests include books, movies, various sports, outdoor adventures and being an ama-

# Youth Celebration June 24-29 \$575

Youth Celebration is a conference for high school students completed 9<sup>th</sup>-graduated 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**2018 theme is Radical Love: "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." (1 John 4:16b)**

**Small groups**-Small groups are a key feature of this conference providing youth with a chance to build community with people from other churches. In small groups, youth are guided by adult leaders who facilitate building community, Bible study and discussions on matters of faith and life.

**Conference goals**-To create a safe, Christ-like environment for all participants to share their feelings and thoughts without fear of being persecuted or treated negatively.

- To worship God in all that we do at Youth Celebration; not losing sight that we are all at Mo-Ranch because of the grace of Jesus Christ.
- To help all participants fully understand the love of Christ and how to live a life of love as a Christian.
- To help all participants learn about their faith journey in connection with our theme through small groups, worship, keynote, and home group time.



## Keynote, Bruce Reyes-Chow

Bruce is an author, speaker, parent, consultant, coach and pastor. Author of four books and speaker at gatherings around the country, he speaks and writes on issues of faith, technology, race, parenting and church culture. He lives in San Francisco where he and his wife, Robin, have raised three daughters and numerous canines. He is an avid soccer and baseball fan, photography feeds his soul, and he'll take on any comers in Bananagrams. He is also extremely active on social media with 10,200+ followers on Twitter, 12,000+ Likes/Friends on Facebook, 3,700+ followers on Instagram and a significant blog readership. He can be found via @breyeschow on most social networks.



## Small Group Coordinator, Rev. Katy Walters

A native of Richardson, Texas, Rev. Katy Walters serves as the associate pastor of Christian education at New Braunfels Presbyterian Church in the beautiful town of New Braunfels, Texas. She is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where she studied music and English, and went on to earn her master of divinity and master of arts in practical theology with a focus in Christian education from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Rev. Walters has over 10 years of experience working primarily with children and youth, serving in churches in Texas, Georgia and North Carolina. Katy loves learning something new every day and recently discovered she likes many things that begin with the letter "C," including: coffee, Christ, children, churches, crafts, cards, cats, comedies and collecting coffee cups. Katy loves lock-ins with Disney movies, always requests bumper lanes while bowling and seeks to sing something every day. She also tries to love like Jesus loves daily.



## Music, Zach Wells

Zach lives in Dallas, TX, where he is the associate director of music at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. There, Zach directs the youth choir and band, and leads music in a new Sunday night worship service. Raised in the Carolinas, Zach brings musical experience from the mountains and beyond, blending modern folk and global music with traditional hymns and familiar melodies. In his free time, Zach enjoys writing, biking and spending time with his family.



## Worship, Ann-Henley Saunders

After graduating from the University of Virginia, Ann-Henley moved to New York to pursue an acting career. During her six years there, she performed in off-off Broadway plays, starred in independent films and appeared on television shows like *One Life to Live*, *Law & Order* and *Gossip Girl*. While auditioning and performing, she worked many day jobs, including assisting a Broadway producer, serving as a nanny for a famous director and then an NFL owner, and managing a sales team for a financial recruiting firm. She now realizes she moved to New York to find Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and discover her call to ministry. Ann-Henley followed that call to Princeton Seminary, where her call got stronger with study, prayer and practical experience in the field. She is fortunate to be one of the pastors at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and gives God thanks for such a dynamic community of faith.



## Recreation, John-Paul Marshall

Jean-Paul (JP) is an Austin College alumni, where he studied music and religious studies and was an active member of the ACTivators program. It was there that he discovered his call to ministry and turned his sights on Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. JP is a camp counselor at heart, continuously seeking out ways to serve at Camp Gilmont and Mo-Ranch. In his free time, he loves to watch movies, read a good mystery novel and rock climbing. He lives in Dallas, TX currently with his wife, Susie, as he searches for his first ordained call as a pastor in the PC(USA).

# Senior High Youth Mission Trip \* June 10<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 \* Perryville, Arkansas

## Registration Deadline is April 15!

### Information and Sign Up Sheet

Who: Completed 8<sup>th</sup>-graduating 12<sup>th</sup>

What: Week long Mission Trip

Where: Heifer Ranch/Arkansas/Please check it out on [www.heifer.org/ranch](http://www.heifer.org/ranch)

When: June 10<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 We will leave on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, pack the cars and head out !  
We will return on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

How: We will travel by Passenger Van with the Mission Trip leaders.

Cost: \$ 495

Questions: Contact Shirley Barclay at 281-363-2040 or [sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org)

### YES ! I want to participate !

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle T-shirt size: YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL

We understand that in addition to this form, we also have to complete the 2017-18 Youth Registration Form which gives medical information and release signatures.

We set an example through our words and deeds. Both adults and youth are held to the same standard: there is no tolerance for smoking, use of illegal substances or alcoholic beverages, use of foul language, or inappropriate sexual conduct. Inappropriate activity will result in one warning; a subsequent offense will result in phoning the parent to arrange for the return home of the youth at the parent's expense.

Signature of youth and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Guardian and Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
( if youth is under 18 years of age )

Turn in this signed form along with your \$ 200 deposit to Shirley Barclay.  
The additional amount will be due by May 1st(unless a payment plan or other arrangements have been made.)

Full or partial assistance is available for this trip. Please don't let the lack of funds keep your student from participating in this worthwhile weekend.  
Contact the church office to request assistance. All requests are kept confidential.

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church  
4881 West Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77381  
281-363-2040 // [www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org)

Service participants engage in a journey of personal growth. They commit to the value of serving others through interactive learning, community that is actively working to end hunger and poverty while caring for the earth. The primary goal is to involve individuals in the mission of Heifer International. Your service helps us remain good stewards of our resources just as the Heifer International promotes good stewardship among our project partners. More importantly you will learn about hunger, sustainable development, and how livestock can help change the lives of people around the world.

## Parenting your Teenager

WCPC is hosting a Parenting your Teenager class beginning March 21 and concluding April 26, from 6:15-7:30 in room 204 (during youth). This 6 part video and discussion series takes a Biblical look at parenting teenagers and will include topics such as: identity, turmoil, rebellion, and legacy. No preparation is needed, just join in with fellow parents as we listen, discuss, and fellowship. If you haven't joined the class yet, it's not too late! Childcare/Bible study will also be available for children. Questions, please contact Marnie Bush at [marniebush@gmail.com](mailto:marniebush@gmail.com)

## NEW TWEEN BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING

Tweens 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet with Susan in room 205 from 6:15-7 pm for an Easter season Bible study. We will be taking the previous Sunday lectionary texts and studying them more closely with an emphasis on growing your faith and understanding of Jesus during these repenting and celebrating seasons of worship.

## THEOCADEMY CONFIRMATION



**September 2017 through May 2018**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**17 lessons**

**Led by Megan Hansen**

## JR and SR High Sunday School 7-12<sup>th</sup> 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)



## 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!

Director of Children's Ministry:

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Youth Team Chairs:

Sally Bowers

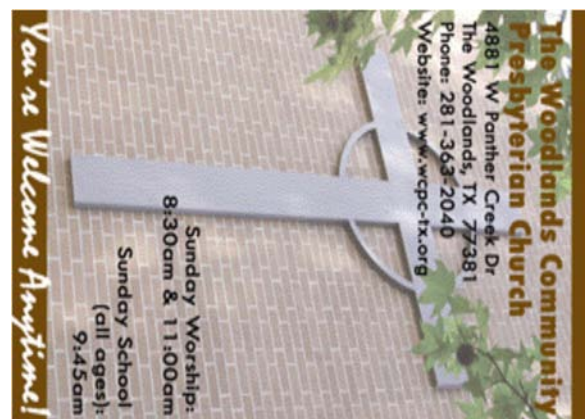
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*Please support the Youth & Tweens ministries of WCPC with your prayers, your time, and your talents.*

*Contact Sally Bowers or Megan Hansen with questions, to donate, and to volunteer.*



## REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15

### Heifer International Mission Trip

June 10-15, 2018

Completed 8<sup>th</sup> - Graduating Seniors

There are a limited number of spots available. Please contact a youth team leader or Shirley Barclay in the church office to sign up or for more information. The registration form is also on page 22 of this newsletter. The cost is \$495 and includes travel.

This trip is designed to increase our group's understanding of the global hunger and poverty issues that Heifer International encounters in the field. By experiencing activities such as learning to milk a goat, working in the garden, learning how to bee-keep and about animal husbandry, living in a village and learning to make cheese, not only will our group **grow and develop together**, but they will gain a greater understanding of how Heifer creates lasting change in communities around the world.