



# The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W. Panther Creek Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77381

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[www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org)

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



**Holy Week**  
Worship times

**Palm Sunday**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 pm  
**Good Friday**  
12:30 pm  
**Easter**  
8:30 & 11:00 am



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

March 25	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
March 26-30	<b>Holy Week</b> Self Guided Meditations in the Prayer Garden
March 28	<b>Adult Fellowship Luncheon</b> , Fellowship Hall 11:30am
March 29	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship Service 7:00pm
March 30	<b>Good Friday</b> Pot-luck Fellowship and Egg Hunt 10:00am-Noon Good Friday Worship Service, 12:30pm
April 1	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 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



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones  
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

Your Session in February adopted the Benevolence Budget recommended by the Mission Outreach Team which represents 10% of our operating budget for 2018. Here is where the funds are going:

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

English As a Second Language Children Payroll	\$2500
Interfaith of The Woodlands	\$2000
Montgomery County Food Bank	\$2500
Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity	\$8000
Montgomery County Homeless Coalition	\$1000
Parental Support Group/Willis	\$1500
Interfaith of The Woodlands Community Clinic	\$6000

The Gathering Place	\$1000
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$4000
Family Promise	\$1000
Love Fosters Hope	\$1000
Meals on Wheels	\$1000
Montgomery County Women's Center	\$2000

### **GREATER HOUSTON AREA**

Casa Juan Diego	\$3000
Interfaith CarePartners	\$1000
Presbytery New Church Development	\$1000
Prayers of the People	\$1000
International Seafarer Center	\$1500
Project C.U.R.E.	\$500
CanCare	\$500
DeGeorge at Union Station	\$500

### **STATE OR SYNOD LEVEL**

Cho Yeh Camp and Conference Center	\$500
Mo Ranch Conference Center	\$1000
Presbyterian Children Homes and Services	\$2000

### **NATIONAL**

Presbyterian Church Per Capita	\$4607
Presbyterian Church (Undesignated)	\$30,000
Theological Education Fund	\$1000
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)	\$2000

### **INTERNATIONAL**

Project for Evangelism in Africa – Zambia	\$11,500
Project for Evangelism in South America – Peru	\$2700
The Outreach Foundation	\$1000
Mission Personnel Support	\$7000
Medical Benevolence Foundation	\$500
Hope for the Middle East	\$500
Proyecto Amistad (Castanos)	\$1500
Miscellaneous	\$1189

**TOTAL** **\$109,496**

If you would like to know more about the many missions that we support through our Operating Budget please let Michele Stelter, our Mission Facilitator, know or Gordy Lentz the Chair of our Mission Outreach Team. Your pastor,

Your Session welcomed into the membership of WCPC last Sunday: Michael and Amy Formolo by reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior -- they have three children, James (8), Ella (6) and Andrew (4); Kendra Holtzman who joins us by transfer of membership from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, KS; and Norma Schenck and Lynn Schenck who join us by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, IN.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

For over ten years, with few exceptions, I have worn a charm of the seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on a daily basis. Honestly, it's gotten to the point where I don't feel fully dressed without it on. I fidget with it when I'm nervous, or lost in thought. I hold on to it when I'm deep in prayer. I've even been known to use it as a tool for explaining why I love the denomination of which I am a member and into which I have been called to serve. It might be a stretch but you could say that it is a part of who I am. Perhaps, more accurately, you could say that it marks me. As silly as it may seem, these last couple months, when I have not been able to wear it, have been a bit of a challenge for how I identify myself.

Since Ash Wednesday, I've been thinking about how we mark ourselves, how we set ourselves apart. If you've ever walked around with a cross of Ash on your forehead, people have some idea that you are Christian, that you observe the season of Lent, etc. It's a very visible sign. I also know that when we baptize, we find ourselves marked, and claimed in a wholly different way. As we prepared for our Lenten journey, we were reminded by the prophets Joel and Isaiah, and also by Jesus, that it is not simply the visible signs of our devotion and practice that God desires from us, but rather our whole hearts and lives. This Lent, how are you marking yourself in devotion to God? Does it matter to you if others can see it? Is it changing you? These are some of the things I have been pondering.

*Grace and Peace,*

*Laura*



## 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.

### 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

<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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	Sarah Martin	
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## BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2018	CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
Patty Ahern	Carrie Bucki	Ed Allen
Kathy Bray	Karen Gonzales	Kristen Campbell
Mary Jo Chapman	Barbie Hardy	Jane Harding
Beth North	Debra Martinez	Leslie Lee
Tammy Rand	Kim Petrie	Mignon Mabry
		Erin Michaelis
		Daniece Peck
		Janet Youngblood

## BOARD OF DEACONS TEAM LEADERS

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## WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

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

- The Prayer Book is located in the foyer of the church. Members are asked to sign the book requesting prayers for themselves or others prior to the church service. Prayers for these individuals are included during the worship services and are added to the Church Prayer List.
- The Church Prayer List is available online ([www.wpc-tx.org](http://www.wpc-tx.org)) and at church on Sundays. Prayer requests may be added to or removed from the list by contacting Rev. Laura Grice in the church office (281-363-2040 ext. 2; [lgrice@wpc-tx.org](mailto:lgrice@wpc-tx.org)). Please obtain permission from the person prior to adding their name to the prayer list.
- The Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets on Thursday 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 Great Courses study- *Death, Dying, and the Afterlife: Lessons from Word Cultures* by Professor Mark Berkson, Ph.D.

**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

March 7, in the WCPC Parlor

The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is on Wednesday, March 7 at 9:30 in the parlor. For info, contact Carol Palmquist at rnpalmquist@aol.com.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday March 6 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 March 8 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.



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

Rita Upadhyaya

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## PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares, quilting/ knitting/crocheting group will meet on Mondays, March 5 and 19. 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.



In the courtyard, during the month of March, The Sanctuary Guild will be taking orders for Boston ferns and white hydrangeas for enhancing the beauty of the Sanctuary and expressing our joy and celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. All donors of ferns and flowers will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin, as well as to whom the donation is dedicated. Ferns - \$15. Hydrangeas - \$15. Contact: Nancy Kiefer 281-292-2491



## 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 would like to help, please send Leigh an email. Please try to send addresses by March 9. Thanks!

# 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 good: Chlorine helps keep our drinking and swimming water safe. The bad: Chlorine released from manufacturing enters streams and lakes. The ugly: The resulting chemicals are persistent and toxic to both people and wildlife. What to do? Look for unbleached products in the store. These go way beyond paper and flour and toilet tissue. Just look! How many different unbleached products can you find in your store?



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

## CLIMATE CHANGE, the JETSTREAM & EXTREME WEATHER

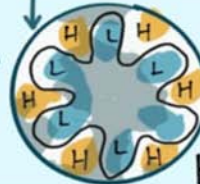
how climate change impacts the weather



As world turns east, that air moves slightly right & creates the **JETSTREAM**.



warm air is thicker & fills more space



The jetstream creates high (H) + low (L) pressure systems which drive weather.

H = warm, dry weather L = wet, cold weather

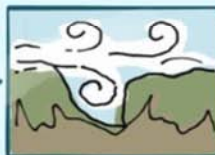
## HOW CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS THE JETSTREAM



Due to climate change, the Arctic is warming.



As the Arctic warms + temp diff ↓, the slope flattens.



When slope flattens, winds moving east slow down.



Slow winds meander + create higher peaks + troughs.



The resulting weather systems are more extreme + persistent.

The resulting **PERSISTENT & EXTREME** weather has led to natural disasters.



2010 PAKISTAN FLOODING



2010 RUSSIA HEAT WAVE



2015 CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

## FACTORS that make the jetstream more unusual:







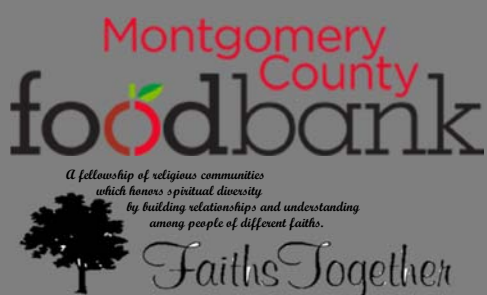
# Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

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

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

MOT meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th.** 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.



## MCFB Food Fair Sponsored by FaithsTogether

Saturday, March 10th 8:00 am to 1:00 pm\*

*\*(volunteer for the whole shift or any portion of the time that works for you)*

Woodforest Stadium Parking Lot near Press Box  
19115 David Memorial Drive, Conroe, TX 77385  
Ages 7 and over (under 13 accompanied by adult)

The FaithsTogether sponsored Food Fair organized by the Montgomery County Food Bank brings a pantry of delicious food, including fresh produce and refrigerated items directly to a location close to those in high need. MCFB provides the food, technical assistance, and marketing for each food fair. Food from their warehouse is loaded onto a truck and delivered to the host site to feed approximately 500 families. FaithsTogether will provide the volunteers to unload, set-up and distribute the food directly to the clients in an outside setting similar to a farmers market. Come join us for a day of service in our community. Help make a difference in the lives of those in need! Sign up with Michele Stelter in the church office or email her at [mstelter@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:mstelter@wcpc-tx.org).



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** 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."



# Come Celebrate

## St. Patrick's Day

### at

# The Gathering Place

**Friday, March 16th**  
**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 January, Interfaith provided food assistance to 686 families or 1,500 on an individual basis. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

**Special Pantry Needs for March:**  
 canned chicken, chili & tuna  
 peanut butter, jam & dry milk  
 toothpaste & toothbrushes

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.

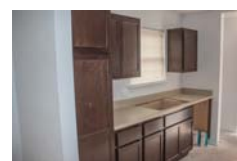


## Our 8th Habitat House is Almost Done!

WCPC has been partnering with The Woodlands United Methodist Church since September 2017 to build a three-bedroom Habitat House at 1210 Cedar Creek in Conroe. **The next and final work day will be Saturday, March 3rd.** The dedication of our Habitat House is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 28th. If you would like to help with the dedication, please contact Bill Bray at [bill.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bill.bray@sbcglobal.net) or 832-702-6227.

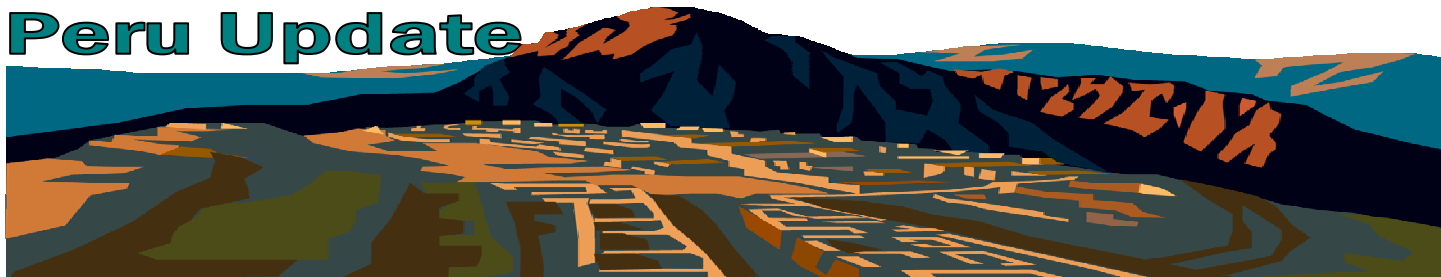
### Did You Know that Employer Matching Funds Can Be Used for Our Habitat House?

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.



Inside of our 2017-18 Habitat House

# 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 \$4,000 to two mission capital projects in Peru.

### Quillabamba

WCPC is contributing \$2,000 in partnership with First Presbyterian Church Bryan to support a building program at the Sajiruyoc Seminary & Retreat Center in Quillabamba. When members of WCPC visited the seminary with other New Covenant Presbytery churches in 2013, classes were held in a three sided shelter in the jungle on the side of a hill. Since then, FPCB has worked with enrolled seminarians, ministers, administrators and church members from throughout the La Convencion Province to complete a chapel, dormitories, showers and toilet facilities, classrooms and a kitchen. This year, they are raising \$10,000 to construct the final building, a multipurpose facility for religious services, graduations, Presbytery gatherings, and retreats.



### Sicuani

WCPC is contributing \$2,000 to help the Sicuani Bible Seminary complete construction of a new men's and women's bathroom facility. Construction began in early January by students and the local community during the holiday break. Initial funding was raised by the students and will cover the primary structure and basic plumbing. The funds provided by WCPC will enable the seminary to complete the interior walls and install the plumbing fixtures.



## WCPC has the opportunity to join First Presbyterian Church Bryan on a Mission Trip to Quillabamba

First Presbyterian Church Bryan has invited WCPC to join them on their 2018 mission trip to the Sajiruyoc Seminary & Retreat Center in Quillabamba to work with students, ministers, and the local church community on the construction of a multipurpose building for large gatherings. The trip is scheduled for **May 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** and will entail opportunities to work (construction), teach (wellness, lay-leadership, and VBS), worship and pray alongside volunteers from the Cusco Synods Reformed Evangelical Church. **Deadline for sign up is April 1.** For more information, Contact Trish Burk at [pagburk@suddenlink.net](mailto:pagburk@suddenlink.net).





# There's a Need in Our Community, Can You Help?

Many of the seniors in our community can only consume Ensure or Glucerna. Sometimes it's for a period of time after they've had surgery and are recovering, but many are on a liquids only diet. It currently costs Meals on Wheels Montgomery County (MOWMC) \$66,000/year to provide this supplement.

MOWMC is trying to partner with churches within our community to let them know of this need and to ask for your assistance. Maybe you know someone who has had a need to be on a liquid diet, and the need no longer exists. You ask yourself what you should do with the product that hasn't been consumed. Or maybe you yourself had a need and have bottles sitting around your home, where do you take them to meet the greatest need? Please consider donating them to MOWMC. You can either drop your donations off at the Community Center at 2235 Lake Robbins Drive (MOWMC kitchen), or you can drop them off at the church and we will deliver them to MOWMC. If we all work together, we can help to keep our seniors well-nourished and in their homes where they wish to live.



## MOT Adds CanCare as a Mission Outreach Partner

CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support, information and resources to others facing cancer. It's single focus is to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families. All services are free of charge.

CanCare provides **support for cancer patients**. Cancer survivors of more than 75 different types of cancer volunteer for CanCare and provide free and confidential emotional support and resources to those currently facing a battle with cancer. A patient is matched with a CanCare volunteer based on a variety of criteria including cancer site, treatments, age and gender. Support is provided over the phone, through email and in person, one time or on an ongoing basis. CanCare provides **support for family members**. If you have a loved one who has been diagnosed with cancer and you need someone to talk to or need practical advice, CanCare can connect you with a family member of a cancer survivor. CanCare provides **hospital visitation**. CanCare volunteers regularly visit cancer patients in hospitals through their Hospital Visitation Program. Volunteers help patients and their family members feel cared for, by serving as a partner to the medical team and offering emotional support beyond their medical needs.

CanCare was founded in 1990 by Anne Shaw Turnage, a colon cancer survivor, with an anonymous gift and the support of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Since that time more than 300,000 people have received one-on-one support in their fight with cancer. If you would like more information or to become involved with CanCare, please contact Karen Morris, who is the MOT advocate for CanCare, at [karen.mckibben@gmail.com](mailto:karen.mckibben@gmail.com).

### A Note from Our Seminarian, Naomi, at Justo Mwale College in Lusaka, Zambia

Calvary greetings.

I am happy to hear from you. My studies have been going on very well despite the pressures. The good news is that I cleared 2017 academic year with mostly distinctions. I have been preaching in different congregations and denominations that I was invited to preach. It was a really good experience. Being in the second year is really interesting though it means more work. Life in general has been good.



Naomi preaching in Mtendere Congregation

## Save the Date!



**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!

Save the Date!

# Rummage Sale

## Saturday

### April 14, 2018



**Asst. Teacher Job Opening**  
 EMAIL: [shelley@allearscenter.org](mailto:shelley@allearscenter.org)  
 PHONE: 281.615.5475  
 WEBSITE: [www.allearscenter.org](http://www.allearscenter.org)

**Job Title: Teacher Assistant**

**Reports To: Lead Teacher and Director**

**Job Purpose:**

The primary purpose of the assistant teacher is to assist and support lead teachers in setting up the classroom, preparing and organizing materials, and getting equipment ready for use. Assistant teachers will supervise students and carry out purposeful lessons in a small group setting.

**Requirements:**

- High School Diploma
- Love of children
- Experience in a child care setting

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Support teachers in duties as assigned
- Set up classroom
- Get materials ready for class
- Ensure equipment is ready and charged for each day
- Follow lesson plans written by the teachers for specific language and listening goals in a small group setting
- Support students in social and developmental activities
- Supervise students when needed such as at lunch, playground time, chapel, etc.
- Assist teacher in attending to toddlers including diaper changes
- Greet children in car line, at the front door and in the classroom in a friendly manner
- Attend Early Learning Program monthly in-services meetings
- Attend in-service hours as required by preschool state licensing agency
- Attend in-service meetings for All Ears!
- Assist The Early Learning Program teachers when in their classroom and whenever needed
- Assist students with hearing aids and cochlear implants (training will be provided)

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 11:30 AM**

Join us as we celebrate the wonderful fellowship we have at WCPC. Enjoy a Spring themed menu! 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 Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community  
Presbyterian Church



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The Wheels are turning at ELP! With transportation as our theme, we will be talking all about everything that travels by land, sky and sea. For the month of March, our Bible verse is "God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9. We want to plant the seed of security in the hearts of our little students. With Spring Break this month and summer vacation just around the corner, the children will be traveling. What a reassuring feeling they will have knowing that God is always watching over them and caring for them.

Later this month we will be roping off the parking lot for our Annual Road Rally. All of the students will bring their bikes and trikes from home and ride to their hearts content while their parents and teachers cheer them on. We will be closed for Spring Break the week of March 12-16. When we return from our break we will begin sharing the story of Easter and celebrating how Jesus forever lives in us. It is such an honor and joy to be a part of this church ministry. We pray together as a staff each morning with grateful hearts that we can freely teach our children just how they were created by a loving God who sent His one and only Son for them!

Thank each of you for your support and prayers for this ministry. The staff and our ELP families appreciate you. Please stop by and share a hug with us!

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)

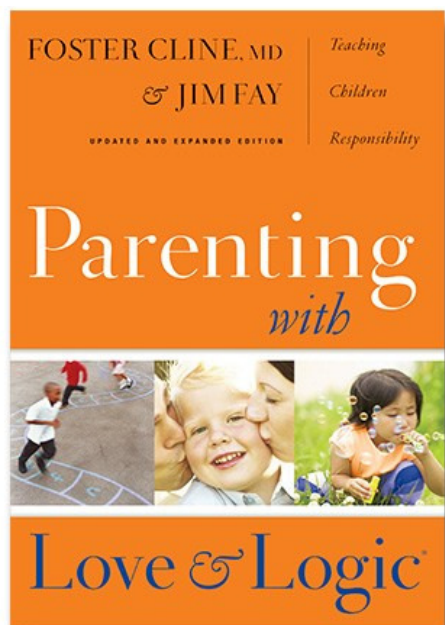
LOCATION: ELP (EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM) AT THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



# PARENTING CLASS

For Parents of Children 0-12 yrs



## New 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 starting Feb 18th 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! is learning about different careers. This week we learned about being a chef. Learning to listen and speak allows these children with hearing loss the opportunity to be anything they dream to be! If you have a career that you would like to share with All Ears!, we would love to meet you! Please contact [shelley@allearscenter.org](mailto:shelley@allearscenter.org).





# 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>
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	Moms Meeting	9:30 - 11:30	HEB Nurseries	Join us as we have fun crafting and fellowshiping. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at <a href="mailto:SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org">SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org</a> for childcare.		
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Night Out	5:00-8:00 PM	HEB Nurseries	Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie, and crafts right here at WCPC. Donations for the cost of pizza accepted. *RSVP to Susan Duncan ( <a href="mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org">sduncan@wcpc-tx.org</a> ).		
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	Egg Hunt Prep	9:30-11:30	Youth Room CE 206	Join us as we prep crafts, activities, and decorations for the Annual Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at <a href="mailto:SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org">SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org</a> for childcare.		
Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	10-noon	Fellowship Hall	Join us at the annual WCPC/ELP Egg Hunt. Festivities include games, crafts, lunch, and an Egg Hunt! Please bring 12 filled eggs and a basket/container for each child.		

## Moms in Mission

Celebrate spring with friends! Join Moms in Mission for lunch on Wed., March 7, at 11:30 at La Madeleine, 9595 Six Pines #100 (281.419.5826). MIMs will meet again on Wed., March 21, 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**

**MARCH 2**

**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 **March 2, 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)

# Farewell Reception for Jessie Kuehner

## March 18, 2018

## Fellowship Hall

Dear WCPC,

I'm extremely sad to say that my last Sunday at this church will be March 18<sup>th</sup>. This time as your Seminary Intern has been so enlightening. You all have been so welcoming, loving, and caring for my family and me, especially with the difficult pregnancy and our house being flooded during Harvey. Your prayers and cards and support throughout the past year and three months have been such a blessing. Even though I was under the care of David and Laura for this, each and every one I encountered have taught me and been my teachers, too. I will be leaving here and finishing up my last classes for my Masters in Divinity with emphasis in Youth, Children, and Culture and will be walking at graduation June 9<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, I will be going through CPE (training to become a chaplain) which is a requirement for my ordination. I have loved my time here and am glad of the things I have learned that will be used in my years of ministry in the future. My family and I will miss you and will always have a special place in our hearts for this church.

Blessings,

Jessie Kuehner














**THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST, AT 7:30PM**  
**@ WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 4881 W. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381

<http://www.woodlandsband.org>





# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</p>				1	<p>2</p> <p>Tweens Fellowship 5:30-7:45 at Potteryland</p> <p>Pre-K Parent Fellowship 6:30-9 pm</p> <p>rspv to Susan</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Sunday school 9:45, Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00</p> <p>Children's Team Mtg 12:15- 2 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Mom's Fellowship 9:30-11:30 child-care by rspv to Susan</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>WAM 4:15 choirs, 5:30 dinner</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Food Fair Woodforest Stadium 8-1pm</p> 
 <p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Sunday school 9:45, Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12</p>  <p>Spring Break</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Spring Break</p>	<p>14</p> <p>No WAM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>
 <p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Sunday school 9:45, Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>First day of Spring</p>  <p>WAM 4:15 choirs, 5:30 dinner</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>PNO 5-8 pm Rodeo Fun childcare by rspv to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Sunday school 9:45, Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00</p> <p>Worship Class K-2nd</p>  <p>PALM Processional</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Egg Hunt Prep 9:30-11:30 child-care by rspv to Susan</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Holy Week</p>	<p>28</p> <p>WAM 4:15 choirs, 5:30 dinner</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>Service at 7 pm childcare offered</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>Egg hunt 10-12, Service at 12:30 pm childcare offered at 12:30</p>	<p>31</p>





## Holy Week

Upcoming Lent & Holy Week Events:

**Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday Processionals both services  
**Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** Holy Week Self Guided Meditations in the Prayer Garden  
**Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>** Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm in the Sanctuary  
**Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday Egg Hunt 10-noon in Fellowship Hall & grounds  
 Good Friday Service 12:30 pm  
**Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>** Easter Services 8:30 & 11 am, Easter Festival for all ages in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:50  
 Godly Play Stories at 9:50 and 10:15 in the Prayer Garden  
 Butterfly Release in Courtyard 10:35 am



Easter Festival



### Important Camp Dates!

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** Camp Scholarship Paperwork due.

**April 23<sup>rd</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)

# CAMP CHO-YEH

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 this month:

Pre-K-K Lost Sheep, Jesus and Children, Zacchaeus, Palm Sunday

1st-2nd The Last Supper

3rd-4th Lectionary Ex. 20:1-17,

Num 21:4-9, John 12:20-33, Mark 11:1-11, 14:1-15:47

5th-6th Connect Unit 3 Old Testament Moses & Unit 4 Kings and Prophets

### Children's Worship Class



Worship Class: K-2<sup>nd</sup>  
 March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 sermon time. Lesson on Praise & Proclamation



Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be continuing the series of Lent stories, The Faces of Easter and The Empty Tomb on April 1<sup>st</sup>



Easter Egg Hunt

The Mom's Fellowship Group will sponsor an Egg Hunt **March 30<sup>th</sup>** from 10-12 in the Fellowship hall and courtyards. Please bring a potluck lunch/dish and a dozen filled plastic eggs for each child and their basket.



Save the Date!

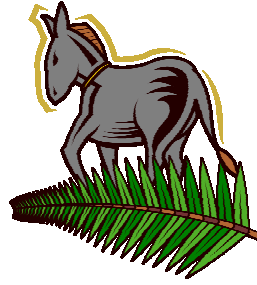
**VBS is July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**  
 Registration starts **March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 VBS Planning Mtg TBA email Susan for information

**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



## March Children's Ministry News



### Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>

The **children, youth and adults** are invited to join us Palm Sunday at both Services 8:30 and 11 am for a Palm Processional. Parents with children younger than three are encouraged to process into the Sanctuary together. We will line up **VERY QUIETLY** outside in the courtyard in back of the Sanctuary to hand out palms about 10 minutes before the service times. After the Processional please meet your younger children in the Narthex area to retrieve them for Worship.

Children may take a palm home after the service!



March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

Children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be learning about Jesus and the Last Supper during March Sunday school and will be encouraged to come and take communion and worship during this meaningful Holy Week service. Children miss most of the wonder and mystery of Holy Week if they go from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the celebration of Easter morning and don't experience the sorrow of Jesus' Last Supper and death on Good Friday.

All ages children are welcome to attend and childcare will be available for the youngest children in HEB 307.

### March 24<sup>th</sup> Parent Night Out

5-8 pm

#### Theme Rodeo Fun!

Children ages 0-10 years join us for Rodeo Fun from 5-8 pm on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at WCPC in the Hendricks Education Building Nursery rooms 307-309. We will be serving pizza and a fruit or vegetable side for dinner. *You may also bring a sack lunch for any non-pizza eaters.* We will be making crafts, and playing Rodeo games! So plan a little fun time off and let your children come here for some fun with their friends. We will finish by watching selections from *Toy Story 2*.

Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted!

RSVP before by Mar.20<sup>th</sup> to [sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org)



April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday

All ages Sunday school classes are meeting together in Fellowship Hall for breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 am. There will be Easter crafts and at 9:50 and 10:15 a special Godly Play story, The Empty Tomb, for everyone in the Prayer Garden. At 10:35 (if the caterpillars cooperate!) we will have the Butterfly Release in the courtyard and then make our way to Easter worship in the Sanctuary.



# Junior High Jubilee

# July 8-12 \$495

Registration for Mo Ranch has already begun! Please 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, (rising 8<sup>th</sup> –rising 9<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 rising 10<sup>th</sup>-graduating 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

## Information and Sign Up Sheet

Who: Rising 9th-graduating 12th

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 10th—15th, 2018 We will leave on Sunday, June 10th, pack the cars and head out !  
We will return on Friday, June 15th 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.





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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship March 18<sup>th</sup>

The youth (grades 7-12) will be kayaking on the third Sunday of March at Lake Woodlands. We will attend the farewell reception for Jessie Kuehner in fellowship hall, have lunch at the church (after 2<sup>nd</sup> service) and then go kayaking. Both events we welcome friends! Contact the church office with any questions!

## 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

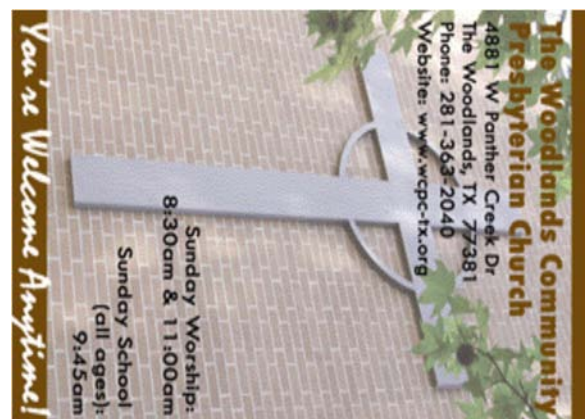
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*Please support the Youth & Tweens ministries of WCPC with your prayers, your time, and your talents.*

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



## REGISTER NOW!

### Heifer International Mission Trip June 10-15, 2018 Rising 9<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.