

# The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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**December 2018**

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

## CONGREGATION-WIDE EVENTS IN DECEMBER

December 1	Advent Festival and Alternative Market	9:00 a.m. -11 a.m.
December 2	Advent Festival and Alternative Market	9:30 a.m. & after 11 a.m. worship
December 8	Women's Christmas Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
December 9	Hot Cocoa & Caroling	3:00 p.m.
December 13	Woodlands Concert Band	7:30 p.m.
December 15	Woodlands Chorale	7:00 p.m.
December 16	Meal and Fellowship with Music provided by Children Choirs and Chimes, Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
	Concert with Choir	6:15 p.m.
December 19	Service of Healing and Remembrance	5:00p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Services:	
	Family Candle Lighting Service	5:00 p.m.
	Candle Lighting Service	7:00 p.m.
	Communion and Candle Lighting Service	9:00 p.m.





Rev. Dr. David F. Jones  
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

More than a few have asked me why don't we sing Christmas carols until after Christmas? Why do we celebrate Advent? In Feasting On the Word, a commentary on the lectionary, I found this quote helpful.

*"Probably the reason I love Advent so much is that it is a reflection of how I feel most of the time. I might not feel sorry during Lent, when the liturgical calendar begs repentance. I might not feel victorious, even though it is Easter morning. I might not feel full of the Spirit, even though it is Pentecost and the liturgy spins out fiery gusts of ecstasy. But during Advent, I am always in sync with the season. Advent unfailingly embraces and comprehends my reality. And what is that? I think of the Spanish word anhelo, or longing. Advent is when the church can no longer contain its unfulfilled desire and the cry of anhelo bursts forth: Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! O Come, O Come, Emanuel!"* (Heidi Neumark, a Lutheran pastor serving in the Bronx)

Maybe in your life you are waiting or longing. Waiting for something, maybe anything that will make your life better. Or waiting for a doctor's report. Waiting for a new job. Waiting for the restoration of a relationship. Waiting to die.

And there are those waiting for justice. Or waiting for guns to be silenced, waiting for peace. Some are waiting, literally, for food or medical care, for medicine.

But waiting doesn't mean God isn't at work. In fact, just the opposite. Often, it's while we are waiting that God is most at work giving us hope! A hope that causes us to trust and to act faithfully and obediently as followers of the Christ child. Bringing hope to others and in the process experiencing it ourselves.

So, the hymns we sing and the Scriptures we read during Advent reflect this longing, this hope that in the Christ Child God has started something.

Your pastor,

## 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.



### 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.

### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." At least, that is what holiday crooners would have us believe. For many though, these last weeks of the year can be some of the most difficult. For some, the celebrations of Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. without a loved one heighten their grief. Others find themselves far away from family and friends and unable to join with them for celebrations. Or perhaps, visiting family cause tensions to elevate in relationships and homes. Some may find the "rush, rush, rush" of holiday busy-ness and society's expectations to be overwhelming. The holidays can also heighten the stresses of lost jobs, divorces, empty nests, etc. And if that weren't enough, the shorter days and gloomier weather can also make it harder to find oneself in a "holiday mood." With commercial messaging, and others in high spirits, it can be very difficult to admit to ourselves that there is just not as much joy this year in this season where "Joy" is on display surrounded by twinkling lights.

While the music and liturgy we use during the season of Advent may not "get us into the Christmas spirit," it is a season of waiting, a season of longing for the peace, justice, and wholeness that come with our long-expected savior. As we have for the past few years, we will be offering an Advent Service of Healing and Wholeness that recognizes the comfort, peace, and healing you might be longing for in this season. You may have heard services like this called "Longest Night," or "Blue Christmas." We will gather for prayer, scripture, and liturgy that speaks to our longing for light in a season that can sometimes feel quite dark. Last year, as I prepared for the unknowns of surgery I found this service to be very meaningful. If you find yourself in need of a little extra hope this season, I do hope you will join us for this service, **December 19 at 5:00 pm.**

A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS



*Laura*

# A Light in the Darkness

An Advent Service of Remembrance and Healing

December 19, 5:00pm

Christmas can be a difficult time, especially when you are coping with loss or a need for healing in your life. Join us this Advent season for a service of remembrance and healing where we rest in the hope in Christ that: "The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."

John 1: 5

*Our thanks to our church family for the visits, cards, calls, meals but most of all your prayers during my recovery. There is so much love in this congregation. Many Thanks, Mary Jo and Gary Chapman.*

## SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS 2019

Thanks to everyone who has donated flowers for 2019. There are still many dates available. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Carol Palmquist at 281-367-5166 or [RNPalmquist@aol.com](mailto:RNPalmquist@aol.com). The cost is \$50 with checks made out to WCPC. Please write "Sanctuary Flowers" and date selected on the memo line. Thank you.

### OPEN FLOWER DATES

Jan 27  
February 3, 10, 17  
Mar 10, 31  
April 7, 28

May 12 (Mother's Day)  
June 2, 30  
July 7, 14, 21, 28  
August 11

September 8, 15, 29  
October 6, 13  
November 17  
December 29

# 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 Chantal Porter, 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 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Nancy Castro	Todd Duncan	Pierce Burnette
Jen Conner	Sheree Fleming	Lynne Gregg
Ria Du Bruyn	Megan Hansen	Audrey Keim
Bruce Lee	Betsy Whitehead	Tim Moore
		Andy Ward

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	Pierce Burnette	
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Clerk of Session	Roger Richardson	roger8226@sbcglobal.net

## BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Carrie Bucki	Ed Allen	David Castro
Karen Gonzales	Kristen Campbell	Doug Cordier
Barbie Hardy	Jane Harding	Louise Crider
Debra Martinez	Leslie Lee	Robin Haney
Kim Petrie	Mignon Mabry	Dianne Lundgren
	Erin Michaelis	Karen Morris
	Daniece Peck	

## BOARD OF DEACONS TEAM LEADERS

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<i>Co Moderator</i>	Mignon Mabry

## WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

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

- The Prayer Book is located in the foyer of the church. Members are asked to sign the book requesting prayers for themselves or others prior to the church service. Prayers for these individuals are included during the worship services and are added to the Church Prayer List.
- The Church Prayer List is available online ([www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org)) and at church on Sundays. Prayer requests may be added to or removed from the list by contacting Rev. Laura Grice in the church office (281-363-2040 ext. 2; [lgrice@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:lgrice@wcpc-tx.org)). Please obtain permission from the person prior to adding their name to the prayer list.
- The Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets on Thursday from 9:30—10:30 am at the church. This group is led by Sally Lichtenwalter. Through the use of Lectio Divinia and Intercessory Prayer, the group prays for members, family, and friends that have requested prayers. Contact Sally Lichtenwalter (218-292-3152) for more information about this group.

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



# Communications Corner

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

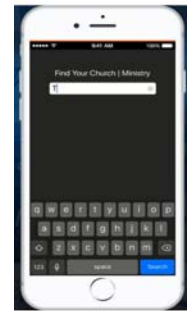
**Newsletter:** Articles due October 15 for the November 2018 newsletter.

**Website:** Information due Monday at noon . Send to [communications@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:communications@wcpc-tx.org).

Ways to stay connected!

Find all of this information online on our website at [www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org)

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



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

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

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

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

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

2

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

3

Use the Church life App for:

- Member Directory
- Set up Giving
- Update your photo
- Registering for Events

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

**MyWCPC**





# Fall Adult Class & Study Opportunities

## Sunday Morning 9:45—10:45 am

**The History of Christianity** HEB 301a  
led by Bill McCleary & Joe Christoffel  
How did a persecuted sect in 1st-century Palestine rise to command such a massive influence on human culture, imagination, and spirit? Explore Christianity's first 1,500 years, from the disciples to the dawn of the Reformation with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson.

**Lectionary Class** HEB 303  
led by Bob Campbell  
In this class, we dig more deeply into the day's Revised Common Lectionary readings so that we can increase our understanding, enhance our worship experience and equip ourselves and each other to apply these biblical lessons in our daily lives.

**Connecting Through the Bible** HEB 304  
led by Sue Watkins, Neville Walker and Dave Watkins  
A fun, interactive discussion of the Gospel of Mark. Part of N.T. Wright's series, *New Testament for Everyone*, this study of the Gospel of Mark is an accessible and practical study for everyone. Great for those new or well-versed in Bible Study.

**Parenting: Smart Money, Smart Kids** HEB 306  
led by Mike and Tara Devoley  
Are you the parent of a young child? If so, please join us as we seek to learn how to bring God's will into our life as parents. We will laugh together and form bonds as we try to navigate the hardest job we have; being a parent! We will also have the opportunity for fellowship together (childcare provided) on one Friday night a month! In *Smart Money Smart Kids*, Dave Ramsey and his daughter, Rachel Cruze, help you get a no-nonsense approach for teaching your kids and teens the basics of money.

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

## Monday

**Women's Bible Study** HEB 301b  
9:30-11:30 am  
led by Tricia Knight

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

**Moms' Group** Youth Room/CE 200  
4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 9:30-11:30 am  
Contact Marnie Bush

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

## Tuesday

**Presbyterian Women Evening Circle**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

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

## Wednesday

**Wed. Morning Men's Study Group** Library  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 am  
led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

**Wednesday Morning Study Group** HEB 301b  
10:00-11:30 am  
contact Sylvia Campbell

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

**Wed. Evening Men's Study Group** Crust Pizza  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm  
led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

## Thursday

**Circle of Blessings - Women's Circle**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

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





**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 am—1:00 pm**

**WCPC Fellowship Hall**

**\$20/person at time of reservation - Guests Welcome!**

**Lunch Catered by Olive Garden**

**Lasagna      Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo      Chicken Parmigiana**

**(Vegetarian, Gluten or Dairy Free accommodations made with advance notice at time of registration.)**

**Please make reservations in the Courtyard Dec 2nd**

**Come be filled with JOY, share LOVE, and grow FRIENDSHIPS!**



*Microbeads are common exfoliants, so you will find them in many skin care products. They do an okay job, but at a very high cost. You see, microbeads are so small that they pass right through water purification filters. And they are very good at absorbing toxins. So these little carriers of yucky stuff end up in the oceans and into our seafood. That's good reason to stick with natural exfoliants. I know I sure will!*



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

## RECYCLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT WCPC

Christmas lights not working? Don't throw them away. Bring them to the church. We will recycle them for money that goes directly to Habitat for Humanity. Please deposit your light strands in the specially marked bin located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or in the narthex of Fellowship Hall on week days. This program will run from Sun. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> through Sun. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.



## WCPC ARTISTS!

Participate in Creation Care Team's 2019 Art Show:

# "Reflecting God's Good Creation"

Art will be displayed all Sundays in April in the Sanctuary Narthex

All types of art are welcome

BY MARCH 15,  
please submit pictures of your art, the medium and the title,  
by email or text to

Peggy Hendricks  
[pphendricks@yahoo.com](mailto:pphendricks@yahoo.com)  
cell: 281-239-5989



## PRAYERS & SQUARES

Bring your sewing machine or serger and join us on the first and third Mondays of each month from 2 until 5p.m.

Our next meetings are on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Nancy Kiefer.

Thank you so much for all the prayers. 😊 I really love the quilt and pray every night with it draped on my bed. School is going amazing! I have 2 more credits and am going strong through all my quizzes.

Thank-you so much! 💕  
Love Liz

## YOUNG ADULT/ MENTOR DINNER

We are starting a new program for young adults (anyone who has finished High School), who live or periodically visit the area. The group will meet once a month for a casual dinner with various "mentors" who can offer advice on anything from finances, to helping with resumes and job searches, reconnecting to a spiritual practice, or just provide a friendly ear to listen. Please text Sally Bowers at 713-823-2824 if you would like more information, want to be involved, or know someone who might want to be involved in this group. Watch the life of the church for information on our first dinner.



## WCPC Book Club

If you enjoy reading a variety of good books, both fiction and nonfiction, come join a monthly book club starting at WCPC. The book club meets the second Monday of each month in the Library at 7pm. Books selected for the next two months are:

Dec 10– *Wolf* by Nate Blakeslee

Jan 14– *Earning the Rockies* by Robert D. Kaplin

All are welcome to join us for lively discussion. Get Reading!

Contact Harry Sharp with questions 713-907-3760-Cell.

## Moms in Mission

Join Moms in Mission for a festive holiday luncheon on Wed., Dec. 5, at 11:30 in the HEB library area. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and bring a dish to share. Questions? Email Jeanne Bonnette at [mimswcpc@gmail.com](mailto:mimswcpc@gmail.com)





# Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

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

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

MOT meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B of the Hendricks Education Building (HEB) to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4th. 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.



**BLESS FRIDAY®**  
**CHANGING THE WAY**  
**WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**



Bless Friday was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated, we were able to clean up the campus, dig a trench outside of Jonathan's office, fix the bump in the pavement in the main parking lot, pack & deliver 125 breakfast bags to Meals on Wheels clients and pack over 120 Kids' Meals shelf-stable lunches.

## Stocking Stuffers Needed

Through Friday, December 7th, the Mission Outreach Team is collecting unused travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner and lotion), recent magazines, regular-size men's deodorant, playing cards and puzzle books. These items will be used to fill over 100 Christmas stockings for the residents of the DeGeorge (primarily male veterans in transition). Please mark donations for DeGeorge and put in the specially marked basket located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings **through Dec. 2nd** or in the office during the week. If you have questions, please contact Michele Stelter at [mstelter@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:mstelter@wcpc-tx.org) or 281-363-2040.

## *The Interfaith Food Pantry*

Interfaith values our support of their Food Pantry. Since the beginning of the year, Interfaith has provided food assistance to almost 7000 families. Please continue to remember our neighbors in need when you go grocery shopping.

**Special Pantry Needs for December:**  
cake mixes & canned frosting  
chocolate chips & chopped nuts  
baby wipes

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

## Response to California Fires & Hurricane Michael



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to both the California Fires and Hurricane Michael. They have deployed national response team members to both areas and more deployments are forthcoming. Initial grants have been disbursed to the affected presbyteries. If you would like to contribute to PDA's California Fires or Hurricane Michael Relief Efforts, you may donate directly online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000165/#> for the California Fires or DR000194/# for Hurricane Michael or you can make a check to WCPC with a note for California Fires and/or Hurricane Michael Relief.

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



# Come Celebrate Christmas



**With Us At  
The Gathering Place  
Friday, December 21st  
10:00am to 1:00pm  
(Lunch is provided)  
WCPC Fellowship Hall**

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

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

A representative from CarePartners or our care team helps determine if we can meet the family's need with our program. This is done by arranging for the caregiver and the care partner to attend The Gathering Place together for the first visit. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you. For more information, email Tricia MacDonald at [patriciamacdonald1210@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamacdonald1210@gmail.com).

## Christmas Boxes for Seafarers



*Share a little joy this holiday season by packing a Christmas Box for an international seafarer. A Port of Houston Chaplain will*

*personally deliver your package and best wishes to a seaman when his ship docks at Houston.*



Start with a shoe box and fill it **FULL** with some of the "suggested items" listed below. Then add some personal and fun items to make your box unique. You may want to enclose a personal greeting or photograph. Securely wrap the box in Christmas paper (**as a single unit, no bows**), and place it under the Christmas tree in the narthex no later than December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### SUGGESTED ITEMS

address book, bandages, baseball caps, comb, dental floss, deodorant, disposable razors, flashlight, gum, hard candy, key chains, kleenex, lip balm, lotion, nail clippers, needle & thread, pocket-size notebooks, pens, playing cards, puzzles & games, Q-Tips, socks, flash drives and Texas souvenirs



*At the Alternative Market & Advent Festival, the youth will be selling starter kits containing many of the suggested items, fun items to add to your box, gift wrapping and then will put your box under the tree in the narthex. If you aren't able to attend the Alternative Market, but would still like to purchase a starter kit, please text Sally Bowers at 713-823-2824. Proceeds from the sale of starter kits, fun items and wrapping will go to the purchase of gifts for the Angel Tree program.*



# Christmas Offering 2018

The Christmas Offering is a combination of the Christmas Joy and Christmas Eve offerings. That is, twenty-five percent of the Christmas Offering will go to the PC(USA) Special Christmas Joy Offering, which is split evenly between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and scholarship funds for Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The remaining seventy-five percent will go to help establish a Kids' Meals Route in Montgomery County.

## Kids' Meals Route in Montgomery County

Preschool-aged children often fall through the gap of social services addressing food insecurity. Kids' Meals addresses the hunger and food insecurity for the age 5 and younger population who cannot access school free meal programs. Each weekday, Kids' Meals delivers approximately 2,900 healthy meals to Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. When school is out, every child up to age 18 in these homes also receives a healthy meal, which means Kids' Meals delivers meals to roughly 4,800 kids per day. Kids' Meals is basically Meals on Wheels for preschool-aged children.

Currently there is no Kids' Meals route in Montgomery County. The goal is start a route which will deliver meals to 200 preschoolers in our county beginning next year. The plan is then to add at least 200 preschoolers every quarter during 2019. The Kids' Meals organization has been raising funds to start the Montgomery County Route, but needs \$14,000 more to just get the program off the ground. So, the Mission Outreach Team voted at their November meeting to have the local portion of the Christmas Offering go to help get the Kids' Meals route in Montgomery County up and running in 2019.

The youth and other groups at WCPC currently assemble shelf-stable lunches for Kids' Meals that are delivered to preschoolers in the Houston area. Once the Montgomery County Route is established, WCPC hopes also to make sandwiches for those lunches delivered on the same or next day in our area.

Please give generously to the Christmas Offering. Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it for the Christmas Offering, as only checks designated as such as well as cash collected at the three Christmas Eve services will go toward this offering. Specially marked envelopes will also be available in the pew racks for your convenience. When we give out of the abundance of God's blessings in our lives, the light of Christ shines through us and illuminates those in need of help and hope. Thank you for your willingness to help support those in their hour of great need and hour of great promise.



If you have taken an Angel Ornament tag, please remember to return your gift unwrapped. Kindly read your tag carefully as gifts for the program run by Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services **should be returned with the ornament tags attached by Sunday, Dec. 9th** to the specially marked table that will be in the courtyard on Sunday mornings

or to the church office during the week. Gifts for the program run by Interfaith of The Woodlands **should be returned with ornament tags attached by Sunday, Dec. 2nd**. If you have questions, contact Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x 7 or [mstelter@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:mstelter@wcpc-tx.org).

**Love Your Neighbor Day** 

***Save the date now!***

**Saturday, Jan 26th beginning  
with breakfast at 8:00am**

***SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY***



THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

# ALTERNATIVE MARKET



December 1, 9-11 a.m.  
Dec. 2, 9:30-11:00, noon-1:00  
Fellowship Hall

Crafts for the kids  
while you shop!



## GIVE BEAUTIFUL GIFTS THAT GIVE MORE THAN ONCE



Handmade items from Peru  
and Zambia, fair-trade food  
items, or donate an animal  
from Heifer International or a  
dress to a needy child. And  
**MUCH** more!



100% OF PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS



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THE WOODLANDS, TX 77381  
WWW.WCPC-TX.ORG  
281-363-2040





## The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W. Panther Creek Dr.

Please join us as we get into the Christmas spirit with a series of concerts hosted at WCPC.

Dec 1- Horns on Holiday- 7pm

Dec 8 Christmas Around the World-2pm

Dec 13 The Woodlands Concert Band-7:30pm

Dec 15 The Woodlands Chorale- 7pm

Dec 16 WCPC Christmas Concert-6:15pm  
(Dinner at 5pm)



THE VERREUX COLLECTIVE PRESENTS

# HORNS ON HOLIDAY

*Kick off the holiday season with a festive performance from members of the world-renowned Rice Horn Crew from The Shepherd School of Music*

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 7pm**

**Tickets purchased online or at the door. Kids free!**

[WWW.VERREUX.ORG](http://WWW.VERREUX.ORG)

*The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church  
Presents*

## Christmas Around the World

*A Festive Concert and Carol Sing*

**Saturday, December 8, 2018—2:00 p.m.**

*Free Admission*

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join organist/pianist/harpsichordist Carlo Cotrone and musicians of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church for a festive holiday concert and carol sing. The varied program will feature beloved music spanning a multitude of styles and traditions, created with a diverse instrumental palette including keyboard, voice, and hand-bells. "Appearances" will be made by Bach, Bing (Crosby), "Jesu, Joy," "Jeanette, Isabella," and many other favorite friends of the season.

*All are welcome! Hope to see you there!*

## Celebrate the season with **the Woodlands Concert Band**



We will be collecting toys for



<http://www.toysfortots.org/>

**THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 7:30PM**

**Free Admission**



<http://www.woodlandsband.org>





Presented by  
**THE WOODLANDS CHORALE**  
 with Woodlands Boys Choir

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 7PM**  
**THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 4881 WEST PANTHER CREEK DR | THE WOODLANDS, TX 77381

**TICKETS:** \$15 (Advance) • \$20 (Door) • \$10 (ages 7-18)  
 Children ages 6 and under: FREE



More info and advance tickets available at  
[www.TheWoodlandsChorale.org](http://www.TheWoodlandsChorale.org)

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church  
 Sanctuary Choir  
 Presents

# Star of Wonder

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**6:15 pm** in the WCPC Sanctuary

WCPC Sanctuary Choir

Jonathan Aigner, Director

Concert- Free Admission

5:00 pm Dinner in Fellowship Hall \$12 Adults, \$5 Kids (Under 10)





# Marathon Charity Challenge

All Ears! is part of The Woodlands Charity Challenge for The Woodlands Marathon. The students and families will participate in the 2K Family Fun Run Walk on February 23. If you are interested in participating in the event or helping raise funds for All Ears!, please contact Glenda Malana at [gmalana.15@gmail.com](mailto:gmalana.15@gmail.com). Our fundraising page is <https://my.reason2race.com/cause/all earscenter/TheWoodlandsMarathon2019>. The top fundraisers receive additional donations from the Charity Challenge. If you are already participating in the marathon on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, please consider choosing to run in support of All Ears! Thank you!



## ALL EARS!

LISTENING & LANGUAGE CENTER

# Toast & Taste 2019 CHEERS TO ALL EARS!

**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2019 • 7:00 P.M.**  
The Woodlands Country Club, Palmer Course

“Celebrating 5 Years of Sound”

Mestup

**MED-EL** PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOP SERIES

Calling all families with children who are learning to listen!

## All Ears! Family Night December 6

Come “Meet Up” with us and we’ll teach you fun, practical strategies to help your children learn. We will also show you MED-EL’s latest technology and introduce you to other families. Cochlear implant candidates are encouraged to attend!

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

December 6, 2018

January 10, 2019

February 7, 2019

Dinner and mingle 6:00-6:30  
Program 6:30-8:00

You do not have to have a MED-EL device to attend this event.  
All are welcome! Childcare Provided by All Ears.

To RSVP, or for additional information please contact  
Keri Reynolds at: [keri.reynolds@medel.com](mailto:keri.reynolds@medel.com) or 919-314-7571



The  
Woodlands







## The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community  
Presbyterian Church



"For Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 ELP is preparing for the coming of Jesus this month. We are leaving Santa in the stores, and we are focusing on the real reason for the season.

Decorations, lights, and anticipation of presents under a tree will certainly cause our children much excitement; but nothing can compare to the true Christmas story of the birth of Jesus. Our teachers are very intentionally preparing their lessons and classroom activities around The Savior this year, and our parents from ELP and WCPC are also invited to participate in a Family Advent training session; "Let Your Light Shine" Live and Love Christmas, Don't Just Survive It! This event will take place Dec. 3 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall and will be hosted by Rita Vansickle. All parents and friends are welcome! Together you will learn how to simply create family memories that center on Jesus. Childcare is provided by WCPC, thank you!

As the month begins, we will be making ornaments from birdseed for our Woodlands birds and squirrels and we will host a night time story hour out by the newly decorated tree. The children will come in Pj's with their families and enjoy this time together singing and listening to a story. We will also have a visit from real manger animals during our school day and our children will ride a donkey, like Mary, and a camel like the wise men. It doesn't get more magical or real than that.

We will end the year with our classroom Christmas parties, caroling at The Gathering Place and making our very own Rice Baby Jesus dolls in chapel. Rice Baby Jesus dolls are an old tradition here at ELP. Our children will sing "Away in a Manger" as they cling to their own little Baby Jesus dolls and take Him home for Christmas.

As we end this 2018 year, ELP thanks you all for your continued prayers and support. We wish you Joy and Peace this Christmas!

Cindy

Please enjoy these holiday recipes from a few of our PreK Penguins:

### Cherry Pie: (From Zia: age 5)

"Get a truckful of cherries. Mix Powder with milk to make dough. Flip it like a pizza. Put it in a pan. Take the stems off the cherries, and put them in the pan to decorate with. Put it in the oven at 1 degree. Watch a TV show, and then take it out of the oven. One person can eat it"

### Turkey (From Memphis: age 4)

"Catch the turkey in the backyard. Scare the turkey and the feathers fall out! Put it in the oven at 5 degrees for 5 minutes. Use chopsticks to eat it."

### Light Brown Cupcakes (From Eisol: age 4)

"Get something soft; it's a part of the cupcake. Put it in a bowl, you cannot mix it. Put it into, you know, cupcake paper. Put lots of cupcakes in the oven at 10,000 degrees for 10,000 hours until it gets the right side color. You put sprinkles on top, and cream. But not when it's hot or it melts. This makes 10, 000 cupcakes for everyone to have!

## WAM = Wednesday Afternoon Music= Lots of Fun!!

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

### ALLELUIA CHOIR (Grades 2-6)

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

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

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

Alleluia Choir Director: Jonathan Aigner Accompanist: Maria Paz Pickens

### ANGEL VOICES (Age 4 through first grade)

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

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

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

Angel Voices Director: Bonnie Graham Accompanist: Tina Davies

### CHERUB CHOIR (Ages 2 & 3)

Introductory music for our youngest singers.

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

Performs occasionally in worship or special events.

Cherub Singers Director: Tricia MacDonald

### CHILDREN'S CHIMES (Grades 2-6)

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

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

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

Director: Jonathan Aigner, [jaigner@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:jaigner@wcpc-tx.org)

**WAM will not meet on  
December 19, 26 or Jan 2  
due to the  
Christmas Break!**



## ***New ELP Monday's Moms***

***9 am in the  
coffee area of  
Fellowship Hall***

***Childcare available in HEB 308***

***Future times:***

***Dec 3, Dec 10 D & G***



**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 for parents whose youngest children are age 0-4 years old! The parents with preschoolers group will meet once a month at a local restaurant TBA by email.

Next Date is  
December 7<sup>th</sup>

Please contact  
Sarah Parker or  
Rebekah Ryda-  
rowski for the  
meeting loca-

tion at [ssnyder888@gmail.com](mailto:ssnyder888@gmail.com) or  
[rebekah.rydarowski@gmail.com](mailto:rebekah.rydarowski@gmail.com)

and to reserve childcare in HEB 309 contact Susan  
Duncan at [sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org).



## **Moms' Group of WCPC**

**A Fellowship and Support Group for Mothers**

**A Ministry of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Mom's Meeting 9:30-11:30 Youth Room-CE 200** The annual cookie exchange is here! Bring two dozen of your favorite cookies/bars/squares/holiday delights and take home two dozen new goodies. Afterward we will craft an ornament for ourselves or the Advent Market. More details to come.

\*RSVP to Susan Duncan at [SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org) for childcare.

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Mission Monday 9:30 -11:30 Youth Room-CE 200** Mission Monday is an opportunity for us to fellowship together while contributing in a local outreach mission. Join us for a day of service here on campus for a Moms Group related mission project.

\*RSVP to Susan Duncan at [SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org) for childcare.

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Extended Parent's Night Out 4:00-8:00 PM CHEB Nurseries** This month's theme is Christmas Fun! Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie (Polar Express), and crafts right here at WCPC. Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted.

Note the EXTENDED time for December.

\*RSVP to Susan Duncan ([sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org)).

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Bible/Book Study 9:30-11:30 Youth Room-CE 200** This year we will be reading *Power of a Positive Mom* by Karol add. Join us as we examine how our attitudes and actions can influence our families. You can order a copy of the book through Amazon. Contact Marnie Bush ([marniebush@gmail.com](mailto:marniebush@gmail.com)) for more information.

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

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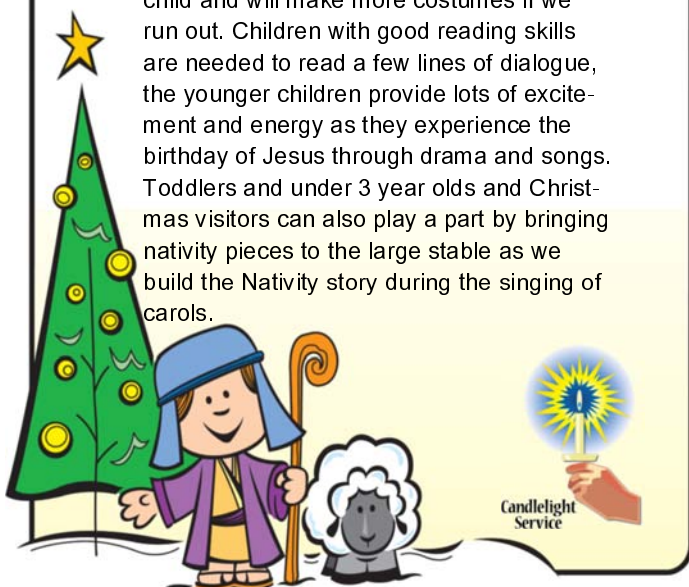




## Children's Ministry Continued

### SIGN UP FOR 5 PM CHRISTMAS EVE!

Signup sheets are available in Sunday school if your child is interested in being a part of the Christmas Eve retelling of the Nativity Story. Some of the parts will be picked by a drawing, but there are lots of others left. We try to accommodate every child and will make more costumes if we run out. Children with good reading skills are needed to read a few lines of dialogue, the younger children provide lots of excitement and energy as they experience the birthday of Jesus through drama and songs. Toddlers and under 3 year olds and Christmas visitors can also play a part by bringing nativity pieces to the large stable as we build the Nativity story during the singing of carols.



Preparing for  
Christmas



## Advent Festival & Alternative Market December 1st & 2nd

An Intergenerational event for entire church family!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 9-11 and during Sunday school and after 2<sup>nd</sup> worship on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> for shopping and crafts. We will have supplies to make ornaments & clay pot nativity figures. Advent devotional books will also be available along with taper candles to refresh our Advent wreaths. Children's classes will be offering Curly Christmas Soup Jars and Peppermint Bark to benefit Meals on Wheels. Other mission teams will offer gifts ideas that also give back to some of the missions of our church.

Godly Play classes on Sundays will be hearing about the beginning of the church year, called Advent. They will light the purple, rose and white candles as they journey to Bethlehem with the prophets, shepherds, Mary and Joseph and the Magi.

### The Beginning of the Church Year



Advent



### Sunday school News from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

We made a card for our teacher and soup jars for selling at the Alternative Market.



Filling jars for the 3rd & 4th grade  
Soup Jar sale at Alternative Market.



Tweens last month at First  
Friday Fun carving  
Jack o' lanterns!





Christmas Caroling Party



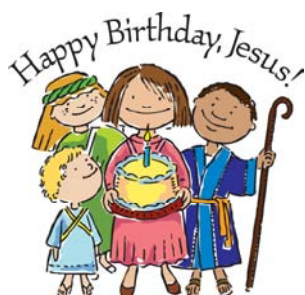
## All Church Fellowship

### December 9<sup>th</sup> Caroling

Everyone is invited to gather in the WCPC courtyard to spread some Christmas cheer with our neighbors at the Forum on **Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm.** We will form groups here at church and walk over to Regent Care and the Forum caroling in the hallways as we search for our member's apartments to sing a special song for each of them. Children, youth, tweens and adults, single or in groups all are welcome to join us and no special music talent is necessary either! Jingle bells and the combination of lots of voices makes it beautiful! Please dress warmly for outside walking between the buildings. We will have song sheets and building maps for each group. We will return to the Fellowship Hall Welcome Center for hot chocolate and cookies!



For questions about Children's Ministry email Susan Duncan at [sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org)



## Sunday School

### Children's Sunday School Rotation Bible Topic this month: **Advent & Christmas**

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-12; Luke 2:26-58; 2:1-20



**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** During Sunday School at 9:45 the children will rehearse for the 5 pm Family Christmas Eve Service. Every child is invited to participate in the retelling of the Christmas story on Christmas Eve at 5 pm!



The Children's Sunday School offering goes to Food Missions. Children and Tweens will sell items to support these at the Alternative Market on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Sunday school hour. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade working on their Soup Jar's in Sunday school is pictured below.



No Children's Worship  
Class in December  
so families can enjoy  
the special time of



Advent Worship together!

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** Children meet in Fellowship Hall for the Advent Festival, during Sunday school time for crafts, etc.



### Parent Night Out December 15<sup>th</sup> 4-8 p.m.

Join us for **Christmas Fun** from **4-8 pm** on **Saturday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Hendricks Building nursery rooms 307-309. We are extending the time this month to allow for some shopping. Bring the kids in their pajamas! We will be serving pizza and a healthy side for dinner. *You may also bring a sack lunch for any non-pizza eaters.* We will explore the true meaning of Christmas while we make Christmas crafts, play holiday games, decorate cupcakes and sing songs. Meanwhile, you can shop and have dinner in peace! We will finish by watching

**Polar Express!**



**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



# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<sup>1</sup> <a href="#">Alternative Market 9:00-11 in Fellowship Hall</a>
<sup>2</sup> 1st Sunday of Advent <a href="#">Festival &amp; Alternative Market 9:30-11 &amp; after worship</a> Worship 8:30 & 11:00	<sup>3</sup> ELP Moms Group Let Your Light Shine 9-11 Mom's Mtg 9:30-12:00 nursery CHEB rms. 307-309 ELP Staff Mtg 12-2:30	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup> WAM 4:15-5:15 chimes 4:45-5:30 choirs 5:30 dinner FH <b>ELP Night Tree 6 pm</b>	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup> Parent of Pre-schoolers Fellowship 6:30-9 pm	<sup>8</sup> <b>Women's Brunch 10-1 pm</b> <a href="#">FH rsvp for childcare</a>
<sup>9</sup> 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sun Sch. 9:45 <b>Caroling 3-5 pm</b>	<sup>10</sup> ELP Moms Drop & Go 9-12 Mission Monday 9:30-12:30 nursery CHEB rms. 307-309	<sup>11</sup> ELP Live Nativity Dec 11, 12 & 13 	<sup>12</sup> WAM 4:15-5:15 chimes 4:45-5:30 choirs 5:30 dinner FH	<sup>13</sup> Woodlands Concert Band 7 pm	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> <b>Parent Night Out Polar Express 4-8 pm</b> childcare reservations to <a href="mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org">sduncan@wcpc-tx.org</a> Woodlands Chorale Concert 7
<sup>16</sup> 3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday Sch. 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 <b>All Choirs Music Program &amp; Dinner 5 pm</b>	<sup>17</sup> Mom's Book Study 9:30-11:30 am ELP Staff Party 12-2:30 pm 	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup> ELP Last full Day CISD Half Day	<sup>20</sup> Children's Team set up risers, stable & costumes in FH 9:30 am	<sup>21</sup> First Day of 	<sup>22</sup>
<sup>23</sup> 4th Sunday of Advent Worship 8:30 & 11 am Children's Sun Sch. & Pageant Rehearsal 9:45 am	<sup>24</sup> Christmas Eve Services at 5 pm. 7 pm & 9 pm	<sup>25</sup> Church Office closed for Christmas Holiday 	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup>
<sup>30</sup> 1st Sunday after Christmas Worship 8:30 & 11 am Children's SS combined 9:45 am	<sup>31</sup> New Year's Eve					

**Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:50** beginning and pick up in CE building rooms 204, 106 and 105. 5th and 6th grade SS classroom in 205.  
 Childcare for worship and under 3 Sunday school in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.

## Christmas Worship Schedule

**Sunday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30 & 11 am** 4th Sunday of Advent Worship  
**9:45 am** Sunday School & Children Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

**Christmas Eve, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5 pm** Family Service with candle lighting  
**7 pm** Service of Carols with candle lighting,  
**9 pm** Service with Communion

**Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 & 11:00 am** Worship  
**9:45 am** Combined Children's Sunday School



# Christmas Gift Certificates for Mo Ranch

Don't know what to get your teenager for Christmas?

We can help you with that!

Please consider a gift certificate to Mo Ranch

Summer Camp or Cho Yeh Conclaves.

Give the gift of an experience!

You don't have to worry if it is the right size,  
or the wrong style!

Gift Certificates for full or partial amounts,  
can be purchased from the church office .



## MO- RANCH JR. HIGH JUBILEE (Youth that have completed 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Session II: July 7-11, 2019

\$550

## MO RANCH YOUTH CELEBRATION (Youth that have completed 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

June 23-28, 2019

\$500

## CHO YEH CONCLAVES (Youth 7<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> grade)

March 1-3, 2019

\$150



# CONCLAVES 2019

Youth 7th –12th grade

Conclaves B: March 1-3, 2019

**Registration deadline: January 11, 2019**

Total cost: \$150 (includes transportation, all meals,  
activities, and t-shirt) \$50 deposit to reserve your spot,  
contact the church office for forms and info.

Scholarships/financial assistance available. We want everyone to participate and don't want finances to be a barrier.



# YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rm CE 200

9:45 am– 10:45 am

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

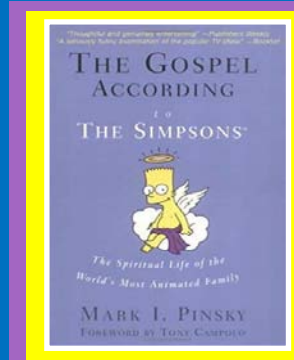


## WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH:

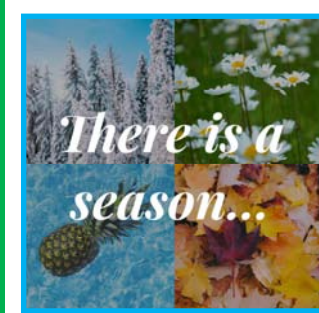
(We will not meet Dec 26 or Jan 2)

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

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



Junior High are exploring "The Gospel According to The Simpsons"



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

### YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

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



## Youth Christmas Party WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Meet in the Youth Room, Finger foods will be served. Bring a \$5-10 gift (funny is good).**



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

Children | Tweens | Youth | All

### December

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

### January 2019

- 9 WAM Begins
- 11 Fun Friday Shankz  
Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
- 12 Parent's Night Out
- 20-Youth Game Day, 12-3 Lunch Included
- 26 Love Your Neighbor Day

### February

- 1 Fun Friday Fun and Games WCPC
- 2 Souper Bowl of Caring/Scout Sunday
- 16 Coffee House, "Love Lingers" 6:30 -8:30 pm
- 23 Parent's Night Out (Youth help)
- 24 Children's Sabbath/ Brunch with Adults

### March

- 1 Fun Friday Obstacle Warrior Kids  
Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
- 1-3 Conclaves
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 15 Youth Mission-Gathering Place Help
- 23 Parent's Night Out

### April

- 5 Fun Friday- Tweens help with Rummage Sale
- 6 Rummage Sale
- 18 Maundy Thursday
- 19 Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Luncheon
- 21 Easter
- 27 Parent's Night Out
- 28 Youth Hike/Picnic Fellowship

### May

- 3 Tweens/Youth mixer with Twigs(3-4 graders) Pool party
- 18 Parent's Night Out
- 19 SS Teacher Appreciation Brunch

### June

- 3 Graduation Sunday
- 2-15 Family Promise

### July

- 15-19 VBS

Aug 23-25 Beach Retreat

**Wednesdays:** Music programs begin at 4:15pm, dinner at 5:30, Youth Mission Project at 6pm and Bible study at 6:10pm, **Sundays:** Sunday school at 9:45 for all ages

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Class (gr K-2<sup>nd</sup>)

For additional dates & info visit [wcpc-tx.org](http://wcpc-tx.org)

### **Save the Date:**

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

