

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W. Panther Creek Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77381

January 2019

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

2019 Love Your Neighbor Day!



Saturday, January 26



**Easy registration thru Sign— Up Genius at
WWW.WCPC-TX.ORG**

There is something for everyone—ages Pre— K and up! (childcare available)
We are helping multiple organizations. Please sign up by 1/22! Details on Pg. 11.

We Need You  They Need Us!



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

As I write this we are nearing the end of 2018. As you read it we are probably in a new year – 2019. Many years ago, I decided not to make any new year resolutions. Resolutions that are needed shouldn't wait on the calendar.

However, ending one year and entering another does provide an opportunity for reflection.

What were some of your challenges in '18? Failures? What were your blessings? (Yes, maybe even count them!) Who did you serve? Who served you? Where did you experience the presence of Christ in '18?

While you are thinking through those questions let me suggest four things to make '19 a year of continuing spiritual growth. **First, invest time daily in prayer.** Morning, afternoon, evening – whatever time works best for you but don't neglect talking with God. **Second, invest time daily in reading Scripture.** The Written Word of God, the Scriptures, help us to experience the Living Word of God, Christ. **Three, remember you need others in your life to share the journey of discipleship.** Gathering for worship, meeting others in smaller groups (Sunday School, mid-week studies, etc.) helps us not only to connect to God but others. **And finally find a place to serve, to give yourself away so others will experience Christ through you.** There are many opportunities at WCPC but there are also many in our community.

Please know that Laura and I are certainly more than willing to help you in this journey, with suggestions and encouragement. Don't hesitate to reach out to us!

May 2019 be a year of spiritual growth for each of us and for the family of WCPC.
Happy New Year!

Your pastor,
David Jones

STEVE SCHOGGER'S BEQUEST TO WCPC

Steve Schoger was an active and vital member of the WCPC family. One of the saints we lost in '18. In his will he gave 10% of his estate to The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church. Last month we received a check in the amount of **\$284,100**. An additional, much smaller amount will be received in April when the estate is finally settled. Your Session, the Finance Team, and the Memorial Gift Team invite your prayers as they seek to discern how these funds should be used for the glory of God.

The Session encourages all members and friends of WCPC to consider putting WCPC in your will. If you would like more information on this please don't hesitate to speak with any member of your Session or your pastors. The generosity that Steve has expressed, as well as his wishes to continue to impact the life of WCPC even in death through this bequest, is a testimony to his and Jody's love of this family of faith.

WCPC HOSTS A WEEKLY AA MEETING.

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



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

This year Epiphany (January 6th) actually falls on a Sunday. When we celebrate Epiphany, we celebrate God's self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. Most specifically, with the arrival of the Magi travelling from the east, we are reminded of God's presence and purpose for all peoples. We remember that these wise ones followed a star, the light of God to find the young Messiah. We remember the gifts they brought: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We remember the gift of God's grace they (and we) received in God's presence with us in Christ.

Over the years, many churches and groups (including some here at WCPC) honor the gifts of Epiphany and the star the Magi followed with "Star Words" or "Star Gifts." The idea is each person receives the gift of the word they need for the coming months or even year. Many who have participated in this practice have found the word they received didn't seem to fit them, or wasn't a word they really wanted. However, "living" with that word as challenge and blessing for a week, a month, or even a year, they have found it to be meaningful for their journey of faith. On Sunday, January 6th, join us for worship and pick your "Star Word," or come by the church office that next week or two and we'll have extras.

Grace and Peace,

Laura

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.



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. 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 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

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

SESSION MEMBERS

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
Nancy Castro	Todd Duncan	Pierce Burnette
Jen Conner	Sheree Fleming	Lynne Gregg
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CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
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WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

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

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

Winter 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 Class 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. This Bible study, addresses many issues of everyday life and provides opportunities for growth in Christ. This class is beginning a new study in January.

Monday

Women's Bible Study HEB 301b

9:30-11:30 am

Contact Ann Fleischmann

This group will be studying the book of Genesis. All you need is your Bible. New members are always welcome!

Moms' Group Youth Room/CE 200

Fourth 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

First Tuesdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

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

Wednesday

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group Library

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

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

Wednesday Morning Study Group HEB 301b

10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

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

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group Crust Pizza

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

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

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

Thursday

Circle of Blessings - Women's Circle

2nd Thursdays, 7:00 pm in Member Homes

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

Adult Fellowship Luncheon January 30, 2019 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Happy January! Join us as we celebrate the wonderful new year and the warm fellowship we have at WCPC. Enjoy lots of good food and homemade desserts! Bring a neighbor or a co-worker, the more the merrier! Don't miss out on all the fun catching up with your friends and church family!

PICTURES FOR WCPC'S IN-HOUSE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY TAKEN **EVERY SUNDAY IN JANUARY**

Who: all members of WCPC whose family or individual picture is missing from our church records OR if you would like a "do-over" or an update

What: to produce our own in-house pictorial directory, saving time and money (No salesmen, or pictures to buy!)

Why: because we want our new in-house pictorial directory up-to-date and complete

When and Where: any Sunday morning in January, 9:30-9:45, 10:45-11:00, or 12:00-12:15, at our photo-booth in the sanctuary narthex.



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
cell: 281-239-5989

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.

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 at WCPC. The book club meets the second Monday of each month in the Library at 7pm. Book selected for January is below:

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

Make new friends in the New Year! Join Moms in Mission for lunch on Wed., Jan. 9, at 11:30 at True Food Kitchen, 9595 Six Pines Dr #150. We'll meet again on Wed., Jan. 23, 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. MIMs is a group of moms with children aged high school and older. We welcome new members! Questions? Email Jeanne Bonnette at mimswcpc@gmail.com



Mission Outreach Team (MOT)



The WCPC 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 is on Tuesday, January 8th. New members as well as new ideas to engage in caring for each other and for others throughout our community, nation and the world are always welcome.** For more information about MOT or mission outreach opportunities, please look on our website, www.wcpc-tx.org or contact Michele Stelter at mstelter@wcpc-tx.org or 281-363-2040 x 7.

The Alternative Market was a huge success!

This year the Mission Outreach Team (MOT) decided to try something new with the Alternative Market. They decided to have the market open to the public for two hours on Saturday morning. This proved to be a very good idea! We had teachers and families from ELP and All Ears! stop by as well as several people from the community that saw our tent signs on Panther Creek Drive or our notice on Woodlands Online. In addition, we had many church members come to shop at the more leisurely pace. Roughly 25% of the people who purchased items on Saturday were not WCPC members. For the two hours the market was open on Saturday, we took in \$7,000.



We had some new items and new mission outreach projects at the market this year. The Senior High youth sold hot chocolate mixes in adorable snowman jars they made as well as cute Santa mugs. All of these items were very well received as they were gone before 10:15 on Sunday morning! This was the first time we had a table for Kids' Meals and offered shoppers the opportunity to purchase a week's worth of food for a preschooler. The Sunday School children made a new soup mix this year called Curly Christmas Soup and the dresses made by the Prayers and Squares Ministry were for girls affected by the hurricanes in Florida and the fires in California.

Thanks to the generosity of all our shoppers over \$16,000 will be given to the various mission projects represented at the market.



Grab your and come to The Gathering Place



**Friday, January 18th
10:00am to 1:00pm
(Lunch is provided)
WCPC Fellowship Hall**

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

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

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

Join Our Homeless Count Team

How many people are homeless in Montgomery County? How are veterans, families, children and other vulnerable populations affected by homelessness? The Coalition for the Homeless in Houston leads the annual Homeless Count and Survey in Montgomery, Ft Bend and Harris counties to help answer these questions by conducting an annual Homeless Count & Survey.

The annual Point-in-Time Homeless Count is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the local Continuum of Care (CoC) funding process, which brought more than \$35 million to our area in the FY 2017 application process. This funding provides permanent housing, supportive services, and planning funds to our community to assist persons experiencing homelessness with greater self-determination. The night of the Count will be Monday, January 21, 2019. On this night, shelter data will be pulled from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), as well as sent in manually from organizations who do not participate in HMIS (such as the Montgomery County Women's Shelter). This data will be used as the sheltered homeless count. The unsheltered count will take place in our county on January 23 & 24, and will consist of volunteer outreach teams that will conduct brief, conversational surveys with individuals who slept unsheltered on the night of January 21. Teams will canvass their assigned areas between 6:30 am and 4:00 pm each of those days.

If you have any questions and/or you would like to volunteer to serve on one of our trained teams (training provided), please contact Nancy Heintz, Montgomery County Project Manager for the Coalition for the Homeless, nheintz@homelesshouston.org.

Thank you, Thank you



DeGeorge

Thanks to everyone who donated stocking stuffers and to the women attending the Christmas Luncheon for stuffing the stockings for the veterans in transition at the DeGeorge. We were able to provide stockings for all 100 residents including two WWII Vets. Each stocking contained several travel size toiletries, a full size deodorant, one toothbrush, two disposable razors, a pair of socks, drink & popcorn packets, several pieces of candy and a fun item such as a puzzle book. Roger Foxall, the advocate for the DeGeorge, delivered the stockings along with 26 bags of Just Coffee, fourteen blankets and sixteen twin sheet sets, which were purchased using funds donated at the Alternative Market, to the director of the facility to use/distribute when needed.

WCPC Food Pantry Needs for January

The Mission Outreach Team voted to expand the Interfaith Food Pantry located in the sanctuary narthex beginning in 2019. In addition to collecting food for the Interfaith Food Pantry there is now one shelf dedicated to the food being collected for both Kids' Meals and Meals on Wheels. And so, the armoire has a new sign above it which says WCPC Food Pantry. Through this expansion we will now be able to serve many more of our neighbors in need especially the two groups, which are often overlooked: preschool children who don't benefit from school lunch programs and homebound seniors. Please bring your donations to the WCPC Food Pantry anytime.

Interfaith Food Pantry:

**boxed or bagged cereal, oatmeal, granola bars
peanut butter, jam, bar soap, body wash, baby wipes
diapers, personal hygiene items, laundry detergent**

Kids' Meals Lunch Bags:

**snack size peanut butter packets (Jif to Go)
snack size raisin boxes**

Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bags:

**Ensure or Glucerna
individual packets of instant oatmeal**

Did you know that in 2018 WCPC

gave almost 3,000lbs of grocery items to the Interfaith Food Pantry?

gave an undesignated gift of \$2,000 to Interfaith of the Woodlands?

gave an undesignated gift of \$6,000 to Interfaith Community Clinic?

gave an additional \$245 to Interfaith Community Clinic from the Randalls Good Neighbor Program proceeds?

provided two Christmas presents each for 5 seniors in Interfaith's 2018 Gifts for Seniors Program?

housed the ESL (English as a Second Language Program) run by Interfaith?

Save the Date



WCPC Blood Drive

**Sunday, February 10th
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Fellowship Hall**

Help save lives by donating blood!

Love Your Neighbor Day Saturday, January 26th Beginning with Breakfast @ 8 am Fellowship Hall

We Need You  They Need Us!

Everyone from pre-k through retirement age is invited to spend this day in service to our neighbors in need. Each volunteer should register separately online through SignUpGenius at www.wcpc-tx.org by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd for one of the projects listed below. If childcare is needed, please register online too. Questions? Contact Michele Stelter @ 281-363-2040 x 7 or mstelter@wcpc-tx.org.

Projects

#1 "Dress a Girl" & Fleece Blankets

YOUTH AND ADULTS

We will stay on site to turn short lengths of material into dresses for girls in need and/or sew fleece blankets for boys in foster care in Montgomery County. Bring scissors, thread and a portable sewing machine/serger, if you have one.

#2 Meals on Wheels Montgomery County (MOWMC) & Kids' Meals

AGES 8 AND OVER (UNDER 13 WITH PARENT)

Sign up to make MOWMC Breakfast Bags & Kids' Meals Lunch Bags and/or to deliver the Breakfast Bags to MOWMC clients.

A Make Breakfast & Lunch Bags

We will stay on site to decorate and assemble MOWMC Breakfast Bags and Lunch Bags for Kids' Meals.

B Deliver Breakfast Bags

We will meet in HEB 301 around 10:30 am to deliver Breakfast Bags to clients of MOWMC.

#3 The Parental Support Center

AGES 8 AND OVER (UNDER 13 WITH PARENT)

There is always something that needs sorting, folding, organizing at The Parental Support Center in Willis. We will lend a hand, wherever needed. We will return to WCPC by early afternoon.

#4 Habitat for Humanity

ADULTS AND YOUTH 16+ YEARS

We will help clean the old ReStore next to the Habitat office in Conroe. We will return to WCPC by early afternoon.

#5 Gathering Place

AGES 10 AND OVER (UNDER 13 WITH PARENT)

This crew will be in the WCPC kitchen making and freezing food items to be used for Gathering Place events.

#6 Creation Care Team

AGES 4 AND OVER (UNDER 13 WITH PARENT)

We will join efforts with members of the Creation Care Team to clean up WCPC grounds and the perimeters of our campus and the Panther Creek Village Center.

#7 Crisis Assistance Center (CAC) Food Market

AGES 10 AND OVER (UNDER 13 WITH PARENT)

We will distribute food to CAC'S clients. This team will work in the parking lot of CAC.

#8 Montgomery County Women's Center

ADULTS

This team will help the Women's Center where needed either at their office or their shelter site and return to WCPC around noon.

#9 Crisis Assistance Center (CAC)

AGES 12 AND OVER (UNDER 13 WITH PARENT)

We will help behind the scenes in the CAC Unique Resale Shop. We will return to WCPC by early afternoon.

#10 Breakfast Team

YOUTH AND ADULTS

Come help set up, start the coffee, serve breakfast to all the volunteers, clean up and then, go home early or participate in one of the projects on site.

#11 Children's Project

AGES 4 THROUGH 10

The children will help decorate Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bags and Kids' Meals Lunch Bags, make Valentines and door hangers for seniors in the area and end with a visit to our neighbors at The Forum.

#12 Project C.U.R.E.

YOUTH AND ADULTS

We will travel to the Houston warehouse to sort and pack donated medical supplies, which will be sent to countries facing poverty and disease. We will return to WCPC by early afternoon.

#13 Can't Attend? Donate!

If you can't come on Jan. 26th, but still want to be involved, donate breakfast food or items needed for projects. Sign up on our website through SignUpGenius.

Moms' Group of WCPC

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

Jan 12th Parent's Night Out 5:00-8:00 PM CHEB Nurseries This month's theme is Snow. Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie (Charlie Brown Snow Days), and crafts right here at WCPC. Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted. RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org).

Jan 14th Mom's Meeting 9:30-11:30 Youth Room-CE 206 Let's stick to our resolution to become more active this year! Wear your comfy athletic gear and come for a morning of light exercise. We'll either go for a walk or do some light yoga inside. More details to come as the date approaches. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for child-care.

Jan 28th Bible/Book Study 9:30-11:30 Youth Room-CE 206 This year we will be reading *Power of a Positive Mom* by Karol Ladd. Join us as we examine how our attitudes and actions can influence our families. You can order a copy of the book through Amazon. Contact Marnie Bush (marniebush@gmail.com) for more information.

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

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Stephanie Keiser stephaniekeiser1@gmail.com

Sarah Parker (Duck mom) ssnyder888@gmail.com

Robin Ward robinmctx@yahoo.com



WELCOME TO WCPC

A class for guests interested in learning
about the ministry and mission of WCPC.
February 3, 10, 17, 24 at 9:45 am in Rm 302
Located in the Hendricks Education Building

YOGA AT WCPC

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

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

These exercises bring about a self-realization that attains calmness, and while lying on a Yoga mat in the shavasana pose, the body rests. The mind achieves satisfaction, and slowly through guided-meditation, streams of thought dissipate and one acquires 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, TheWoodlandsLady@gmail.com, (713) 377-8521

Always recycle paper, right? Well, not so fast! Did you know that brightly colored paper should not be put in recycle? That is because the dyes in the paper mix with all of the good paper and make the whole batch lower quality. The paper mills don't like that. We want to keep the recycled product as pure as possible, so that it can be sold. The next time you have some "astrobright" paper, better to throw it in the trash.



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

BEANS INSTEAD OF BEEF?



Yes, we know that reducing greenhouse gas emissions is the key to averting the worst impacts of climate change, but how can we as individuals make any significant difference? One individual's actions won't make a difference, but the combined actions of many will change the trajectory. For example: What if we all ate beans instead of beef? This could be "the most powerful change a person makes...of their

lifetime environmental impact—more so than downsizing one's car, or being vigilant about turning off light bulbs...." If every American made this one dietary change, substituting beans for beef, we could actually reduce greenhouse gas emissions. *To Request Sources: contact Creation Care Team, cctx@att.net*

COLUMBARIUM for WCPC?

If you want to work on the idea of a possible columbarium at WCPC, please contact Peggy Hendricks, cell phone 281-239-5989, pphendricks@yahoo.com





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. 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 3rd, please consider choosing to run in support of All Ears! Thank you!



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”



MED-EL PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOP SERIES

Calling all families with children who are learning to listen!

All Ears! Family Night January 10

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

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 or 919-314-7571



The
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All Ears! Listening and Language Center is hiring an **Executive Director**. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree in business and a minimum of 7 - 10 years management experience with increasing responsibility, preferably with a nonprofit service provider. Posting expires 1/31/2019. **How to Apply:** Please email All Ears! Board of Directors Search Committee at info@allearscenter.org asking for complete job posting with application instructions or look online <https://allearscenter.org/executive-director/>



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



Happy New Year!

Here it is 2019, the Christmas trees and decorations will be coming down soon and the world will start another year. We look forward to starting ours this January with the Epiphany Celebration; when we follow the star to Bethlehem and find the Baby Jesus, just as the Wise Men did.

Just before we ended our year together at ELP in 2018, the Penguin Pre-k class teachers asked their children to share with them the story of Christmas. I know these precious words spoken from the children will melt your heart...

"Jesus was born in a stable. Joseph and Mary were his parents. The three kings came. Their presents were myrrh, frankincense, and gold. I would have given him a chewy toy for a present."

WCPC member Andrew Formolo (PM Penguin) age: 5

"So, there's 12 families. Jesus was a baby. Mary and Joseph had him in a stable in Bethlehem. Three wise men gave presents to baby Jesus. Maybe they gave him a light-up racecar controller like I am going to get."

Case McCauley (PM Penguin) age: 4

"Jesus was born at home. Mary and Joseph were his parents. Maybe I came. I would maybe give him a friend."

Audrey Allen (All Ears!) age: 4

Next week we will enjoy our Annual Snow days in the side yard. This is always a fun week for staff, parents, and most of all, the children. Hopefully the weather will be nice and chilly! Last year at this time we experienced real snow from the Texas skies, and we ironically had to cancel and reschedule ELP snow days due to the icy roads.

As we count our many blessings and anticipate the joys of the new year, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and goodness in everything. We appreciate your love, prayers, and support.

Happy New Year,
Cindy

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 Choir 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

**WAM will not meet on
Jan 2
due to the
Christmas Break!**



WAM Fellowship

Jan 9th join us for un-decorating the tree and wreaths in Fellowship Hall after dinner and WAM. Also there will be snow from ELP on the fenced area outside of the Education Building Wed. the 16th. Bring mittens and plan to stay and play.



Jan 23rd Children's, Tween and Youth Ministry Teams are responsible for the WAM dinner. We are having Breakfast for Dinner, Sign up to help on the signup tab at www.wcpc-tx.org



Bundle Up!



Sunday School

Children's Sunday School
Rotation Bible Topic this month:

Jesus & John the Baptist



Last month at the Alternative Market the children's Curly Christmas Soup Jars and the Tweens Pretzel Treats brought in over \$850 for Meals on Wheels.



Love Your Neighbor Day is January 26th!

Children 4 years and up may join us Saturday morning at 8 for breakfast and children's mission projects. The signup forms and details will be on the website www.wcpc-tx.org. Also more details are available on page 11 of this newsletter.



Godly Play classes on Sundays mornings will be hearing the stories on Epiphany & Holy Baptism this month.



Children's
Worship Class

Jan. 27th

11:00 service in the Sanctuary Narthex

January Lesson on Baptism



Nursery News

Monday children's nurseries will be experiencing winter fun and crafts even if the weather doesn't cooperate!

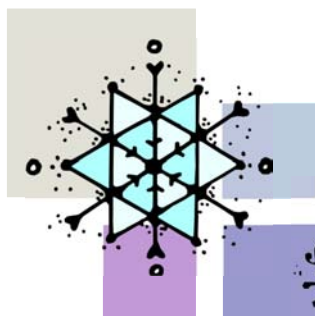
Parent Night Out January 12th
(because of third Sat holiday weekend) **5-8 pm** for Let It Snow fun!



Children's Ministry Mission Statement: To nurture all to experience the unique joy of being a "child" of God.






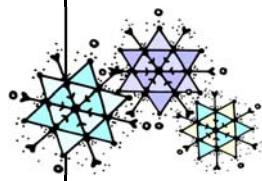
... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind 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



January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 	2	3 	4	5
6 Epiphany Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00	7	8 ELP & ESL resume	9 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45-5:30 choirs 5:30 dinner FH tree un- decorating	10 All Ears Family Night 6-8 HEB 301	11 Tween Fun Friday 6-8 Shankz Preschool Parent Fellow- ship 6:30-9 pm	12 Parent Night Out 5-8 pm "Let It Snow" fun! Res- ervations with sduncan@wcpc- tx.org
13 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00	14 ELP Moms Group 9-11 Mom's Mtg 9:30-12:00 nursery HEB rms. 307-309 ELP Staff Mtg 12- 2:30	15  Snow Day at ELP	16 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45-5:30 choirs 5:30 dinner FH	17  Snow at ELP	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:30	21 ELP & CISD holiday, church office closed	22	23 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45-5:30 choirs 5:30 dinner FH Under 18 Team	24	25 ELP Board Meeting 9-11 am	26  Love Your Neighbor Day 8-2 pm
27 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 & Worship Class	28 ELP Moms Drop & Go 9-12 Mom's Book Study 9:30-11:30 am	29	30 WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45-5:30 choirs 5:30 dinner FH	31		



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CHRISTIAN kids



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

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.

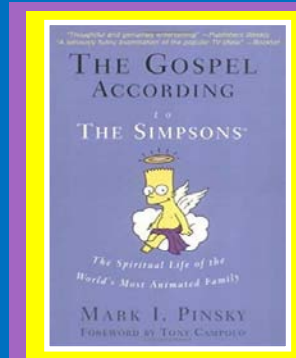


WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH:

(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.

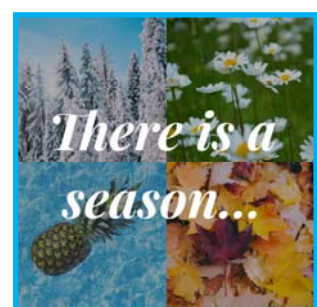
Both Junior and Senior High groups spend time in fun, study, discussion and prayer as they deepen their understanding of scripture and what it looks like to live a life of faith.



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

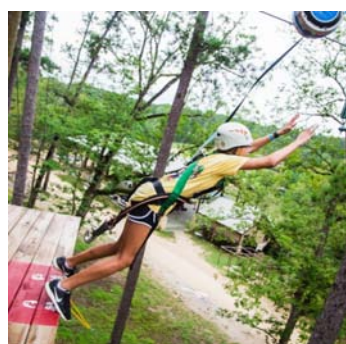
YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

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



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

CONCLAVES 2019



Youth 7th –12th grade

Conclaves B: March 1-3, 2019 **Registration deadline: Jan 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.

Director of Children's Ministry:

Susan Duncan

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Elder for Children & Tweens:

Jen Conner

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Youth Team Chairs:

Sally Bowers

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Youth Administration

Shirley Barclay

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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.

Communications Corner

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

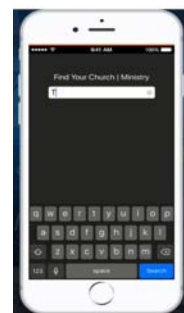
Newsletter: Articles due October 15 for the November 2018 newsletter.

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

Ways to stay connected!

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

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



Find us on Instagram by searching for WCPC1981 or enter the address below

<https://www.instagram.com/wcpc1981/>

Find us on Facebook by searching for Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church or enter the address below

<https://www.facebook.com/wcpcWoodlandsCommunityPresbyterianChurch/>

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

This app is also a wonderful way to update your address, phone number and picture. Here is the link to the page:

<http://www.wcpc-tx.org/church-life-app-2/>

1

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.

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1 – Go to your phone's App Store (Android or Apple OS)

2 – Download ACS Church life App.

3 – Log in with email & password.

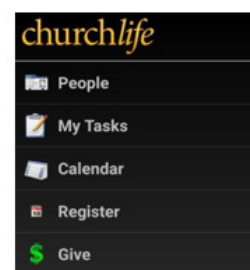
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Use the Church life App for:

- 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!

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Children | Tweens | Youth | All

January 2019

9 WAM Begins

11 Fun Friday Shankz

Parent s 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

4th Sunday Worship Class (gr K-2nd)

For additional dates & info visit **wcpc-tx.org**

Save the Date:

Jan 26	Love Your Neighbor Day
Mar 1-3	Conclaves
Apr 6	Rummage Sale
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

