

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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February 2019

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



WELCOME TO WCPC

A class for guests interested in learning
about the ministry and mission of WCPC.

February 3, 10, 17, 24 at 9:45 am in Rm 302

Located in the Hendricks Education Building



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

Who are we? While there are more than just these five let me share five things which I believe define who we are as Presbyterians.

First leadership in the Presbyterian Church is something we share in together.

As your pastor I certainly have influence, but ultimately the decisions made about this church are made by your Session, which is composed of leaders you have elected to serve. What your Session seeks is not to do what I want them to do, not to do what you want them to do, but together to seek to discern what does God want us to do. We listen to each other. We listen to God as we read Scripture. We listen to the witness of the Church through the Confessional statements that guide us. Then, we make decisions. We pray. We listen. We pray some more. Than we act.

Second Presbyterians are willing to take on tough issues. We don't just want to know the Biblical background of a passage, we want to know what does that passage say to us today. How should we live in light of what God's Word is teaching? Now we don't always agree, but even in our disagreements we are seeking not our way but God's way, with humility, knowing that we could be wrong and the other person right.

Third Presbyterians seek to balance our need to care for each other with our need to care for others. We are saved "for salvation and service." As Presbyterians we believe God has called us to act responsibility as citizens, using our voice and vote to reflect what we believe God desires, not what we desire. We recognize that while we as a congregation, even a denomination can make an impact, one piece of just legislation (in Austin or in Washington) can make an even greater difference in the lives of millions.

We are committed to seeking justice for those who have been oppressed, whether they live half a world away or down the street. We take the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 as commands seriously: to feed the hungry, give drink to those who are thirsty, welcome strangers clothe the sick, visit those in prison – reaching out to those who are marginalized and oppressed, forgotten.

Fourth, while our worship should be attractive and appealing, ultimately as Presbyterians we believe that worship isn't about our needs being met. Worship is about bringing glory and honor to God.

And most importantly we hold the conviction that our salvation is God's gift to us, unearned, unmerited. And that all that we do, we do in response to what God has already done. We are not trying to win God's favor, because we have already received God's favor. We act out of gratitude, devotion and love.

Certainly invite conversation and discussion with you about these or other characteristics which define who we are as Presbyterians.

Your pastor,

Last week the Session approved a budget of \$1,153,000 for 2019. While we did not reach the asking budget (8% increase over '18) this budget does represents a 6% increase over the 2018 budget. The Session is grateful and encouraged by the continuing financial faithfulness of WCPC. Copies of the adopted budget will be available in the narthex next Sunday.

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,

As she neared her retirement in 2017, one of my mentors, Mary Marcotte, former Associate General Presbyter of New Covenant Presbytery, gave me her "Jesus Doll." I haven't found a great place for him to "live" yet, so he sits on a chair by my desk in my office. When young children have come by (namely my niece), I've watched them eying this doll. He's neither frightening nor funny to them. When I've asked who he is, I usually get confused or puzzled looks. Honestly, I'm not sure why I should expect a 2 or 3 year old to recognize some fabric artist's rendering of our Lord. Nevertheless, there he sits, watching over my theological library. These young ones have me wondering though— how often we actually recognize the presence of Christ in our midst. Who is this Jesus, anyway? That is one of the many ques-

tions of faith we get to explore together during this season between Christmas and Lent. We hear the stories of Christ's baptism and his call to ministry. We hear how his family, his friends, and his community began to respond to his calling. We are reminded time and again that his message of God's grace and will for our lives went far beyond Nazareth in Galilee, beyond Jerusalem and into the lives of many who were forever changed. In these weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday and Lent, I encourage you to ponder with the preschoolers and me, "Who is this Jesus; will I recognize his presence with me; and how will his life and ministry change my own?"

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

February 17 Mar 10, 31 July 14 August 11 September 8, 15 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
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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
Ria Du Bruyn	Megan Hansen	Audrey Keim
Bruce Lee	Betsy Whitehead	Tim Moore
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CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021
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Debra Martinez	Leslie Lee	Robin Haney
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WCPC PRAYER MINISTRY

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

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

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.

Want to know more about recycling?
Interested in mosquito abatement?
Need info on local pollinator initiatives?

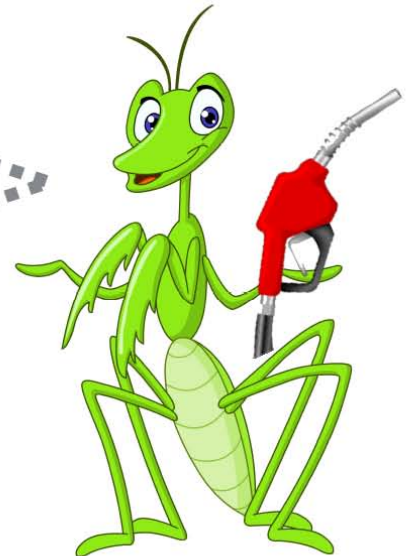
Join us for great discussion!

February 11th, 7 p.m.
Hendricks Building #301

Special Guest: The Woodlands Environmental Services Staff

Sponsored by the WCPC Creation Care Team

Our congregation just took the unusual step of endorsing a bipartisan bill in the U.S. Congress, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. This bill aims to control carbon emissions and reduce greenhouse gases. Like the Presbyterian Church (USA) says, "With our concern for the planet goes our concern for the most vulnerable people living on it." And those are the folks who get clobbered the most by climate change.



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

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



Easy Steps to Help The Planet

1. When on our campus use our shiny new recycle bins for cups, cans, plastic & cardboard. (No #6 plastic or styrofoam.)



2. Buy Organic

Don't put pesticides on your plate. Especially strawberries, apples & grapes. They are the worst!

3. Use Reusable Produce Bags

From Amazon and other retailers, these cheap mesh bags are washable and fit in your pocket. Genius!

4. Use Metal Water Bottles

The plastic debris island in the Pacific is twice the size of Texas! Try a reusable bottle. They come in cool colors too!



5. Use Reusable Bags Instead of Plastic
Keep 'em in your car and use them whenever you shop. This one is literally SO EASY!



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 either of our pastors.

YOUNG ADULT/ MENTOR DINNER

We have started 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.



WCPC Book Club

The WCPC Book Club is an active group who enjoy reading and discussion of the monthly chosen book. Come join us the second Monday of each month in the WCPC Library (in the Hendricks Education Building) at 7pm. All are welcome to join us for lively discussion. The club members have chosen the following books for the next 2 months:

Feb 11— *A Separation* by Katie Kitamura

Mar 11— *News of the World* by Paul Jiles

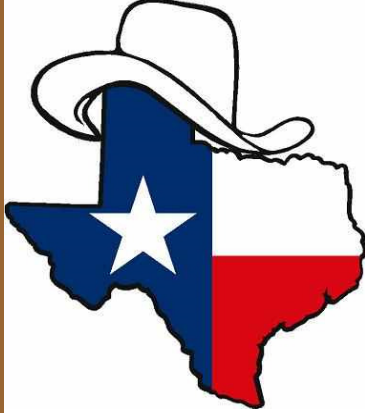
Open to all!!! . Contact Harry Sharp with questions 281-362-7896.

Moms in Mission

Share your heart with a friend! Join Moms in Mission for fellowship and lunch on Wed., Feb. 6, at 11:30, at Bellagreen, 2501 Research Forest Dr. We'll meet again on Wed., Feb. 20, from 12:30 - 2:30, in the library area of the HEB to make heart pillows for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. All supplies are provided; light hand sewing skills are helpful, but not required. Questions? Email Jeanne Bonnette at mimswcpc@gmail.com



Adult Fellowship Luncheon



11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate friendships and fellowship at WCPC with a Texas flair. Yes folks, there will probably be barbeque on the menu! Yeehaw! 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! The WCPC staff looks forward to this event every month and we hope you do too!



Last year the Youth took on a challenge during Lent to let go of one item each day to be donated to someone in need. We asked that these items not just be old and unwanted, but something another person might be happy to receive. We asked the kids to think about the recipient each day, and pray for that person. That Easter, we took a carload of items to the Willis Parental Center.

This year we are challenging ourselves again, but we would also like to challenge the Congregation. Small children can share toys or stuffed animals, or maybe your family can donate meaningful books, or a meal gift card per day. We would love to hear your ideas, and see what we can do together as we put our focus on Christ, and all he sacrificed for us.

WCPC YOUTH

*I want to thank the WCPC family for the kind and warm thoughts, all the cards and prayers during my illness and for the wonderful youth coming to my door to sing. It was very comforting to have the beautiful prayer quilt cover me with warmth and love during my surgery. I know that your prayers are why my recovery and healing has been going so well. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family. Blessings,
Debi McNaught*

TELECARE AND VISITING ANGELS: ARE YOU CALLED TO THIS TEAM MINISTRY? IF SO, JOIN IN!

In 2018, Great Britain announced a governmental and private battle against loneliness in their nation. WCPC members are working to reduce loneliness in our congregation and remind members of God and the congregation's love for them. We have both Telecare and Home Visitation teams. Team members each (or with a partner) contact one person who cannot attend church or who expresses a desire for contact. Our team loves this work! In fact, it's not work. It's love, and it's mutual. Each year, we will be asking WCPC members to listen for God's call. As you read this, does your heart stir a little? If so, email Mignon Mabry at mwmabry@gmail.com or contact Pastor Laura Grice. We can give you information to help you decide if you are called to reach out a couple of times a month to someone special (and get a great deal in return).

Mission Outreach Team (MOT)



Zambian girls in dresses made by our Prayers & Squares Ministry

The Mission Outreach Team's mission statement reads:

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

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

MOT meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 301B to discuss current mission outreach programs and consider new outreach opportunities. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 5th. At this meeting we will set the 2019 Benevolence budget. If you are interested in being involved in this budgeting process, please plan to attend this meeting.** 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.



DeGeorge at Union Station: Transitional Housing for Homeless Vets

One of Our Mission Outreach Partners

The DeGeorge at Union Station is a 501C3 charity program, which provides housing and other services including mental and physical health, education, jobs, food and financial assistance for veterans. The average income for a vet residing at the DeGeorge is \$700 per month while 20% have no source of revenue. The annual turnover is approximately 23 veterans. There are currently 9 females and 91 males of which two are WWII vets living at the DeGeorge. The total SRO (single resident occupation) is always 100 with many names on a waiting list. The DeGeorge is always in need of basic supplies to give to its residents such as: bedding, blankets, towels, personal hygiene and food items.

In 2018, WCPC was able to supply 100 Christmas stockings (one for each resident) containing personal hygiene and food items along with a magazine and fun item. At the Alternative Market enough funds were raised to provide 14 new sheet sets and 37 blankets. Also, 24 pounds of Just Coffee purchased at the Alternative Market were donated to the DeGeorge. Some of the Benevolence money allocated to the DeGeorge was used to purchase a gas card for the 15 year old passenger van (which gets 10 MPG) used to transport the vets to their various appointments. All the donations WCPC gives to the DeGeorge are very much appreciated.



Help save lives by donating blood!

WCPC Blood Drive

Sunday, February 10th

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Sign up online at

https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/290237



The Gathering Place

Friday, February 15th
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.

WCPC Food Pantry Needs for February

The Food Pantry in the sanctuary narthex has expanded! In addition to serving the needs of our neighbors receiving assistance from the Interfaith Food Pantry, we are now able to serve two community groups which are often overlooked, preschool children who don't benefit from school lunch programs and homebound seniors through Kids' Meals and Meals on Wheels, respectively. Please bring your donations to the WCPC Food Pantry anytime.

Interfaith Food Pantry:

canned fruit & vegetables, dried beans & fruit
 peanut butter, jam, diapers, baby wipes
 personal hygiene items, laundry detergent & dryer sheets

Kids' Meals Lunch Bags:

snack size peanut butter packets (Jif to Go)
 snack size packets of peanut butter or cheese crackers
 snack size raisin boxes

Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bags:

Ensure or Glucerna (vanilla, chocolate or strawberry only)
 individual packets of instant oatmeal



Just Coffee (Café Justo)

As its name implies, Just Coffee (Café Justo) is about justice and equality! It is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico that is guided by four key principles: Financial Transparency, Organic and Sustainable Production Practices, Consensus Decision Making and Fair and Just Treatment of all cooperative members, workers, suppliers, and clients. These requirements exceed those of Fair Trade and so it is referred to as Fair Trade Plus! According to its founder and director, Daniel Cifuentes, the mission of

Café Justo is to reduce the amount of migration to the United States and we believe this is the best way to convince young families to stay in Mexico. So Just Coffee is also about the self-development of people!

On Sundays, Feb 17th and 24th you are invited to help make the dreams of our brothers and sisters in Mexico come true by ordering one-pound bags of this delectable coffee for your home enjoyment. If you won't be here either Sunday to place an order, please contact Mary Emerson at 832-246-8905 or emerlee911@gmail.com



Please consider making a donation of **Just Coffee** to the veterans in the transitional housing program at the DeGeorge.



Sicuani Bible Seminary Graduation

December 16, 2018

WCPC has funded annual scholarships for seminarians at the Sicuani Bible Seminary (SEBIS) in Peru since 2014. These funds have been equally distributed each year to ten or more 2nd through 4th year students based on character, merit and need. On December 16, 2018, eight of the 38 students at the seminary graduated. Five earned a bachelors degree in theology and three received a diploma in theology. All eight were recipients of assistance from the WCPC scholarship funds provided over the past four years. We rejoice in their accomplishments and wish them God's grace and love as they return to their communities to continue their service to the Lord.



Bachelor of Theology Degree



Diploma in Theology

Yolanda Turns in Her Key!



Yolanda's last day at WCPC

Long-time church employee, Yolanda Castillo, turned in her keys on January 17, 2019 due to family responsibilities after years of faithful, cheerful, and expert service as a nursery aide. If you use or used childcare at the church in the past twenty-three years in our Sunday school nursery or on Magic Mondays, chances are that Yolanda has cradled, soothed, changed, or made play-dough pancakes with your child. She also worked in the nursery for ESL when WCPC hosted night classes. Later when ESL went to day classes, she continued working with childcare and saw the start of the ESL Children's Program of which she has been a loyal staff member all these years.

Yolanda came to the United States from Mexico in 1968 with her family and worked picking peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables in the fertile California valley. She proudly carries an official government receipt that shows the names of her family when they entered the country. Two years later Yolanda married her school sweetheart from Mexico and started their lives together on a ranch in California raising animals and vegetables and started a family. They had seven children—six boys, and one girl! Serving our country is valued in the Castillo household. The oldest son is a Marine veteran, another son is stationed in Japan with the Air Force, and a grandson served in the Army. Her daughter was a policeman but changed careers and is now a teacher in Austin. Yolanda has twenty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They enjoy visiting family still in Mexico and overseeing their house and large property there.

The ESL Children's Program committee and their staff members celebrated Yolanda's retirement with lunch and gifts. Among hugs and tears, Yolanda thanked WCPC and is very grateful for the support received during all of her years of service. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well.



Come Make Peanut Butter!

Please help us provide peanut butter for the hungry in Houston and Montgomery County. On **Friday, February 22nd**, WCPC is scheduled to work the morning shift from 7:30am until noon in the peanut butter factory. We will make over 4,000 jars of peanut butter for one of the area Food Banks. This is fun and very rewarding work. So, please consider donating a half-day of your time to help feed those in need in the greater Houston area. If you would like to volunteer, Contact Sally Shu at sally.f.shu@gmail.com or 936-273-0370.

Friday, February 22nd

AM Shift from 7:30 to Noon

Meet at 6:30 am in church parking lot to carpool

2019 Love Your Neighbor Day!



Saturday, January 26



Approximately 150 people of all ages participated in Love Your Neighbor Day on Saturday, January 26th. Our projects varied from distributing food at a Food Market at the Crisis Assistance Center in Conroe, which was a new venue this year, to stapling 2,210 service logs at the Women's Resource Center to hanging up all the clothes in the sort room at the Willis Parental Support Center to clearing the area between two warehouses at the Habitat Office in Conroe to assembling and delivering breakfast bags to clients in the Meals on Wheels program to making sandwiches for Kids' Meals lunch bags to the children making door hangers and singing for our neighbors in the Memory Care Unit of the Forum. Thanks to all who helped make this day a success!

We Need You  They Need Us!

Moms' Group of WCPC

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

Feb 4th Mom's Meeting 9:30-11:30 Youth Room-CE 206 Join us as we have fun celebrating the month of love by sharing your wedding album with the group. Bring a favorite chocolate dish to share as we enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship sharing memories of our special day. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.

Feb 11th Mission Monday 9:30-11:30 Youth Room-CE 206 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 for childcare.

Feb 22nd Ladies Night Out 6:00PM Stephanie Keiser's House Game Night! Come join us as we play some games and have some fun. Look for an Evite soon with more details. Contact Stephanie at stephaniekeiser1@gmail.com with any questions.

Feb 23rd Parent's Night Out 5:00-8:00 PM CHEB Nurseries This month's theme is Rodeo. Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie, and crafts right here at WCPC. Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted. RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) to save your child(rens) spot.

Feb 25th 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:

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

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



Shavasana

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/allearscenter/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 February 7

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

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
Woodlands



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. **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



Dear WCPC Members,

Our monthly Bible verse is "Love One Another." 1 John 4:7.

At ELP we not only feel that it is an honor to teach, but we feel that it is a calling and a blessing! What better "job" is there in the world than to get to model, share, and foster the LOVE of Jesus? It is a true joy to be the *first* teachers for young children outside of their homes. At ELP we strive to grow and develop our children socially and emotionally. Teaching scripture offers us the foundation for this and we eagerly integrate Jesus' Love for us and Loving Each Other in everything we say and do. This month we are praying for each of our children by name and praying very specifically each morning for our children. As we name our children and lift them in prayer we are reminded that we too are children of God and that God is named: *Friend of Children, Redeemer, Wonderful Counselor, Provider, and Healer.*

Later this month our children will celebrate Love and Friendships with Valentine's festivities, followed by a Go Texan Rodeo event filled with laughter, cowboy hats, and boots! YEE HAW!

Mark Your Calendar for Feb. 10 & 11. This is the WCPC Early Preschool Registration. Our doors open at 9:00 and we will be here until 4:00 to accept your registration. If you are unable to come in, please call us at 281.298-2464 to make arrangements.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m., will be our Public Registration for the 2019-2020 school year. Please tell your friends and neighbors about ELP. We happily offer morning tours!

Thank you for your support. We are honored to be WCPC's Preschool Ministry!

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



Children's Sabbath & Open House Feb 24th

Children will take the lead and the choirs will sing Feb 24th at the 11 am service. Children and tweens 1st-6th grade are needed to acolyte, read parts of the service, hand out bulletins and pass the offering plates. Send an email to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org if your child is interested in participating.

During the Sunday school hour Feb 24th the children, tweens and youth will present things they have been learning to parents and adult Sunday school classes by playing games. We will also have information about all the youth camps and the fundraisers for those summer camps along with breakfast refreshments.



Important Summer Dates & Camp Dates for 2018!

March 24th Deadline for all ages Camp Scholarship Paperwork

Cho Yeh Summer Dates: for 1-6th grade:
Core 2 June 9-15th when most families go, and
Core 8 July 21-27th

Check the Cho Yeh website for other camp date weeks and let Susan know what dates you are signing up for so other parents can also join their children those weeks for camp. (Reminder **July 15th-19th is VBS Week, Completed 5th and 6th have Tweens VBS Mission** and **Aug 5-7th** is the week of **Servin' Safari** for entering Jr High

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



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



Sunday School



Children's Sunday School
Rotation Bible Topic this month:

Jonah and the Big Fish



Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be hearing The Parable of the Mustard Seed and **Jonah the Backward Prophet**



February 24
Sunday School Open House
9:45 am



Worship Class (K-2nd): Feb. 17th at
11:00 sermon time



Scout Sunday is Feb 3rd! Wear your uniforms to church.



February 23rd Parent Night Out 5-8 pm Theme Rodeo

Bring your children for a night of fun playing and enjoying Rodeo games with the youth! We will also eating pizza for dinner and making crafts. We will watch **Toy Story 2** at the end of our time. Children can come in their P.J.'s!

RSVP to Sduncan@wcpc-tx.org by the 21st.

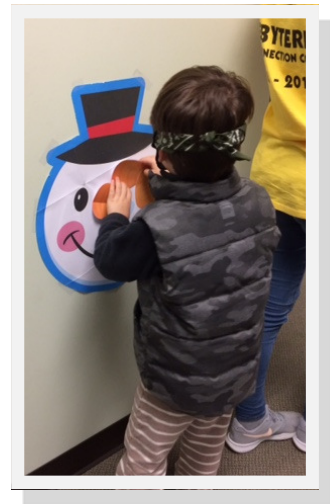
Children's Ministry Mission Statement: To nurture all to experience the unique joy of being a "child" of God.

... 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

Winter Fun



Snow!



at PNO!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Tweens Fellowship 6-8 pm Fellowship Hall Preschool Parent Fellowship 6:30-9 childcare in 307	 Groundhog Day
Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday school 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11:00	ELP Mom's 9-12 in FH, childcare in HEB 307 ELP staff 12-2:30 FH		WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellowship Hall 6:00 childcare for Bells choir			
Sunday school 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11:00	ELP Mom's 9-12 Drop & Go childcare in HEB 307		WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellowship Hall	 Valentine's Day		
Sunday school 9:45 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Class	CISD & ELP off 		WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellowship Hall 6:00 childcare for			Parent Night Out 5-8 pm childcare by reservation to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
Children's Sabbath Sunday school Open House FH 9:45-10:50 Worship 8:30 &			WAM 4:15-4:45 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner Fellowship Hall			



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Children's Sunday School 9:45-10:50 beginning 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 Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.

*Make dinner
a selfless act*

Grab your family & friends.
Join us at Crust Pizza
(Panther Creek) on
February 11th from 4-9 pm.
Mention The Woodlands
Community Presbyterian
Church, and Crust will give
back a portion of your
purchase to WCPC with
the goal of funding camp
scholarships for children
and youth.

**Monday, February 11th
4-9pm**

**Give Back
Night at
Crust Pizza
(Panther Creek)**

Crust Pizza Panther Creek
4775 W. Panther Creek Drive
Suite 530
The Woodlands, TX 77381



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Spirit Night at Crust Pizza

FRIDAY—SUNDAY, MARCH 1-3
Conclaves

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Mission Project /Gathering Place

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Rummage Sale

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Hike/Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Senior Sunday

JR AND SR HIGH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 am

WEDNESDAY

MISSION PROJECT

6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY

6:10 pm

Dinner at 5:30pm

CONCLAVES 2019

March 1-3

SUMMER 2019

CONFERENCES

MO RANCH

SR HIGH

CELEBRATION

June 23-28, 2019

MO RANCH

JR HIGH

JUBILEE II

July 7-11, 2019

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.

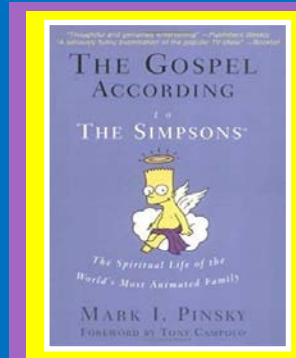


WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH:

(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.

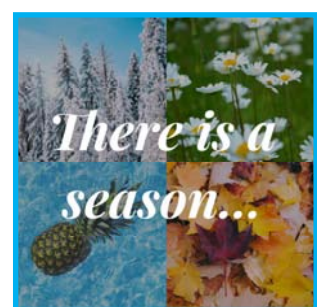
Both Junior and Senior High groups spend time in fun, study, discussion and prayer as they deepen their understanding of scripture and what it looks like to live a life of faith.



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

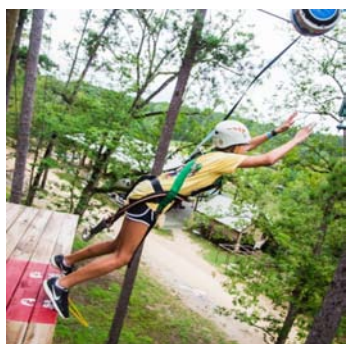
YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

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: Feb 1, 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 registration 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	sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
Elder for Children & Tweens:	Jen Conner	jenniferconner79@gmail.com
Youth Team Chairs:	Sally Bowers	sally_bowers@comcast.net
	Megan Hansen	megateer@gmail.com
Youth Administration	Shirley Barclay	sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org

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.

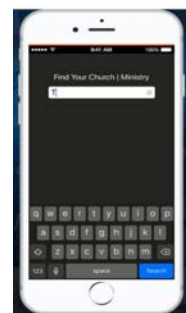
Newsletter: Articles due October 15 for the November 2018 newsletter.

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.

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!

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Children | Tweens | Youth | All

February

- 1 Fun Friday Fun and Games WCPC
- 1 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
- 2 Souper Bowl of Caring/Scout Sunday
- 11 Crust Pizza Spirit Night Fundraiser 4-9pm
- 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 Service
- Lenten Stations in the Prayer Garden 12-6pm
- 15 Youth Mission-Gathering Place Help
- 23 Parent's Night Out

April

- 5 Fun Friday- Tweens help with Rummage Sale
- 5 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
- 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
- 3 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
- 18 Parent's Night Out
- 19 SS Teacher Appreciation Brunch

June

- 3 Graduation Sunday
- 7 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship
- 2-15 Family Promise
- 22 Parent's Night Out

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

