

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W. Panther Creek Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77381

281-363-2040

www.wcpc-tx.org

April 2019

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

Be Renewed This Easter!

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church is a caring family where ALL ARE WELCOME. We welcome seekers, doubters as well as those sure in their faith in Jesus Christ.

April 14	Palm Sunday	8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services include "The Seven Last Words of Christ" presented by The Sanctuary Choir
April 15-19	Holy Week	Self Guided Meditations in the Prayer Garden
April 18	Maundy Thursday	Worship Service 7:00pm
April 19	Good Friday	Good Friday Worship Service, 12:30pm Egg Hunt and Crafts 10:00am-11:00 am
April 21	Easter Sunday	8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services Godly Play Stories at 9:50 and 10:15 in the Prayer Garden Pancake Breakfast and Easter Festival 9:30am-10:50pm Butterfly Release 10:35am



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

Spring has certainly sprung! There is rebirth and new life in the creation around us. I guess the question, as we draw nearer to Easter and the end of our Lenten journey is, will there be, is there rebirth or even new life in us?

The God we worship seeks transformation. The Christ came to call God's people back to the what the Old Testament prophets called God's people back to -- justice and mercy, not domination and power. Jesus challenged the empire of both Rome and the one established in the hearts of so many of the religious leaders of Israel. The end of that confrontation would have been obvious to any observer. Rome would not bow to the Christ nor would the religious leaders give up their monopoly, not just of how to view Judaism but more important to them the wealth and prestige it provided.

I think that struggle continues today. But the empty tomb is evidence that God's call upon our lives, God's desire for creation, will not end in defeat. The empty tomb gives us courage, not only to face our own sins, our own need for repentance, but to speak to the sins of our culture and seek repentance that results in genuine change.

These lines from "A Brief Statement of Faith," one of the confessional statements of the Presbyterian Church USA, helps us to affirm the life giving and life changing power of Christ, as the resident Christ, the Holy Spirit, works in our lives.

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
The Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

While we are still several Sundays away I believe it is never too early, or too late, to say –
"Jesus Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed!"

Your pastor,

WCPC HOSTS A WEEKLY AA MEETING.

Each Monday at 7:00 pm in Hendricks 301 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,

For the last five years we have hosted a self-guided Ash Wednesday service including interactive, contemplative prayer stations that contained many of the elements of a traditional Ash Wednesday service, including the imposition of ashes. Having these prayer stations has become an important part of the Lenten journey for many of you. I am particularly thrilled that this service has become truly intergenerational. This year it was a little too cold to have this self-guided service in the Prayer Garden as in years past.

Last year we introduced Holy Week prayer stations too. People who participated were able to walk through the events of Holy Week as told in the Gospel of Mark. At these stations, we transformed our shouts of "Hosanna" into ones of "Crucify Him," we cleansed our hearts as Jesus cleansed the temple, we were anointed with oil, just as Christ had been, and we prayed at the cross as Jesus had prayed at Gethsemane. This Holy Week (April 15-19), we plan to have prayer stations available for your devotions. We are hard at work to make this experience meaningful for you as together we prepare our hearts and minds for the mystery and the miracle of the resurrection. Weather permitting the stations will be available beginning in the late-morning of Holy Monday (April 15th) and will be put away mid-afternoon on Good Friday (April 19th), following the worship service.

In addition to these Holy Week prayer stations, our Palm/Passion Sunday worship will be led by our Sanctuary Choir as they offer special music as proclamation. We will have a traditional Maundy Thursday service with communion at 7pm on April 18, and a Good Friday service at 12:30 pm on April 19.

As you leave both these services a "take-home" vigil of prayers and scripture readings for Holy Saturday will also be available. Our hope is that your Holy Week this year will be a meaningful one.

*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.



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 Paula Cooper, 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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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.

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! We are currently using a study on God's grace.

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.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED

The 2019-2020 Confirmation Class will be starting before you know it and these confirmands need MENTORS! Who can be a mentor? - YOU!!! Look for pictures posted around the WCPC campus and see if you recognize any of these kids. Even if you don't, volunteer to at least learn more about being a mentor by coming to **FELLOWSHIP HALL on April 7th during the Sunday School hour**. We will answer questions about time commitment and what to expect. We, as a congregation, pledged to support the growth of these kids. Here is a chance to do just that. If you can't attend during the Sunday School hour on April 7th, then speak to one of the youth leaders for more information: Megan Hansen, Sally Bowers, Debi McNaught, Nancy Hathaway, Betsy Whitehead, Danelle Liddell or Marnie Bush.

YOUNG ADULT/ MENTOR DINNER

We have started a new program for young adults (anyone who has finished High School), who live in 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:

April 8 — *The Killing of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

May 13 — *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

June 10 — *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

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

Moms in Mission

Friendship and fellowship - two reasons to join Moms in Mission! Join us for lunch on Wed., April 3, at 11:30, at The Cheesecake Factory at The Woodlands Mall. We'll meet again on Wed., April 17, 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



April 24, 2019
11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

As Easter begins please join us as we celebrate friendships and fellowship 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! The WCPC staff looks forward to this event every month and we hope you do too!

The Woodlands Concert Band Presents...



Featuring:

- Ron Nelson's—Rocky Point Holiday
- John Williams'— Jedi Steps and Finale
- Percy Grainger's — Irish Tune from County Derry
- Christopher Coleman's —A Jazz Funeral
- Jay Bocook's — O Waly, Waly
- Brian Balmages'—Infinte Hope
- And Others!



<http://www.woodlandsband.org>

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH 2019, AT 7:30PM
 @ WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Mission Outreach Team (MOT)



Naomi Daka

She is the seminary student we support at Justo Mwale in Lusaka, Zambia. Naomi is in her third year.

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 projects and consider new outreach opportunities.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2nd. 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.

PAUL JEFFREY / ACT

 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

join us!

You
shall be called
repairers
of the breach
— ISAIAH 58

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH
OUR NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED
AROUND THE WORLD BY
PROVIDING RELIEF FROM
NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD
FOR THE HUNGRY, AND
SUPPORT FOR THE POOR
AND OPPRESSED.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) reflects the call of Isaiah to become repairers of the breach, opening the doors to become the church with all the people around us. It is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. **This special offering collected joyously on Easter Sunday (but accepted throughout the month of April)** provides relief to those affected by natural disasters as 32 percent goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), food for the hungry as 36 percent is sent to the Presbyterian Hunger Program and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities as Self-Development of People receives the remaining 32 percent of the offering. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in answering God's call. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! **Please give generously to this offering.** Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it OGHS. There are also specially marked envelopes in the pew racks for your convenience. Giving to this special offering helps fulfill the vision rooted in the biblical witness and stated in Isaiah 58:12: "You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

Alternative Response A Different Approach to CPS Investigations



April 15 - 7 p.m.

Come learn about Alternative Response, a different approach to Investigations with Child Protective Services, recently launched in Montgomery County.

**Special Guest: Kylie Erp,
CPS Alternative Response Supervisor**

**WCPC Campus
Room 301 Hendricks Building
Everyone is welcome!**

WCPC Social Justice Forum*

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281-363-2040 mstelter@wcpc-tx.org

*Childcare available with RSVP to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org by Sunday, April 14.

No Gathering Place in April because of Good Friday

**Next Meeting will be
Friday, May 17th
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
(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 10:30 am 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 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 April

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:

**dry and canned soup
peanut butter, jam, diapers, baby wipes
toilet paper, kleenex, personal hygiene items
cleaning supplies (no spray bottles) & laundry detergent**

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:

**individual packets of instant oatmeal
cereal bars (Nutri-Grain bars)
Ensure or Glucerna (vanilla, chocolate or strawberry)**

SPONSORS

AARP
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Care Partners
Caring Senior Service
Christ Church United Methodist
Interfaith of The Woodlands
SarahCare Adult Day Care
Senior Resource Guide
Silverado Senior Living
Jan Pickett, Susan Bulgawicz &
John Dantche, Attorneys at Law

EXHIBITORS

Aging in Place The Woodlands
All Organized Pro
Always Best Care Senior Services
Assisted Living at Unlimited Care Cottages
At Your Side Home Care
Avatar Home Health Care Agency LLC
Better Business Bureau- Senior Medicare Patrol
Canopy Memorial Hermann
Care Patrol
Conroe ISD Parent Resource Center
Dignity Memorial Forest Park The Woodlands
Easter Seals of Greater Houston
Field of Vision, LLC
Happier at Home
Hearts at Home Senior Care
Houston Area Parkinson's Society
Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging
Lone Star Legal Aid
Mom's Care Plan
Park Manor of The Woodlands
Spring Creek Village Assisted Living & Memory Care
Sycamore Creek Ranch Memory Care
The Alzheimer's Association
The Magnolia House of The Woodlands
The Village at The Woodlands Waterway
The Woodlands Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Services
TIRR Memorial Hermann
Village Care Homes
Vitas Healthcare



PRESENT THE SPRING 2019

Caregivers CONFERENCE



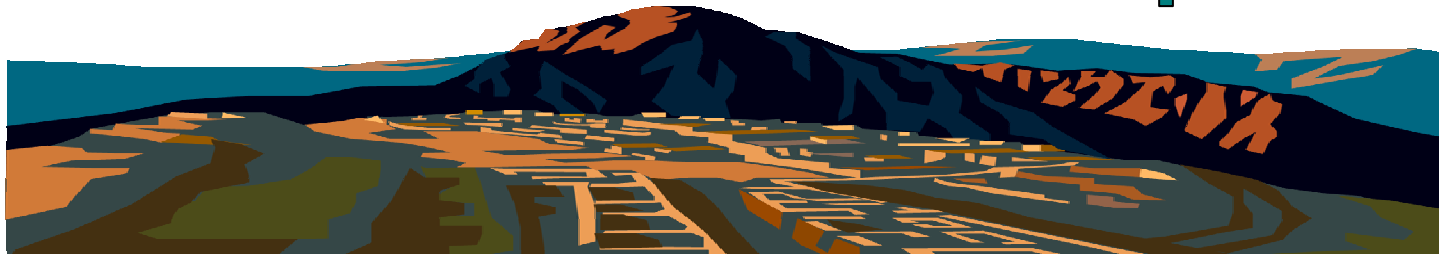
SPECIAL SESSION
Ask the Experts: Elder Law Panel

Free skill-building and informative workshops for family members caring for a loved one, including children with special needs.

Saturday, May 4, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Christ Church United Methodist
 6363 Research Forest Drive

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Call Raymona Lewis, Interfaith of The Woodlands,
 at 281-367-1230 or
 Becky Villarreal, CarePartners,
 at 713-682-5995.
woodlandsinterfaith.org

2019 Peru Mission Trip



WCPC has the opportunity once again to join First Presbyterian Church Kingwood on a Mission Trip to Manchay

First Presbyterian Church Kingwood has invited WCPC to join them on their mission trip as they return to the barrio hills of La Molina (Lima) for a medical clinic and vacation bible school in support of the local church in Manchay. The trip is scheduled for **July 26 through August 3** (Friday – Saturday). **Deadline to sign up is May 1.** For more information, contact Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779 or gary.chapman5206@gmail.com.

Trip is Open to High School Graduates & Above
Limited Space and Some Scholarship Money Available



Family Promise at WCPC for Two Weeks in June

This year will be WCPC's fifth year to host Family Promise, which provides homeless families in Montgomery County with temporary places to stay, meals, and a program that helps them find permanent housing, transportation, and employment. **Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 2 through Sunday, June 16**, which is the first two weeks after school is out. Many volunteers are needed over the two week period to fill such jobs as meal prep and evening hosts, overnight hosts, transportation AM and PM, breakfast and day hosts on the weekends and laundry assistance for bedding and towels. And of course, volunteers are needed to transform HEB into a home for our guests, and then to return it to classrooms after their two week stay. **Beginning in May you can sign up for one of these volunteer spots through SignUpGenius on our website or in the courtyard on Sunday mornings.** If you have questions, please contact Warren Evans at 713-299-7323 or Michele Stelter @ 281-363-2040 x 7.

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.



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HOW:

Donate, Buy or Volunteer

No TV's accepted; Pick up of donation items not available
 Donation drop offs accepted beginning April 1

WHAT:

RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN:

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

7am-12 noon

Doors open at 7am. No pre-shopping

WHY:

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

Questions? Contact Jullie Jones at 832-326-6316

**GET YOUR
 RID OF
 STUFF**

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

Who loves a good rebate? Me! Did you know that The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency will give you a credit on your water bill when you purchase certain rain barrels, rain sensors, drip irrigation systems, smart controllers, and even native plants? They will! Just go to their website to get all the particulars: www.wjpa.org/services/rebates. You will get 50% of the purchase price, up to \$150. That's a lot of green!



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

A CREATION CARE TEAM TIP: WJPA REBATES ON YOUR WATER BILL

Do you want to make a few improvements to reduce your outdoor water use? If you are a resident living in any of the 10 MUDs served by The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency, you are eligible for a one-time rebate on your water bill for a portion of the purchase cost and installation of a few helpful aids. Included are:

- Rain barrels – reuse natural rainwater for your garden beds
- Rain sensors – reduce overwatering
- Drip irrigation – reduce water loss by evaporation
- Smart controllers – reduce overwatering

Native Plants (see suppliers*) – are hearty and can tolerate drought

The rebate is for 50% of the purchase price and installation of any of the above improvements, up to \$150, and the maximum is cumulative.

Residents may submit their receipts in person to the Customer Service Desk at the Water Resources Building, 2455 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands 77380 or email them to billingdepartment@wjpa.org.

More information: The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency

Easy way to do DOUBLE GOOD!

Just purchase your rain barrel online from The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N. before April 27. A portion of the funds raised will support environmental education in The Woodlands area with college scholarships, library donations, lectures, field trips, and other environmental education activities.

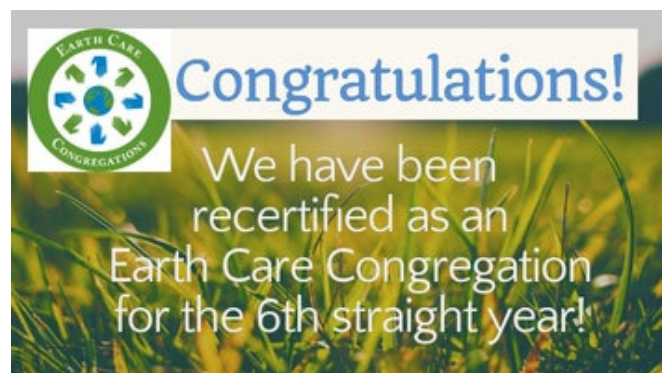
For more information and to order: The Woodlands GREEN

*Participating Nurseries for Native Plant Rebates

Nature's Way Resources
101 Sherbrook Circle, Conroe 77385

Alsbaugh's Ace Hardware of The Woodlands
10720 Kuykendahl Rd., The Woodlands 77381

The Arbor Gate
15635 FM 2920, Tomball 77377





Toast & Taste 2019

CHEARS TO ALL EARS!

PLEASE JOIN US APRIL 26TH

The Woodlands Country Club, Palmer Course
6:30 p.m. Doors Open • 7:15 p.m. Dinner Served

Please visit <https://allearscenter.org/toast-taste-2019> for ticket information.
If unable to attend, please help us teach deaf children to talk by donating today.

“Celebrating 5 Years of Sound”

DRESS IN CELEBRATION CHIC!

You can even wear denim ;)



ALL EARS! Listening & Language Center is the only preschool and Auditory Verbal Center in Montgomery County where children who have hearing loss learn listening, spoken language and literacy skills, without financial burden to their families. Proudly, ALL EARS! is a mission supported by The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.





The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



“Behold, I make all things new.” Revelations 21:5. Does this promise send chills down your spine, yet give you the greatest sense of overwhelming peace and comfort at the same time? As believers and followers of Christ we are cleansed and made new. Jesus not only forgives us, but He lives through us!

As early childhood educators at ELP, we pray daily for The Lord to radiate through us in everything we say and do with our students and their families. We feel honored that we have this daily opportunity to touch these young minds and be the hands and feet of Jesus and help our children learn about this new life in Christ. It is a gift to share Christ’s love with our little ones and be the first to teach them just how freeing it is to follow Christ.

Spring has definitely sprung here at ELP! Our month starts off with one of our favorites chapel lessons; the ultimate story of New Life with the resurrection of Jesus. The children will be making their very own set of resurrection eggs, and they will be able to take them home to share the story of New Life in Jesus!

Our Spring Fling, which is where we celebrate and explore nature’s signs of New Life, will take place April 16-18. We will explore the complete life cycle of butterflies starting with larvae and ending up with a butterfly release. We will have a lady bug tent filled with lady bugs, a water table filled with soil and earth worms, ant farms, planting opportunities, and other spring games that will immerse us in the many blessings God gives us every day.

We are filled with joy and thank you for your love and support!

Cindy

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

Moms' Group of WCPC

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

Apr 1st Mom's Meeting 9:30-11:30 Fellowship Hall– Help with Rummage Sale
Apr 6th Church-wide Rummage Sale 7:00-12:00 Fellowship Hall Come and find someone else's trash become your treasures. Get great deals at low prices! Proceeds go towards supporting our children, tween and youth ministries. Contact Jullie Jones at julliej@wcpc-tx.org for more information or to volunteer.
Apr 8th Mission Monday 9:30 -11:30 Art Room-CE 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 as we pack up bags for the Meals on Wheels Montgomery County (MOWMC) Breakfast Bags and Kids' Meals lunch bag program. *RSVP to Susan Duncan at SDuncan@wcpc-tx.org for childcare.
Apr 15th Good Friday Prep 9:30-11:30 Art Room-CE Come together to join in some fun fellowship and help get things prepped for the Annual Good Friday Egg Hunt.
Apr 19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt 10:00-11:00 Fellowship Hall Join us at the annual WCPC/ELP Good Friday Egg Hunt. Festivities include games, crafts, lunch, & an Egg Hunt! Please bring 12 filled eggs & a basket/container for each child.
Apr 27th Parent's Night Out 5:00-8:00 PM CHEB Nurseries This month's theme is Earth Day. Kids will enjoy dinner (pizza), a movie (The Lorax), and crafts right here at WCPC. Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted. RSVP to Susan Duncan (sduncan@wcpc-tx.org).
Apr 29th Bible/Book Study 9:30-11:30 Art Room-CE This year we will be reading <i>Power of a Positive Mom</i> 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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Sarah Parker (Duck mom)	ssnyder888@gmail.com
Robin Ward	robinmctx@yahoo.com

YOGA AT WCPC

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

YOUTH **(SAVE THE DATE)** **FELLOWSHIP & EVENTS**

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

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HIKE & PICNIC APRIL 28



Join us for lunch at church followed by hiking and fun at Burroughs Park! Bring anything you might like to play like soccer ball, football, frisbee, etc. There is a lake for fishing too! We will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch after the 11 o'clock service and then head to the park. Dress for fun and hiking. Pick up is at the church around 3:30-4pm. Families are welcome to join us for this fun outing! Please RSVP to Shirley Barclay so we can be sure to have plenty of drivers. Contact Danelle Liddell with any questions.

**April 15th Deadline for Youth Camp
Scholarship Paperwork**
Please turn in to SBarclay@wcpc-tx.org.

**SUMMER 2019
CONFERENCES**

MO RANCH
SR HIGH
CELEBRATION
June 23-28, 2019

MO RANCH
JR HIGH
JUBILEE II
July 7-11, 2019

Director of Children's Ministry:	Susan Duncan	sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
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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.*

Junior High Jubilee July 7-11 \$500

Registration for Mo Ranch has already begun! Please contact the church office to fill out a form and reserve a spot for your youth. There is limited space for each conference! Registration Due by May 1st for Celebration and May 15th for Jr. High Jubilee. **Limited spots available!**



2019 theme—*Don't Be Afraid, Y'all!*

Scripture: Luke 2:10 *"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.'"*

During Jr. High Jubilee, rising 8th-9th (completed 7th through 8th grade) youth come together to be inspired to grow in their faith by learning and living the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hundreds of youth participants will gather together in the Hill Country for an unforgettable Mo-Ranch experience that's filled with new friends, spiritual enrichment, worship, study and recreation. Activities will include everything from taking a challenge on the Mo ropes course, dancing, games, energizers, vespers and pop-sicle parties, to aquathons, sports, evening movies, swimming in the beautiful Guadalupe, singing God's praises and more!

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

Keynote and worship sessions

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

Energizers

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

Small groups

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

Home groups

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

Vespers

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

Conference Goals

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

HJ keynote session II: The Rev. Christopher Lee



The Rev. Christopher Lee is the associate pastor for discipleship and play for Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church in Richardson, Texas. He was born in Charlotte and was raised in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Chris is married to his college sweetheart, Brandy, and they have two beautiful daughters, Erin and Jordyn. He is a graduate, cum laude, of Johnson C. Smith University earning a bachelor of arts degree in communications with a concentration in public relations. In 2012, he earned a master of divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and he recently received his certification in executive leadership (CEL) from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to God's call to Canyon Creek, he served as the associate pastor at Avondale Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Prior to ordination, Chris served as the director of youth ministry at three other churches in the Charlotte area. Chris's passion for outreach and community engagement is clear in his involvement with local schools, non-profit organizations and community agencies at various levels. He has been a part of, and facilitated many, discussions and panels in the community that deal with issues such as spiritual empowerment, community development and social justice. Chris believes that God has called him to live out a ministry that seeks to engage with Christ as Christ is working in culture, unafraid and unashamed in welcoming strangers, engaging in theological discourse and embracing the tough questions that culture, life and scripture present.

Youth Celebration June 23-28 \$550

Youth Celebration is a conference for high school students rising 10th (completed 9th)-graduating 12th grade. It's a week filled with exploration of faith, worship, new friends and recreation. This conference begins on Sunday evening with the "big hello" and closes with the "big goodbye" on Friday morning. Conference activities include energizers, keynote presentations, worship and music, small groups, afternoon recreation and evening vespers.

2019 theme is *Seeking the Voice* Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-13

"He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'"

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

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

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



Small group leader coordinator: Rev. Krystal Leedy Rev. Krystal Leedy serves as an associate pastor at University Presbyterian Church where her primary responsibilities include caring for, and working alongside of, college students and young adults, and she passionately serves the church through the service and social witness committees. Krystal serves on the UKirk National Board of campus ministers for the PC(USA) Texas Impact which is a local faith-based lobbying organization for the state of Texas and Mission Presbytery's Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee. In her spare time, Krystal loves family time with her husband, John; daughter, Lorelai; and dog, Cricket. She can also be found sipping on chai tea with friends and playing the djembe.



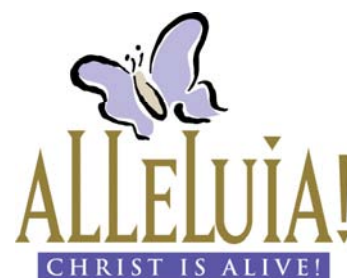
Recreation leader: Rev. John Leedy Rev. John Leedy was raised in Houston, Texas and has been a life long Presbyterian. His calling into ministry began when he was a high school student, and he has since dedicated his life and professional career to helping students understand their place in God's world. John graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Family Ministry. After marrying his wife, Krystal, in 2006, he moved to Austin; he then completed a Master of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2011. John currently serves as an associate pastor at University Presbyterian Church. John cares passionately about Christian formation, liturgy, the ancient spiritual disciplines of pilgrimage and the Labyrinth. When he is not at church hanging out with the youth congregation, he enjoys camping, playing the bagpipes, traveling the world, and spending time with his wife and daughter, Lorelai. Also, for the record, he does have the lyrics to the Boom Shakalaka energizer memorized.






Worship leader: Rev. Rose McCurdy Rev. Rose McCurdy has been living in Wisconsin since 2013, and during her time there, she was ordained in Winnebago Presbytery to the validated Ministry of Hospice and Bereavement Care. On September 1, 2017, Rose became the designated pastor of First Presbyterian Winneconne. She serves on the commission on ministry and the nominating committee; she was also a commissioner to the 223 GA last June. Rose has received special ministry training in spiritual formation and the cultivation of life-giving spiritual practices. She is well versed in grief and loss support, and she has a love for the artistry and creativity in worship. Many describe her preaching as conversational and heartfelt. Rose tries to be real, raw and honest as a leader. She knows that she needs a savior, too, and doesn't claim to have all the answers for life's questions. Rose is a mother, a pastor's spouse, a dog owner and a watercolor artist. She seeks to show love and grace through her everyday encounters. She is delighted to be a part of Youth Celebration's leadership panel this summer. She previously served as a program facilitator during her college years and served as the camp chaplain after seminary. Rose was even baptized at Mo-Ranch; she views Mo as her spiritual home, and she can't wait to share God's love with another generation of youth!



Music leader: Rev. Jorge Sayago-Gonzalez Originally from Puerto Rico, Jorge Sayago-Gonzalez is a singer-songwriter with over 15 years of experience as a musician and worship leader in both Puerto Rico and the United States. He earned his undergraduate degree in music from the University of Puerto Rico and received his Master of Divinity from Louisville Seminary. Jorge finds great energy and joy in the power of liberation and unity through music. Pastor Jorge also completed a residency program with the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, KY. For the past 7 years, he served as the associate pastor for youth and young adults at Second Presbyterian Church in Louisville. Jorge currently serves as the chaplain at St. Stephen's Episcopal Day School in Coconut Grove, FL.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Mom's Drop & Go 9:00-12 noon HEB nurseries, rsvp to Susan ¹	²	WAM 4:15 chimes ³ 2nd-6th 4:45 Choirs 3 yrs-6th grade 5:30 dinner 6:30 youth Bible study	⁴	Preschool Parents Fellowship at House of Pies 6:30-9 pm child-care in HEB nurseries, rsvp to Susan ⁵	Rummage Sale ⁶ at WCPC 7-12 noon, benefitting children & youth camp scholarships
Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45 am ⁷	ELP Mom's Mosaics 9:00-12 childcare in HEB nurseries ⁸	⁹	WAM 4:15 chimes ¹⁰ 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner 6:30 youth	¹¹	¹²	¹³
 Palm Sunday worship 8:30 & 11 am, SS 9:45 ¹⁴	Mom's Drop & Go 9:00-12 noon HEB nurseries, rsvp to Susan ¹⁵	¹⁶	WAM 4:15 chimes ¹⁷ 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner 6:30 youth	Maundy Thursday service 7 pm ¹⁸	Easter Egg Hunt 10-11 Good Friday service 12:30 pm ¹⁹	²⁰
 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Festival 9:45 am ²¹	Church office closed for Easter holiday, no ELP ²²	²³	WAM 4:15 chimes ²⁴ 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner 6:30 youth	²⁵	²⁶	PNO Earth Day ²⁷ 5-8 pm in HEB nurseries, rsvp to sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
Earth Care Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday school 9:45 am ²⁸	ELP Mom's movie outing details TBA, childcare in HEB nurseries ²⁹	³⁰				

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parenting
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. Please remember to sign your child in and leave a number or church location you can be reached in case of emergency.

Childcare for worship and under 3 Sunday school in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.



Children's Worship Class



Worship Class: April 28th at 11:00am sermon time. Our lesson is on the Sacraments of Communion and Baptism.



Important Summer Dates & Camp Dates for 2019!

Deadline has passed for all ages Camp Scholarship Paperwork, decisions will be made and parents notified in April. **Family Fun Day April 14th!**

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 sign up their children those weeks for camp. (Reminder **July 15th-19th is VBS Week**, and **Aug 5-7th is the tentative week of Servin' Safari** for Jr High youth

(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 email sduncan@wcpc-tx.org for information about Children's programs.

Sunday School



Preschool class Studying Miracles of Jesus and Palm Sunday, Easter stories
K-2nd Grade Rotation Topic this month: Palm Sunday Through Easter
3rd & 4th Grade Lectionary Texts on Jesus' Ministry in Luke
Godly Play stories: The Mystery of Easter and Jesus the King

April 27th PNO

Children ages 0-10 years join us for Earth Day Fun from 5-8 pm on Saturday **April 27th at WCPC** in the Hendricks Building Nursery rooms 307-309. We will be serving pizza and a fruit or vegetable side for dinner. *You may also bring a sack lunch for any non-pizza eaters.*

We will be making Earth Day crafts and going on a nature scavenger hunt! So plan a little fun time off and let your children come here for some fun with their friends. We will finish by watching the video *The Lorax*. Donations for pizza are gratefully accepted!

RSVP by 3/21 sduncan@wcpc-tx.org



Holy Week

WCPC will once again offer **Self-Directed Holy Week Stations** from **April 15th-20th** in the prayer garden. Rev Laura and Susan have set these stations up for families in some form for many years. If you have not stopped by and participated please try to come by anytime of day that week.

Save the Date!

VBS is July 15th-19th

Registration ends for the congregation Sunday **April 21st**. VBS Planning Meetings start on June 3rd on Monday's 9:30-12

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

April Children's Ministry News



Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday April 14th

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

Children may take a palm home after the service!



April 18th, 7 pm

Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will be learning about Jesus and the Last Supper during April Sunday school and will be encouraged to come and take communion and worship during this meaningful Holy Week service. Children miss most of the wonder and mystery of Holy Week if they go from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the celebration of Easter morning and don't experience the sorrow of Jesus' Last Supper and death on Good Friday. All ages children are welcome to attend and childcare will be available for the youngest children in HEB 307.



April 21st is Easter Sunday

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



Communications Corner

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

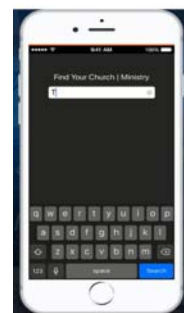
Newsletter: Articles due March 15 for the April 2019 newsletter.

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/>

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1 – Click **MyWCPC** below.

2 – Select Need a Login?

3 – Enter Email, First & Last Name.

4 – Use the email you receive to set your password.

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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.

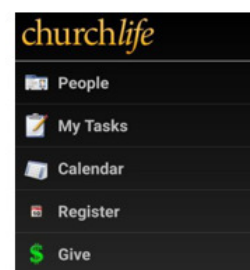
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Use the Church life App for:

- 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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April

3 Tween Fellowship- help with Rummage Sale

5 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship

6 Rummage Sale

13 Chris Tomlin Concert

14 Palm Sunday

18 Maundy Thursday

19 Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday Worship Service

21 Easter

27 Parent's Night Out

28 Youth Hike/Picnic Fellowship

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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

2 Graduation Sunday

7 Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship

2-16 Family Promise

22 Parent's Night Out

23-28 Sr High Celebration

July

7-11 Jr High Jubilee II

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:

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

