

The Good News Herald



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

4881 W. Panther Creek Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77381

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www.wcpc-tx.org

March 2019

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

SELF-GUIDED ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 6, 2019

10:30 am—Dusk

Please join us in the courtyard and prayer garden for a self-guided service of scripture reading, prayer, contemplative activities, and the imposition of ashes.

Age appropriate activities are available for non-readers and early readers.

Ash Wednesday
March 6



TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 7PM
Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family:

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. We will gather at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary to begin our Lenten journey together in worship. At the conclusion of the service those wishing to have the imposition of ashes on their foreheads in the sign of the cross will be invited to come forward and as the ashes are placed hear these words: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Some might ask why we do this? The ashes are a reminder of our mortality and also our penitence as we confess our sins and embrace the gift of grace offered in Christ. We can't save ourselves. We depend solely on God's gra-

ciousness and mercy.

Our Lenten theme for Sunday worship is "God On The Move." If you read the gospels you note that Jesus was always "on the move." God in Christ through the Holy Spirit is also "on the move." On the move in our world, in our church, and in our lives. Here are the texts and titles of the messages:

March 10	Luke 4: 1 – 13 "God Moves...Into the Desert"
March 17	Luke 13: 31 – 35 "God Moves...Past All Obstacles"
March 24	Stephen Ministry Sunday
March 31	Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b – 32" "God Moves Down the Road"
April 7	John 12: 1 – 8 "God Moves Us...To Empty Ourselves"
April 14	Palm Sunday "The Last Seven Words of Christ" Sanctuary Choir (both services)
April 21	EASTER Luke 24: 1 – 12 "God Moves...Out of the Tomb"

We will also have special services for Holy Week which will be announced through the Life of the Church and also April's newsletter. Lent provides us with the opportunity to ready ourselves for Easter morning.

Your pastor,

David Jones

P.S. If you read the newsletter please email me at djones@wcpc-tx.org We are trying to determine its effectiveness.

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,

In a few days, on March 6, we begin our observance of the season of Lent. The season of Lent offers us the opportunity to grow in our faith through prayer and spiritual discipline as we prepare to remember Christ's death and resurrection. In the ancient church, the season of Lent was the time during which candidates prepared for Baptism. Repentance, turning and returning to God, and reconciliation are often major themes in the Lenten observance. During these forty days we are reconciled to God and to one another. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes (in many traditions and congregations) with the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday.

Throughout this holy, reflective season, I encourage you to find a practice or set of practices that draw you closer to God. Perhaps you will find study meaningful—find a Lenten devotional that you can use on a regular basis. This year I am using *Forgiveness* by Marjorie Thompson. Perhaps service is where you will find closeness with God this Lent. There are numerous ways you can be involved in service, but you may find the One Great Hour of Sharing *Engagement Map* to be a useful tool as you prepare for this special offering. (We will have a limited number of copies at the self-guided Ash Wednesday service or you can find it at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/one-great-hour-sharing-engagement-map/>.) Perhaps the spiritual discipline you find meaningful for you during Lent is fasting. I love the way Marjorie Thompson addresses the Lenten Fast in her book on Christian spiritual disciplines, *Soul Feast*. She encourages those of us who choose a Lenten fast to not trivialize this practice giving up dessert or chocolate (or social media in this era) for the purpose of accomplishing our ends but instead to ask ourselves what God wants to accomplish through this practice. She suggests that fasting should help us restore our communion with God. As you fast, if you fast, this Lent, I pray that it is a time and a practice that brings you further into the presence of the living God.

I love the Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent found in our *Book of Common Worship*. In part, it reads:

Beloved people of God:
every year at the time of the Christian Passover
we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery*.
We begin this holy season
by acknowledging our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

[We] invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by meditating on God's word.

Grace and Peace,

Laura

*The mystery of Christ's suffering, death, resurrection and his sending of the Holy Spirit

Sources:

The Office for Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). *Book of Common Worship*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.

Thompson, Marjorie J. *Soul Feast: an Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. Westminster John Knox, 2015.

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
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Parish Associate: Rev. Warren Johnson	Children's Ministries: Susan Duncan, Director		

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Nancy Castro	Todd Duncan	Pierce Burnette
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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! 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.

Garden As If Life Depended On It. Because It Does.

Insect populations are declining precipitously worldwide with a potentially catastrophic effect on the planet.

"If we continue to landscape predominately with alien plants that are toxic to insects...we may witness extinction on a scale that exceeds what occurred when a meteor struck the Yucatan peninsula....If instead we use [native] plants that evolved [in our area] as the foundation of our landscapes....we will ...coexist with nature rather than compete with her."

—Bringing Nature Home, Douglas W. Tallamy

*Have you seen the new blue recycle bins around the church campus? I think they look nice! Maybe the pretty blue color and recycle logo will be a good reminder to deposit **ONLY** clean plastic and aluminum drink containers and paper. No food. No chocolate cake! No old toothpaste tubes, cigarette butts or broken pencils. That all goes in the trash. That's it. I've had my say. I feel better now. Thank you.*



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

Many thanks to all of you for the prayers, cards, visits, and offers to bring supplies and treats during my recent extensive hospitalization and rehabilitations; and the meals when I got home.

I missed you all and our beautiful Sanctuary during the Advent Season. I feel very blessed to be a part of such an awesome, caring congregation. There's no place like WCPC!

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,
Tricia Knight

Stephen Ministry Is Your Ministry...

All Alone? Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. God wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Need prayer? We'll be there for you. Following worship, Stephen Ministers are available for those in need of prayer.



WCPC Earth Day GreenUp Team

Sign up now for the **WCPC Earth Day GreenUp Team** scheduled for March 23, 8:30 am to 11:00 am. To sign up, contact Tim Moore , tjmandcsm@sbcglobal.net, or David Hitchcock, dhitchcocktx@gmail.com. Or sign up on Sunday. You will be sent further details for registration.

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:

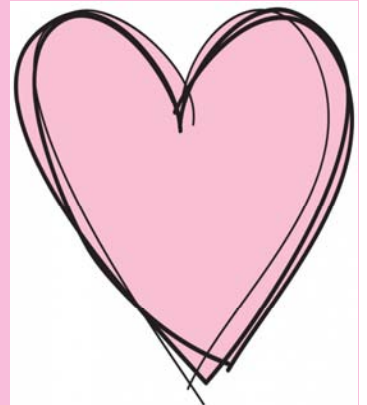
Mar 11—*Heart: A History* by Sandeep Jauhar

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

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

Moms in Mission

Spring is in the air - try something new! Join Moms in Mission for fellowship and lunch on Wed., March 6, at 11:30, at Crust Pizza - Panther Creek, 4775 W Panther Creek Dr. We'll meet again on Wed., March 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

March 27, 2019

11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Please join us as we celebrate friendships and fellowship at WCPC as we welcome Spring. 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!

LENTEN CHALLENGE

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

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).



RUMMAGE SALE DETAILS

We will be holding our annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 6th from 7AM-noon. All the proceeds from the sale will go to the scholarship funds for children and youth summer activities. A tithe of the amount collected will go to benefit All Ears! Family camp. The Rummage Sale is a lot of fun and there are many different ways for you to be involved.

Donate items to be sold. Items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall beginning noon Sunday, March 31st. Items will be accepted until noon April 5th. From housewares to sporting equipment and seasonal items, you can donate almost anything. **We cannot accept TVs or mattresses. We will not pick up any items from your home.**

Volunteer to sort, price, and stage the donated items. Visit the church website and find the Rummage Sale Sign-up Genius for a time slot. If you aren't available during the week, but still want to help- we need the following items donated: hangers for clothes or lunches for the volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Work the event on Saturday, April 6th! We will need many hands to make sure the event runs smoothly.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Jullie Jones. So start your spring cleaning and get rid of those items you no longer need or want. As long as you can get them up here, we'll be happy to sell them for you. Thank you!

Easter Ferns and Hydrangeas Taking Orders Now!



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





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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
RED OF
YOUR
STUFF

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

Hello Spring



Saturday, March 30, 2019

9:30am-2:15pm

Breakfast and Lunch included

Brenham Presbyterian Church

900 S. Jackson Street

Brenham, Texas 77833

Office: 979-836-7632

Register by March 23rd- \$16

Walk-in Registration- \$20

Benefit Drawings

Other reasons to visit Brenham

- Worship in Brenham PC's historic sanctuary built in 1913
- Wild flower season
- Lovely boutique shops in downtown Brenham
- Visit Bluebell Creamery's new Visitor Center and Gift Shop

**Presbyterian Women
invite ALL WOMEN to**

New Covenant Presbytery Spring Gathering



HEALING JUSTICE

Speakers:

Rev. Emilee Whitehurst, Houston Area Women's Center

Phoebe Lake, New Leaf Nursery, "Plants in the Bible"

Worship: Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Development Officer

Mission Opportunities:

Faith Mission and Help Center is a multi-campus, faith-based community working to help people become self-sufficient through emergency assistance and paths to long-term improvement in Washington County.

faithmission.us Please consider bringing full sized toiletries for distribution to their clients.

- shampoo
- deodorant
- toothbrushes & toothpaste
- soap
- **or** canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, and fruit for the pantry.

Go to www.pbynewcovenant.org (under Ministries tab) for complete information and registration form.



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.



Mission Outreach Team (MOT)



Sicuani Bible Seminary
Sicuani, Peru

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, March 5th.** 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.



WCPC Supports Building Campaign at Sicuani Bible Seminary

The Sicuani Bible Seminary initiated a campaign late last year to begin raising funds in support of a building program to provide additional classrooms and a new men's dormitory in 2019. Their existing space has become inadequate for the increasing student enrollment and results in over-crowding. The Peru Mission Team organized a campaign at WCPC to help support their effort. Over the past three months, WCPC raised \$10,000 through craft sales and donations for building supplies at the Alternative Market, allocation of associated designated funds, and individual donations. Thanks to your support, the seminary is well on its way to improving the educational space and living accommodations for its students by the end of the year.



WCPC Helps Save 69 Lives!

Thanks to all the WCPC members and friends who participated in the February 10th blood drive. Twenty-three pints of blood were collected, which means 69 lives were saved!

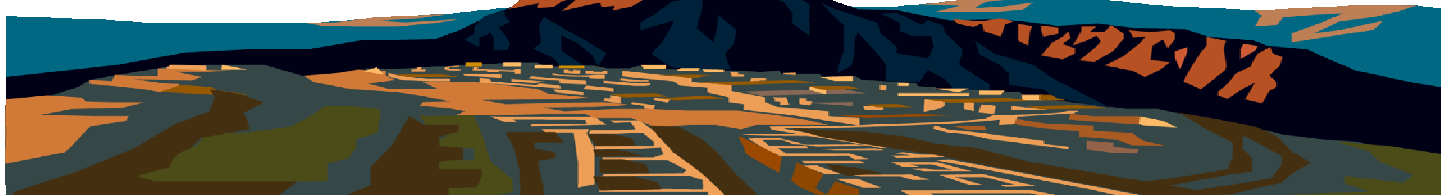
Mark Your Calendar Now:
Next Blood Drive is Sunday, Oct. 27th



Kids' Meals to Start in Montgomery County

With the help of our recent Christmas Offering of almost \$12,000, Kids' Meals is scheduled to start delivering meals to food insecure pre-school children in Montgomery County on March 11th. Once the program is up and running, the Mission Outreach Team plans to make lunches with fresh sandwiches in addition to the current shelf-stable lunches. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, contact Ingrid Fowler at billandingrid@sbcglobal.net or Michele Stelter in the church office.

2019 Peru Mission Trips



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

First Presbyterian Church Bryan has invited WCPC to join them on their mission trip to the Andean rain forest city of Quillabamba, “the land of perpetual summer,” where the team will provide a medical clinic and vacation bible school. The trip is scheduled for **May 17-27**. Opportunities for medical professionals consist of triage, medical assessments, filling prescriptions and fitting reading glasses. Other team members will assist with the delivery of health & wellness workshops and VBS activities including art, music, puppets, exercise and children’s sports activities. Spanish speaking team members can help with translation in any and all areas of the mission effort. For more information: contact the Peru Mission Coordinator, Trish Burk at (979) 220-4955/ pagburk@suddenlink.net. You can obtain an application from Gary Chapman (281-361-5779) or at gary.chapman5206@gmail.com. **Deadline to apply is March 20.**

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.

Possible WCPC Mission Trip to Sicuani

WCPC is considering a mission trip to visit the Sicuani Bible Seminary. This trip would follow the FPC-Kingwood mission trip to Manchay and would focus on a one day, relationship visit with the faculty and students at the seminary and would most likely depart from Lima on **August 3rd**. If you are interested in going, please contact Gary Chapman at 281-361-5779 or gary.chapman5206@gmail.com. The specific details for this trip will be developed following an indication of interest in visiting Sicuani this year.

2019 Peru Mission Trip Information Meeting

There will be an Information Meeting **in HEB 302 on Sunday March 3, following the 11:00 worship service**, to provide more information and to answer any questions you might have about the Mission Trips to Quillabamba and Manchay. Potential interest in a WCPC trip to Sicuani will also be explored at this time. Please come to the meeting if you’re interested in participating in any of these trips in 2019 or contact Gary Chapman (281-361-5779) or at gary.chapman5206@gmail.com.

**All Trips are Open to High School Graduates (at least 18 years old) & Above
Limited Space and Some Scholarship Money Available**

Come Celebrate

St. Patrick's
Day

at

The Gathering Place

Friday, March 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 March

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 chicken, chili & tuna
peanut butter, jam, diapers, baby wipes
toothpaste, toothbrushes & other 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)

Meals on Wheels Needs Ensure or Glucerna

Many of the seniors in our community can only consume Ensure or Glucerna. Sometimes it's for a period of time after they've had surgery and are recovering, but many are on a liquids only diet all the time. It currently costs Meals on Wheels Montgomery County (MOWMC) over \$60,000/year to provide this supplement. MOWMC is trying to partner with churches within our community to let them know of this need and to ask for assistance.

Please consider purchasing vanilla, chocolate or strawberry Ensure or Glucerna for MOWMC. They will also take donations of any unused bottles you or someone you know no longer needs so long as they are not past their expiration date. Just put the bottles on the specially marked shelf in the WCPC Food Pantry, and we will deliver them to MOWMC. If we all work together, we can help to keep our seniors well-nourished and in their homes where they wish to live.



WCPC Volunteers Make 8,000 Jars of Peanut Butter!

Nineteen members and friends of WCPC worked the AM shift from 7:30 am until noon on Friday, February 22nd to produce 8,000 jars of peanut butter at the LDS cannery just off of FM1960. Their efforts did not go unnoticed as the following is an excerpt from the thank-you note we received from Tommy Cheney of the Peanut Butter Factory:

On behalf of us at the peanut butter cannery and the Feeding America Program, we would again like to thank our friends at The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church for coming and helping with this great cause. You continue to be one of our dependable groups that supports doing work behind the scenes to help those in need. Thanks for the helping hands in looking after the poor and needy. With all your help this year your group helped produce over 130,000 meals. That is a lot of sandwiches.



**Mark Your Calendars Now:
Next date to make peanut butter is Thursday, Nov 7th**



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER
Serving Montgomery County

Community Assistance Center is New Mission Outreach Partner

After a very positive experience working with the Community Assistance Center, formerly known as the Crisis Assistance Center, on Love Your Neighbor Day, the Mission Outreach Team decided to add them as a mission outreach partner. The Community Assistance Center (CAC) is a comprehensive resource to the residents of Montgomery County when it is most needed. They provide assistance and crisis intervention to our county neighbors for the following: rent or mortgage, emergency shelter vouchers, utility assistance, food and nourishment (client choice food pantry, Saturday food markets and Kid's Café), prescription drugs, homeless care kits, transportation vouchers and clothing. They also help with disaster relief & recovery, information & referrals, ID restoration ministry through their partnership with First Methodist Conroe and holiday assistance programs. Strengthened through collaboration with community and faith partners, CAC honors and restores the dignity of individuals and families to attain greater levels of responsibility and financial independence, by delivering assistance and life lasting strategic solutions.

MOT plans to develop the relationship with CAC through both financial and volunteer support.. On Love Your Neighbor Day, WCPC paid for the food as well as provided the necessary volunteers to distribute the food to 250+ needy families at CAC's Saturday food market. Another group of WCPC members and friends worked in CAC's Unique Resale Shop that day sorting donations. Their resale shop provides funding for their programs as well as voucher assistance with clothing, houseware items, furniture, shoes, and accessories for their clients in need. MOT will offer the opportunity to members and friends of WCPC sometime this summer to pack homeless care kits, which consist of bottled water, various snacks, pop top cans of protein and fruit, a pair of socks and travel-size personal hygiene items. CAC offers these care kits to their homeless clients on a daily basis. On the recommendation of Nancy Heintz, the MOT advocate for the Montgomery County Homeless Coalition, the Benevolence money set aside for the homeless in Montgomery County will be given to CAC for their emergency shelter voucher program this year. The Salvation Army often provides the first week of shelter free to CAC clients. CAC then provides one free voucher per year if available to eligible clients to stay one week at the Salvation Army. In 2018, CAC issued approximately 252 vouchers for individuals and families which cost more than \$15,000. Due to budget cuts this year, CAC will only be able to distribute 7 vouchers per month at a total cost of \$5,000. So, Nancy has asked MOT to assist the homeless in Montgomery County in 2019 by making a contribution to reduce this shortfall and such be able to provide more emergency housing.

If you are interested in becoming involved with our new mission outreach partner, CAC, please contact Michele Stelter at 281-363-2040 x7 or mstelter@wcpc-tx.org.

Moms' Group of WCPC

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

Mar 4th Moms' Meeting 9:30-11:30 Art Room-CE Let's Get to Spring Cleaning! Join us as we fellowship and do some Spring cleaning around the church. We'll start with the art room and continue with some other areas in need of some TLC.

Mar 18th Bible/Book Study 9:30-11:30 Art Room-CE This year we will be reading *Power of a Positive Mom* by Karol Ladd. Join us as we focus on Principle #2: The Power of Prayer. You can order a copy of the book through Amazon. Contact Marnie Bush (marniebush@gmail.com) for more information.

Mar 23rd Parents' Night Out 5:00-8:00 PM CHEB Nurseries This month's theme is Dr. Seuss. 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).

Mar 25th Mission Monday 9:30-11:30 Art Room-CE Mission Monday is an opportunity for us to fellowship together while contributing to a local outreach mission. Join us for a day of service here on campus as join forces with the ELP Moms' Group and 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.

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



All Ears! Family Night Thursday, March 7

Meet Mai! She is a new student at All Ears! learning to listen and speak. She is profoundly deaf and received her cochlear implants right before her 4th birthday. Come visit Mai at All Ears! All Ears! is now directly serving 16 children through the preschool program and Auditory Verbal Therapy sessions. We have over 35 attendees at our monthly Family Nights. Come join us March 7th at 6:00 in the CHEB for a session on Theory of Mind. RSVP to shelley@allearscenter.org

MEMORIAL AND CHARITABLE GIFTS TEAM UPDATE

In the fourth quarter of 2018 WCPC received a \$284,111 bequest from Steve Schoger's estate. This money was deposited into the Memorial Gifts fund to be used as decided by the Session. At the December 2018 meeting, the Session approved spending \$66,237 from this fund: \$28,000 for benevolences and \$38,237 returned to reserve funds that were used to cover shortfalls from the 2017 and 2018 operating budgets.

At the January 2019 meeting, the Session approved another \$60,850 in funding for several projects that were recommended by the Memorial and Charitable Gifts Team. These included \$20,000 to a reserve fund for Stephen Ministry (both Steve and Jody Schoger were active in Stephen Ministry), \$20,000 to install a shower facility in the nursery restroom of the Hendricks Education Building, \$8,100 to upgrade exterior door locks on all campus buildings, \$5,800 for 2 new pianos for the Music Ministry, \$2,500 to upgrade parking lot lights in the main parking lot, \$2,000 for Godly play materials, \$1,300 to purchase and install an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the Hendricks Education Building, \$700 for an Elmo projector and \$450 for installing programmable thermostats in the Hendrick Education Building.

After making these expenditures, the Memorial Gifts Fund will have a balance of \$164,122.

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 December 29



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church



The Wheels are turning at ELP! With transportation as our theme for March, we will be talking all about everything that travels by land, sky and sea. Our Bible verse this month is "God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9. We want to plant the seed of security in the hearts of our little ones. With Spring Break coming up this month, some of the children will be traveling. We want to plant the truth in their precious hearts that we are never absent from God! What a reassuring feeling they will have knowing that God is always watching over them and caring for them, even when they are away from their homes, the churches, and their school.

Later this month we will be roping off the parking lot for our Annual Road Rally. All of the children will bring their bikes and trikes from home and ride to their hearts content while their parents and teachers cheer them on. We will be closed for Spring Break the week of March 11-15. When we return from our break, we will begin sharing the story of Easter and celebrating how Jesus forever lives in us. It is such an honor and joy to be a part of this church ministry. We pray together as a staff each morning with grateful hearts that we can freely teach our children just how they were created by a loving God who sent His one and only Son for them! Please join us in prayer! We would love nothing more than to blanket every aspect of ELP in an abundance of prayers!

Thank you again for your support and prayers for this ministry. The staff and our ELP families appreciate you. We also thank you for the continued gift of childcare that you provide for our parents and children. Our Mommies have been blessed by their time together in fellowship on Mondays, and our parents' marriages are also blessed by the monthly Saturday night opportunities you provide for them to have a date night. Thank you! Please stop by and share a hug with us!

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 Worship Class



Worship Class: March 24th at
11:00 sermon time. Our lesson is
on Praise & Proclamation



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 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@wpcp-tx.org for
information about Children's programs.



Sunday School



Preschool class Studying Miracles of
Jesus

K-2nd Grade Rotation Topic this
month: **Four Friends**

3rd & 4th Grade Lectionary
Texts on Jesus' Ministry in
Luke

Godly Play stories: Jesus Heals Barti-
maeus and Jesus and Zacchaeus



March 23rd
PNO

Children ages 0-10
years join us for Dr.

Seuss Fun from 5-8 pm on Satur-
day **March 23rd 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 a craft and playing
Seussical games! So plan a little
fun time off and let your children
come here for some fun with their
friends. We will finish by watching
the video *The Lorax*. Donations
for pizza are gratefully accepted!*
RSVP by 3/21 sduncan@wpcp-tx.org



WCPC will once again offer **Self-
Directed Ash Wednesday Stations**
from **11-6 pm** on March 6th, Ash
Wednesday 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 March 6th and again the
week of Holy Week, April 14-19th.

Save the Date!






VBS is July 15th-19th
Registration starts Sunday
March 3rd

VBS Planning Mtg. 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 fore-
head, and write them on the doorpost of your house and on your
gates.
Deuteronomy 6:4-8



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			WAM 4:15 chimes 4:45 choirs 5:30 dinner 6:00 Youth Bible Study, Parent Fellowship		Tween Fellowship ¹ 6-8 Obstacle Warrior Kids Preschool Parent Fellowship 6:30-9 rsvp to Susan	²
8:30 Worship ³ 9:45-10:50 Sunday School VBS Registration starts 11:00 Worship	ELP Mom's 9-12 in Narthex Mom's Fellowship 9:30-11:30 Rm 200 childcare 307-8 rsvp to Susan	⁵	Stations 12-6 pm ⁶ Service 7 pm 	⁷	⁸	⁹ Lose 1 hour tonight! 
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & EVENTS

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

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, F

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:

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 the Junior High and Senior High youth are exploring the question "What's a Christian Anyway?" Both 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.

YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM SESSION

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



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION OPPORTUNITY MARCH 15



Please join us Friday, March 15 to volunteer at the Gathering Place held at WCPC in the fellowship hall. Please plan to arrive by 9:40 in order to get oriented. There are a variety of ways you can serve including helping to prepare lunch, serving snacks, helping with games and crafts, visiting with our guests, and more! Lunch is served (please RSVP so they can accommodate our group). At the Gathering Place, family caregivers caring for loved ones with memory loss, specifically mild to moderate Alzheimer's, other dementias or cognitive impairment can participate in this 3 to 3.5-hour program. Caregivers receive respite, a break from caregiving responsibilities, while their loved ones participate in planned activities such as games, music, arts, crafts, lunch and socialization. Following our time of service we will head out to a fun fellowship activity (to be determined).

March 24th Deadline for all ages Camp Scholarship Paperwork
Please turn in to Susan Duncan, Shirley Barclay.

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

Communications Corner

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

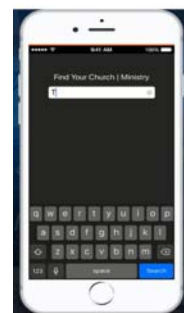
Newsletter: Articles due March 15 for the April 2019 newsletter.

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.

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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March

1 Fun Friday Obstacle Warrior Kids

Parents of Preschoolers Fellowship

1-3 Conclaves

6 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm

Lenten Stations in the Prayer Garden 10:30am-6pm

15 Youth Mission-Gathering Place Help

23 Parent's Night Out

April

3 Tween Fellowship- 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

