



The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
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Mar-Apr
2021

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

March and April Lenten and Easter Highlights.....A look ahead as we "Spring" forward!

March 28	Palm Sunday	8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services
March 28-April 2	Holy Week	Self Guided Meditations in the Prayer Garden
April 1	Maundy Thursday	Worship Service 7:00pm
April 2	Good Friday	Good Friday Worship Service, 12:00pm
April 4	Easter Sunday	8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services

Worship services available online and in person. Additional information on pages 6-7



Join us Sunday mornings
in person or online at 11 am
for worship.

View our
online service
on YouTube,
Facebook or
on our
website.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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Rev. Dr. David F.
Jones

Dear WCPC family,

We are in the middle of the Lenten season and longing for the “Alleluias” of Easter. But Lent is important. Confession as they say is good for the soul. It really is. Confession for our actions or lack of actions or our failure, not just as citizens but as disciples, to recognize the consequences that decisions made on our behalf have on the least among us.

The most recent example was the winter freeze that we just lived through. Well, most of us did. Some did not. I shared this in my message following the freeze and I want to repeat it now. As Texans, but more importantly as disciples of Christ, we must demand that our elected leaders act to prevent such an avoidable tragedy from happening again. I’m glad to see some have moved in that direction but I know how it goes. The further we get away from the event, well, people forget and move on. Let’s not let that happen. While most of us will recover, those who were vulnerable before are even more vulnerable now.

We continue, now over a year later, to live in the shadow of Covid. Over 500,000 deaths and the numbers of those who have died continues to grow. There is hope. More and more members of WCPC are being vaccinated. More and more of our neighbors as well. But now is not the time to let our guard down. One life is too high a price to pay for some temporary inconveniences.

Prayerfully we will learn important, life saving lessons, from the winter freeze as well as Covid. However if we deny the reality that serious mistakes were made we will only be inviting more such events in the years, decades to come. As I said in my sermon after the freeze. It’s not about scoring political points or placing blame. There is enough to go around. Instead let us acknowledge the truth, embrace the reality, and act appropriately. That will be my prayer for our nation and for disciples who are called to be vocal in supporting policies and actions that impact the “least among us.” And of course if our personal and corporate decisions impact the “least among us” it will also bless us as well who aren’t.

You will see in this newsletter our plans for Holy Week and Easter. Whether you attend in person or watch the live stream my prayer, our prayer, will be that Holy Week and the season of Easter which follows, will remind us again of God’s love and presence among us and God’s ability, even in the midst of a freeze and Covid, to bring forth hope and life.

Your pastor,

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.



Rev. Laura Grice

Dear Ones,

As I write this note, I realize that it has been nearly a year since rising COVID case numbers and safety protocols necessitated that WCPC close its campus. At that time, I packed up as many resources as I thought I would need for the next month or so and I, like so many of you, began the "adventure" of working from home. As so many of us did, I was both deeply grateful for and worried about those of you and those known to you who were needed in their frontline jobs. I cannot begin to name the gratitude I had and still have for all those who fill these essential roles within our society.

As time and the virus progressed, I have continued to find people, things, and situations to be grateful for. I am deeply grateful for the creative and flexible ways you all have continued to do ministry, and continue to be the church, WCPC, that we all love. You have loved your neighbors, your friends, your community, and your world. In October, I was amazed to read the details of your generosity in time, money, and in goods for our mission and our mission partners. I know you are a very generous and loving congregation, but seeing it all collected on one list floored me. I know this generosity has continued, and you have been hard at work all through this Covid-tide and especially through February's "Love Your Neighbor Month" caring for our community and those in need.

You have faithfully figured out tech challenges as we have moved our worship platforms from Facebook to YouTube, and to our website. As we opened our sanctuary for "in-person" worship you have followed the protocols our Safety Team has established, and you have even made suggestions that make the movement and flow of worship smoother.

You haven't let safety and distancing best practices inhibit your continuing Christian Formation. You have gathered for Bible studies, Sunday School, fellowship, meetings, and more by email, FaceTime, and Zoom. I've learned that there are some who were among the most "Zoom-hesitant" in April and May who are now coaching their friends in using this technology to connect and study together. I'm so glad that our children, tweens, and youth are able to gather safely in-person for study and fellowship, and they also continue to meet online as necessary.

After the last year, we may want to retire the word "unprecedented," and yet when another "unprecedented" event with last month's winter storm faced our community and state, you checked on one another, you reached out to care for one another. And now, as vaccines are becoming available you are helping your fellow WPCers who are eligible to find sites and sometimes even to get registered. You continue to be the church with and for one another.

I know that we all want things to "go back to normal" and we look forward to a time that, thankfully, feels much closer now when this will be so. Until that time, I know that you will continue to be creative, resilient, compassionate, and patient with yourselves, your leaders, your staff, and your church. Know that we are doing the same. Until that time when we can safely gather for a shared meal, Bible study, fellowship, or even a hug, know that you are in our hearts and our prayers. We are thankful for you. We are proud of you. We love working and serving with you.

Grace and Peace,

Laura

Stephen Ministry Is Your Ministry...

Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times on your own. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle through this season. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care, contact Rev Dr. David Jones djones@wcpc-tx.org or Rev. Laura Grice lgrice@wcpc-tx.org for information.



WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY MORNINGS: 8:30AM & 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45AM-10:45AM**Pastor:**

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

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Rev. Laura R. Grice

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Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks

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Naomi Daka

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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.

- Members are asked to send prayer requests by email or comments on our worship livestream. 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). 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.

Adult Class & Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30—10:45 am

Texts in Context (Lectionary Class)

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. To get the Zoom invitation and materials each week, contact [Bob Campbell](#),

Connecting Through the Bible

led by Sue Watkins, Neville Walker and Dave Watkins

The Connecting through the Bible Class is studying 1 & 2 Kings using the *InterVarsity Life Guide Old Testament series*. To get the Zoom invitation, contact [Dave Watkins](#)

First Place 4 Health

led by Patty Ahern

This group seeks to live healthy lives physically and spiritually, and support one another in this endeavor. The First Place 4 Health class is using *Let. It. Go: How to Stop Running the Show and Start Walking in Faith*. by Karen Ehman. Contact [Mary Jo Chapman](#) for more information and a Zoom invitation.

The Church has a Zoom account, and would be happy to help your class meet. Please Contact Laura Grice for more information.

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Monday

Women's Bible Study

9:30-11:30 am

led by class members

This group will be studying the book of Mark. Contact [Laura Grice](#) for more information, materials and a Zoom invitation.

Tuesday

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

First Tuesdays, 10:00 am

This group is using the Horizons Bible Study *Into The Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament* by Lynn Miller. This study encourages participants to do just that, find hope in God even as we lament. For more information or a Zoom invitation, please contact [Jane Chesney](#).

Wednesday

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group

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. Contact [David Jones](#) for a Zoom invitation.

Wednesday Morning Study Group

10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

The Wednesday Study Group is using a new study. *The Great Courses: The World of Biblical Israel* with Cynthia R. Chapman. Participants are invited to lead the closing prayer. Contact [Sylvia Campbell](#) for information and a Zoom invitation.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group

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. Contact [David Jones](#) for a Zoom invitation.

Thursday

Circle of Blessings - Women's Circle

2nd Thursdays, 7:00 pm

This group is also using the Horizons Bible Study *Into The Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament* by Lynn Miller. Contact [Debra Martinez](#) for information and a Zoom invitation.



Maundy Thursday

Online & In-Person Worship

**View on our webpage,
Facebook or YouTube**

**Thursday, April 1
7:00 pm**



Good Friday

Online & In-Person Worship

**View on our webpage,
Facebook or YouTube**

**Friday, April 2
12:00 pm**

A close-up photograph of several green palm fronds with long, narrow leaves, arranged diagonally across the frame. The background is a light, warm-toned surface with some subtle texture.

Palm Sunday

Online & In-Person Worship

**View on our webpage,
Facebook or YouTube**

**Sunday, March 28
8:30 am and 11:00 am**

A vibrant, abstract background featuring a gradient of colors from blue to pink. Large, semi-transparent circles in shades of blue, green, and yellow are overlaid on the background. Small, colorful bubbles or spheres are scattered throughout, particularly on the right side.

Celebrate Easter

Online & In-Person Worship

View on our webpage, Facebook or YouTube

**Sunday, April 4
8:30 am and 11:00 am**



WCPC SINGS TUESDAYS AT 2PM

Join Jonathan Aigner, Kristen Campbell and others on Facebook Live every Tuesday at 2pm for WCPC Sings! It will be broadcast on the Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church Facebook page (not the WCPC group). If you cannot join us right on time, you can always watch the recording later. We are happy to take hymn requests from the *Glory to God Hymnal*, the blue 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal*, or *The Hymnbook* (the red 1955 hymnal). Leave your requests in the comments, or email them to jaigner@wcpc-tx.org.

WCPC ARTISTS

We hope you're using your artistic skills during this pandemic and finding great pleasure in your art. The Creation Care Team, who sponsors our Art Shows every other year, has decided NOT to have a show this April 2021, like we normally would. Instead, we're hoping to have a show in the fall of this year, so stay -tuned to see what happens about that.

Did you know that when dirt is full of great organic stuff and lots of happy microorganisms, it is called soil? Soil is critical to our health and well-being! Without it, we don't have healthy plants, or trees or worms or animals or even people! Let's learn about ways to improve the health of our soil. Our lives depend upon it. My Mom gets really made at me if I say a dirty word. But maybe HEALTHY dirt is NOT a dirty word!



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

THERE CAN BE NO LIFE WITHOUT SOIL AND NO SOIL WITHOUT LIFE



THE SOIL IS ALIVE!
BUT CONVENTIONAL FERTILIZERS AND
PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, FUNGICIDES ETC
KILL IT

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Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

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 and we do not have to look very far to find people who are in need of our love and care especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, it is important to share God's love, grace and mercy 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 will meet via Zoom at 7pm on Tuesdays, March 2nd and April 6th. Staff members of **Medical Benevolence Foundation**, one of our mission outreach partners, will present an update of their 21st Century Initiative during our March meeting. All are invited to join MOT meetings. For more information about how to join the MOT meetings, please **contact Gary Chapman, Committee Chairperson, at gary.chapman5206@gmail.com.** Come be a part of our team!

Food Donations Needed

Kids' Meals Lunch Bags:

snack size packets of peanut butter or cheese
crackers

applesauce squeeze pouches & snack size raisin
boxes

soft, chewy granola bars without nuts

Meals on Wheels Breakfast Bags:

individual packets of instant oatmeal
cereal bars (Nutri-Grain bars)

Ensure or Glucerna (vanilla, chocolate or strawberry)

brown paper grocery bags

Community Assistance Center:

canned vegetables

pasta & rice

peanut butter

**Please put donations in specially marked bins on
coffee bar in Fellowship Hall narthex.**



Bread for the World (BFW), one of our mission outreach partners, is a non-partisan, collective Christian voice that advocates for policy changes to end hunger. In the past, WCPC has participated in their annual Offering of Letters by gathering to write letters to our elected officials in Congress regarding hunger and poverty issues. This year if you would like to participate **individually** in the 2021 Offering of Letters as BFW continues advocacy efforts to expand anti-hunger programs in response to COVID-19, click this link for more information: <https://www.bread.org/2021-offering-letters>. BFW plans to distribute educational materials that focus on four issues: food systems, climate change, racial and gender equity and economic injustice.

Love Your Neighbor Month was a Success!

Due to the pandemic, the Mission Outreach Team (MOT) was not able to hold the traditional one-day mission blitz at the end of January called Love Your Neighbor Day. The team decided instead to offer various mission opportunities throughout the month of February, which ranged from passive activities such as donating money for the Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit Kids' Meals Montgomery County Expansion Route (over \$1,400 was collected) to more active projects of assembling and delivering 246 Breakfast Bags to Meals on Wheels clients. All in all, the new format, Love Your Neighbor Month, was very successful.

Thirty one-pound bags of Just Coffee were ordered in an effort to not only obtain some delectable coffee for personal use, but also to help our neighbors in Mexico address poverty and migration issues. Twenty Birthday Bags were provided to the elderly and disabled residents of Tamarac Pines born in the month of February and Valentine's Day goody bags along with Walmart gift cards were distributed to all 100 residents of the DeGeorge, which provides a "forever home" to formerly homeless veterans. Volunteers staffed a valentine-themed Gathering Place Drive-through while others donated items for the goody bags that were given to each participant. Even All Ears! students and the ELP Bluebird class helped out by making valentines for the goody bags and decorating Breakfast Bags, respectively. Others helped from their own home decorating bags for Kids' Meals and Meals on Wheels or crocheting soap bags and washcloths for Seafarers and the homeless. In addition, a couple hundred pounds of soft goods were collected for recycling with the proceeds going to the Community Assistance Center. The opportunity to learn more about the NAACP Chapter in Montgomery County was offered to our community through a Social Justice Forum Program and at our February 28th Blood Drive 23 donors provided 26 units of blood which means 78 lives saved! MOT extends a heartfelt thank-you to all those who helped our neighbors near and far in need.



Mobile Blood Drive on February 28



Crocheted soap bags for Seafarers & homeless



Birthday Bags for Tamarac Pines Residents



Soft Goods Collected for Recycling

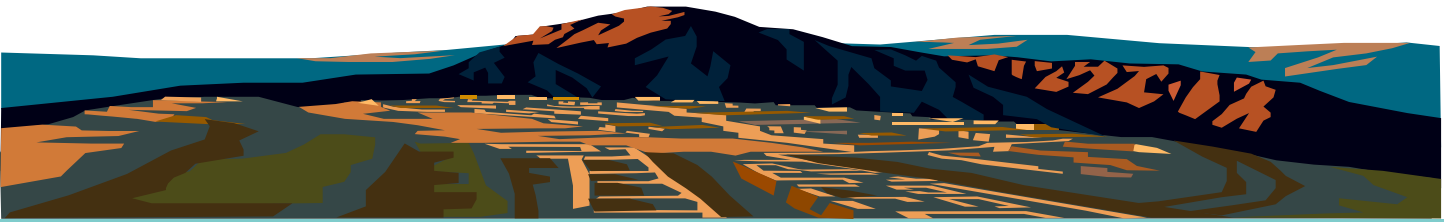


Packing Breakfast Bags



Gathering Place Drive Thru Event

Peru Medical Scholarship



A little over a year ago, we learned that one of the children, Oscar Guidotti, Jr., of a long time Peru Mission co-worker in Lima earned admittance to medical school at the Universidad Ricardo Palma de Lima Perú. Many of us have known Oscar Jr. since he was 5 or 6 years old and have watched him grow up into a fine young man. Over the past few years, Oscar Jr has been learning English and volunteering with us in the Peru Mission Medical Clinic.



Oscar Jr finished secondary school last year and applied to medical school. When we learned that he'd received early admittance, a scholarship fund was established at WCPC to support his continuing education and journey toward becoming a doctor. He just completed his first year in January.

Classes, which were originally scheduled to start in March last year, were postponed until the end of April due to the pandemic. His entire first year was conducted online and the outlook for his second year, which begins in April, is the same.

It will take six more years in medical school for Oscar Jr. to become a doctor. If you're interested in helping to support this opportunity, please make your contributions to the "Education Assistance Fund." For more information, contact either Gary Chapman (713-614-9917, gary.chapman5206@gmail.com) or Dr. Sally Shu (text first 713-828-2577, sally.f.shy@gmail.com).



Justo Mwale University Meet Our New Scholarship Recipient



Reverend Frainess Shawa

This past January another school year started at Justo Mwale University in Lusaka, Zambia where, for the past 18 years, WCPC has provided a scholarship for a deserving Bachelor of Theology (BTh) student. So far, five pastors have completed this 4 year program because of our support – the Reverends Chizason Chunda, Lazarus Chilenje, Lovemore Nyirenda, Tommy Banda, and, most recently Naomi Daka. We have just learned that the Reverend Frainess Shawa has been selected as our 6th student and has arrived on campus.

Like Reverend Daka, she studied for 3 years at Chasafu Theological College, an institution which we also support, and has already been ordained as a pastor in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. She pastored a church in Ndola, in the Copperbelt of Zambia, before her denomination decided to send her to Justo Mwale to obtain her BTh degree. She is in her twenties, single and sends her heartfelt thanks to those who have helped, and are helping, her to further her studies. Her prayer request is that God should protect her and give her health so that her "studies are not disturbed in this era of the deadly pandemic corona virus." Anyone wishing to send messages of support to Frainess may contact her at Frainesss@gmail.com.



Toast & Taste of Texas: Re-

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 • 6:30 TO 10:30 P.M.

7th Annual Dinner

Teaching Deaf Children How to Listen and Speak

Please join us at the Woodlands West Wing



**Underwriting and Registration
Information Available at:
www.allearscenter.org/TTT2021**

All Ears! is THE ONLY therapy center in Montgomery County combined with a regular pre-school program where deaf children learn how to listen and speak alongside their hearing peers.

All Ears! is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



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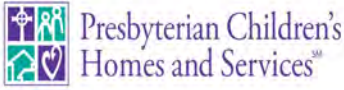
Yes, babies who
are deaf CAN learn
to listen and
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2020 Through Our Mission Outreach Partner's Eyes



We are grateful for WCPC's support, and would like to provide an update on some of the ways PCHAS was able to continue serving children and families in need in 2020. PCHAS serves more than 4,500 children and families each year and we provide Christ-centered care and support for children and families in need. Our vision is to strive to serve like Jesus and meet our clients where they are. We treat our clients

with respect and focus on their strengths rather than their problems, and encourage them to focus on their future rather than their past. Ultimately, we help children and families find hope and know the love of God.

COVID-19 dramatically changed the logistics of how we provided services in 2020, but it did not change our ability to provide critical care to children and families in need. When we were given orders to stay home we immediately began to use telehealth in all programs. We have been able to help our families with parenting strategies for staying at home, and activities to provide connection and fun during a stressful time. We have also been able to help our families ensure that they stay mentally and emotionally healthy as well as physically healthy. In our programs where licensing required that we begin to have in-person contact with our clients we ensured staff had proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and followed CDC guidelines.

In the Houston area, we are happy to report that we completed adoptions for 63 children in 2020, which is a remarkable number, considering that courts were closed for large parts of the year. Our Single Parent Family Program in Houston served 10 families with 18 children and provided 2,062 family nights in care. Our Child and Family program served 65 children. Because of your support through our annual Angel Tree Project, we were able to bring Christmas for over 150 kids in the Houston area!

In other areas of Texas, we've been moving forward with ongoing projects to increase our level of support for children in need. In 2021 we will be completing our San Antonio Campus expansion where we will welcome 16 Single Parent Families and 5 Transitional Living young adults to PCHAS. We currently have families waiting for each home plus an active waitlist. In North Texas, we started a program called Growing Together, helping families with children from 0 to 5 yrs with support and education. The Growing Together program even won an award for the Best Collaborative Program in Navarro County. We hope that one day we can move this program to other areas of the state.

Looking forward to 2021, we will be having the following two virtual events for our Houston area programs: 1) Houston Foster Care and Adoption Info Session where our Program Director will be talking more in depth about our Foster Care and Adoption program and answering frequently asked questions. **This event will be online on Tuesday, March 9th at 12pm.** 2) Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services' Annual Luncheon: Our luncheon will be virtual again this year. We are sorry that we can't meet in person, but are excited to feature incredible stories from two of our adoption parents, telling their journey to becoming a family. **The Luncheon will be on April 15th at Noon. Please contact Laura Joy at 713 -893-3735 (Office), 972-878-4190 (Cell) or Laura.Joy@pchas.org if you would like a Zoom link for these events.**



First Annual Golf Tournament

**Benefiting
Kids' Meals Expansion Route in Montgomery County**

Friday, March 26th

8 am - Noon

High Meadow Golf Club

37300 Golf Club Trail

Magnolia, Texas 77355

Click this link to register: [High Meadow Ranch Golf Club Fundraising Campaign for Kids' Meals Inc.](https://www.highmeadowgolfclub.com/fundraising/campaign-for-kids-meals-inc)

Kids' Meals provides lunches to Montgomery County area children who daily face debilitating hunger due to extreme poverty. In 2020, 58,000 lunches were delivered to pre-school aged children living in poverty.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) ¹⁵



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
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**YOU
SHALL BE
CALLED
REPAIRERS
OF THE
BREACH**

— Isaiah 58

Providing relief from natural disasters,
food for the hungry, and support
for the poor and oppressed.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. **This special offering is collected joyously on Easter Sunday, but is accepted throughout the month of April.** The three programs supported by one Great Hour of Sharing, which are listed below, all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (*Restorers of Streets to Live In*) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Program (*Share your Bread with the Hungry*) takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

Self-Development of People (*Loose the Bonds of Injustice*) invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

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** by using the link below:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=110917&f=1&a=0.00> or by mailing your check made payable to WCPC to 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77381. Please mark your donation OGHS.



Heifer International gratefully recognizes

Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

for coordinating and holding a Living Gift Market. Because of your contributions, families struggling with hunger and poverty will receive the gift of healthy animals and training in their care. Thanks for making a meaningful difference in the world.

Pierre M. Fournier

Heifer International

December 2020

Date



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – 2020



- Session approved a second service on Easter Sunday to accommodate as many in-person attendees safely as we celebrate this holy and joyous day.
- We are so grateful to everyone who helped get the WCPC campus ready for the winter storm. Because of the hard work they did (on a cold, rainy day), our campus came through without any major issues.
- There have been several visiting families in the last year, so we will offer an online new members class this Spring for anyone seeking to join our congregation.
- A team has been working on getting updated equipment to support our live streaming efforts, and we are starting to make those updates, which will make our live streamed worship services even better and easier to produce.

Yee Haw! This month at ELP, we will start with a perfect child sized rodeo! We will be roping the cattle, racin' the horses, and enjoying many other Texas traditions together! Just after this special rodeo week, we will be closed for the week of Spring Break. Not too long after we return from Spring break, we will be roping off the parking lot for our annual road rally event. Our children missed this favorite event last year as our year was cut off after spring break, so the wheels will certainly be turning fast as all of the children ride their bikes and trikes around the race track in full delight! In April we love to share the story of Easter and celebrate how Jesus forever lives in us. In chapel, the children will be filling resurrection eggs. These eggs will be filled by the children with many little representations of the Easter story! Our April Bible verse is, "Behold, I make all things new." Revelations 21:5. Doesn't this promise send chills down your spine, yet give you the greatest sense of overwhelming peace 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! 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 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. We are immeasurably blessed to be open and thriving in such a difficult year. The children especially need this precious preschool time like never before! So many of the normal experiences and relationships that develop in the early childhood years has been so greatly altered for a long duration. Time is precious in these huge developmental years, and we are so honored to be chosen by their parents to serve their children by providing so many wonderful learning opportunities! We cannot thank WCPC and the safety committee enough for the quick and comprehensive efforts to help the campus not have pipe issues through the winter storm. I know I represent every teacher, parent, and child in saying this: Thank you!!!

As always, thank you for your support and prayers for this special ministry. The staff and our ELP families appreciate you.

Cindy



The Early Learning Program

of the Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church





Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday March 28th

The **children, youth and adults** are invited to join us Palm Sunday at either Service 8:30 or 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 6' apart** outside in the courtyard in back of the Sanctuary to hand out palms about 5 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!



Important Summer Dates & Camp Dates for 2021!

March 28th Deadline for all ages
Camp Scholarship Paperwork

Cho Yeh Summer Dates:
for 1-6th grade:

Core 2 June 13-19, under 6th
grade is waitlisted already

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.

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



Friends in Faith

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 through 2nd grade
Class Studying Miracles of
Jesus and Palm Sunday
through Holy Week

3rd—6th Grade: Unit 8
Jesus is our Savior, texts
on Palm Sunday through the
Resurrection
Godly Play: Journey with Jesus
to Jerusalem stories



April 4th is Easter Sunday

This year the Children's Sunday school classes are meeting in their regular rooms at 9:30 am. The classes will hear a special Godly Play story, The Empty Tomb. Then (if the caterpillars cooperate!) we will have a small Butterfly Release in the fenced area outside the children's and youth building with just the children who were in Sunday school and their parents.

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



2021



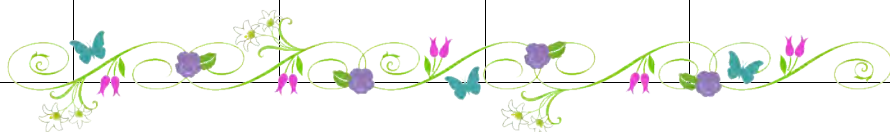
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Pick up and Drop off for Sunday school in rooms 106 & 205 youth & children's building</i>	<i>1 Mom's childcare 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan</i>	2	3	4	5	6
<i>7 Sunday school 9:30-10:50 Worship 11:00 am</i>	<i>8 Mom's childcare 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan</i>	9	10	11	12	13
<i>14 Sunday school 9:30-10:50 Worship 11:00 am</i>	<i>15 No childcare for spring break, also no ELP this week</i>	16	17 	18	19	20
<i>21 Sunday school 9:30-10:50 Worship 11:00 am</i>	<i>22 Mom's childcare 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan</i>	23	24	25	26	27
<i>28 Palm Sunday Sunday school 9:30-10:50 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am pre-register on WPCPC's website</i>	<i>29 Mom's childcare 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan</i>	30 	31	<i>Childcare for Sunday morning Sunday school (for under 3 yr) & worship (0-6 yr) is in the Hendricks Building rooms 307-309</i>		



2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Pick up and Drop off for Sunday school in rooms 106 & 205 youth & children's building</i> 				1 Maundy Thursday service 7 pm	2 Good Friday Service 12pm	3
4  Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45		6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45	12 Mom's child-care 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan	13	14	15	16	17
18 <u>Earth Care Sunday</u> Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45	19 Mom's child-care 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan	20	21	22	23	24
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Youth Group Updates and Information

Please note that all Youth Group activities and plans are subject to change due to covid restrictions and updates. Zoom links and weekly updates on Youth Group activities are available through our youth family emails and texts. If you are not already receiving **emails** for youth families, please let Shirley Barclay (sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org) or Debi McNaught (frmcali2tex@sbcglobal.net) know, and we will get you added to the list. If you are not yet receiving **texts** about youth activities, please follow the instructions regarding REMIND on page 16 or let Shirley know if you have questions.

Youth Group

Keep a look out on GroupMe and Remind texts for updates on upcoming events.

Save the Dates

March 7 — “Smash It Up” details tba

April 9-11 Conclaves*

May 16 — Senior Sunday

*Like everything else this year, New Covenant Presbytery's Youth Conclaves look a bit different. The dates have been moved to April 9-11, and will be a mix of online and in-person gathering. The cost is \$50, which covers lunch and supplies. WCPC has scholarships available. So, mark your calendars, and we will send out more details soon!

Sunday School

We are returning to in-person Sunday School starting March 7, grades 7-12. We will meet outside, at the benches by the firepit behind the church offices at 9:30am on Sundays, weather-permitting. We will continue to be safe with our masks and social distancing, but we are not offering a Zoom option. We hope you all can join us!



“Fireside Chats”



Wednesdays
6:00—7:30 pm

Wednesday Study

Join us weekly, in-person for our, masked, socially-distanced, outdoor gatherings (weather permitting) on

Wednesdays
from 6:00-7:30pm.

We are starting a study on empathy and will have videos, games and s'mores. Hope to see you there!

Sign up for important updates from Youth Group.

Pick a way to receive messages for WCPC SR HIGH YOUTH:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/wcpcsr

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @wcpcsr to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @wcpcsr to (832) 850-2617.

** Standard text message rates apply.*

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/wcpcsr on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Pick a way to receive messages for WCPC JR HIGH YOUTH:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/wcpcjr

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @wcpcjr to the number 81010.

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Communications Corner

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

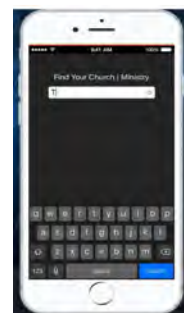
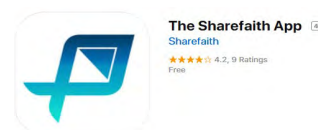
Newsletter: Articles due February 15 for the March/April 2020 newsletter.

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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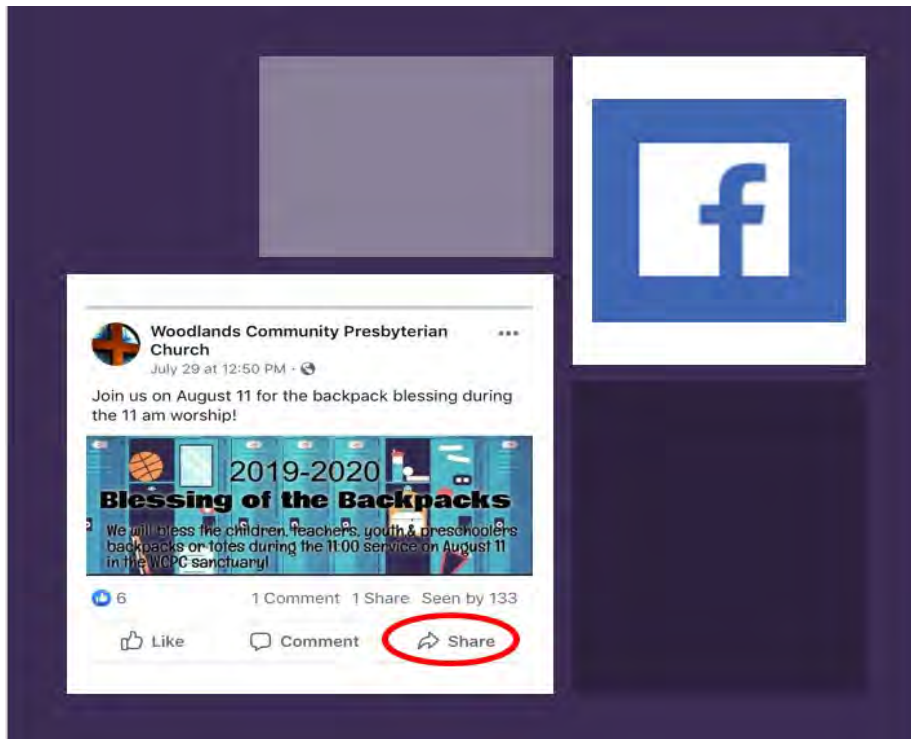
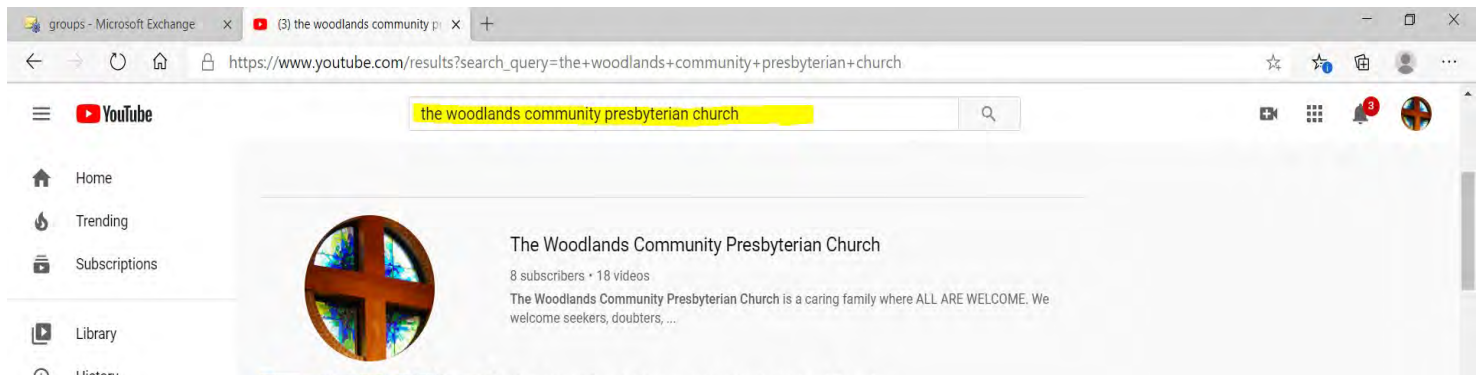
Use the Church life App for:

- 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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