



The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
4881 W. Panther Creek Drive
The Woodlands, TX 77381
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May June
2022

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

Join us Sunday mornings in person at 8:30 am and 11 am or online at 11 am for worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am and 11 am

9:45 -10:45 am Sunday School
(all ages)

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



Service of Healing and Wholeness May 18 at 6pm

On May 18th at 6pm, we will have a service of Healing and Wholeness in the Sanctuary. Come for a time of healing through scripture, prayer, and silence. Our Stephen Ministers will offer prayer with laying on of hands and/or anointing for those who desire it.

VBS— on Wednesday! June 15th, 22nd, 29th, and July 13th, 20th & 27th

VBS is happening again on Wednesdays this summer. It is Intergenerational with classes for children and a Bible study for youth & adults. Children ages Pre-K through 6th grades rotate through activities like music, recreation, mission and crafts from 4-6 pm. VBS for all ages will begin in the sanctuary with a sing a long! Reservations will be made on Signup Genius linked on the church website starting May 15th. See page 7 for details.



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family,

I preached recently John 21: 1 – 19 and titled the message “The Last Breakfast.” It’s a challenging text since, it seems, only two weeks after the first Easter, at least six disciples are back in Galilee and instead of shouting “Jesus Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!” They are back in their boats fishing. Back where Jesus first found them.

Their resurrected Lord shows up. Helps them with their fishing since they weren’t very good fishermen. Then he has breakfast ready for them. We aren’t told what they discussed over fried fish but afterwards Jesus asks Peter, who had denied Jesus three times before the cross, three questions.

“Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21: 15 -17)

What if Jesus were asking us those questions? One thing to say it we do. Another to live it out. Guest what? Just like Jesus understood Peter and those other disciples who went fishing. He understands us.

He understands the struggle and the difficult of putting him and his Kingdom above everything and everyone else, most of all ourselves. He knew that Peter, even after this encounter, would still struggle with his own discipleship (Acts 10).

Yet knowing that. Knowing how little Peter really understood. Knowing us and how little we understand. Jesus still wants Peter to follow him.

In fact, according to Matthew and Mark’s gospel those were the first words that Peter heard from Jesus – “Follow me.” Now they are some of the last words he will hear from him. “Follow me.”

Jesus still says to us “Follow me.”

What can we expect? Joy. Purpose. Community. But also struggle. Not just with those who don’t agree with our values or vision but struggle within ourselves.

And we will fail him. And we may desert him at times. Forget who and whose we are and maybe take our own fishing trip to sort of forget about it all.

But he won’t desert us. He won’t forget us. He continues to call to us “Follow me.”

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Jones".

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 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,

Spring is well on its way in Texas. Wildflowers fill our roadsides. Bees are buzzing. Butterflies are fluttering in the Prayer Garden. (Thank you Children's Ministry Team and Susan!) Rains are falling and pollen counts are rising. I was privileged to overhear a lively conversation between a bird and their neighbor in the trees behind the gazebo just the other day. Life is emerging, blooming, and busy all around.

I love springtime; more than that I love Eastertide. I love that the season of Easter is far more than a single Sunday. The joy, the mystery, the celebration of the hope of Christ's resurrection cannot be contained to a single Sunday or one celebration. This whole season of Easter (and our whole lives, really) we should celebrate the new life and hope we find in Christ.

While winter isn't very winter-y here in The Woodlands, after the last two years of COVID, and all that involved, it feels like we are emerging from a multi-year winter into a spring of hope. I have loved seeing faces on Palm Sunday, Easter, and on Creation Care Sunday too that we haven't seen before or in a while! We know that you have been doing what is best for you and your families, but it truly is lovely to see your faces! While our COVIDtide has been hard, we have grown and tried some new things here at WCPC like live-streaming our worship services, and Zooming meetings, Sunday School classes, and Bible studies. These are great additions to our ministry, and they will not end! This growth continues as does our Easter hope.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Living in Hope,

Laura

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MINISTRY®

For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside but full of pain on the inside, and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders (Becky Carlson, Linda Conner, and Bruce Garthwaite) or Pastors. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY MORNINGS: 11:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45AM-10:45AM

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

Associate Pastor

Rev. Laura R. Grice

Pastor Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks

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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.

Spring Adult Class & Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:45—10:45 am

Connecting Through the Bible HEB 301b & Zoom

led by Sue Watkins, Neville Walker and Dave Watkins
A fun, interactive discussion of ways we can connect with God. Using the N.T. Wright *For Everyone* series, this class is studying 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. Great for those new or well-versed in Bible Study. This class meets in “hybrid” format. Please contact [Dave Watkins](#) for a Zoom link, if desired.

For Health

HEB 302

contact [Mary Jo Chapman](#)

This group is using the study, *From Widows to Warriors* by Lynn Japinga. This Bible study introduces all the women in Old Testament stories, diving deeply into what each woman's story means for us today. This class meets “in-person” following WCPC safety protocols.

Texts in Context

HEB 303 & Zoom

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. This class meets in a “hybrid” format. Please contact [Bob Campbell](#) for a Zoom link, if desired.

Christianity and History

HEB 304

led by [Bill McCleary](#) & [Joe Christoffel](#)

This class explores & discusses faith related topics using video courses. Their current study is *The History and Archaeology of the Bible* by Jean-Pierre Isbouts. This study takes you on a multidimensional journey through the Bible through the lens of the latest historical and archaeological findings. Join us! This class meets “in-person” following WCPC safety protocols.

Monday

Women's Bible Study

HEB 301b & Zoom

9:30-11:30 am

contact Ann Fleischmann

This summer, they will use the Horizons Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Meryl Blair. New members are always welcome! This group is meeting in “hybrid” format. Please contact [Ann Fleischmann](#) for more information or [Laura Grice](#) for a Zoom link, if desired.

Monday, cont.

Moms' Group

Youth Room/CE 200

Every Monday, 9:30-11:30 am

Contact Stephanie Keiser

This group meets regularly for fellowship, mission (The Gathering Place) and for a Bible study. Their Bible study is *Reflections* from bibleproject.com. Please contact [Stephanie Keiser](#) for more information.

Tuesday

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

Parlor

First Tuesdays (Sept.–May), 10:00 am

This group is using the Horizons Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Meryl Blair. Matthew chose to mention a handful of women in Jesus's genealogy. This study asks, “What can they teach us?” This group meets “in-person” following WCPC safety protocols. Please contact [Jane Chesney](#) for more information.

Wednesday

Wed. Morning Men's Study Group HEB 301b & Zoom

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. This group meets in “hybrid format.” Please contact [David Jones](#) for a Zoom link, if desired.

Wednesday Study Group

HEB 301b & Zoom

10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is using The Great Courses study– *Understanding the New Testament*, by David Brakke, PhD, M.Div. This video lecture-based study takes you behind the scenes to study not only the text of the New Testament, but also the authors and the world in which it was created. This group meets in “hybrid format.” Please contact [Sylvia Campbell](#) for a Zoom link, if desired.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group

Crust Pizza

First and Third Wednesday, 6:30 pm

led by Rev. Dr. David Jones

The focus of the study is the text for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Please contact [David Jones](#) for more information.

Thursday

Circle of Blessings - Women's Circle

Library

Second Thursdays (Sept.– May), 7:00 pm

This group is also using the Horizons Bible Study *My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Meryl Blair. Please contact [Debra Martinez](#) for more information.

If you have an idea for a new Sunday School class or Bible Study, please let us know.
We'd love to help you get it started!



Adult Fellowship Luncheon
Wednesday, May 25
at 11:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall

We will serve Texas smoked brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, coleslaw, green beans and all the trimmings. If you have a favorite dessert that you would like to request or would like to bring one please email sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org to sign up.

NEW SERIES
Wednesday Study Group

Understanding the New Testament

The Great Courses: David Brakke, Professor
video based lectures and discussion
24 sessions

begins May 11
10:00 to 11:30am
Hybrid format: Room 301 + Zoom

For more information, contact Sylvia Campbell.

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE VBS

WEDNESDAYS 4-6 PM

JUNE 15, 22, 29,
JULY 13, 20, 27



WCPC registration opens May 15, 2022.

Log on to www.wcpc-tx.org and use the VBS signup genius link.

Register your child for the age/grade your child is in currently.

Childcare for children 4 and under is free of charge for volunteers at
VBS or adults attending the adult Bible study.

Contact sduncan@wcpc-tx.org Susan Duncan for any questions.



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Church-wide Summer Fellowship Dinners Return

Wednesdays after VBS:

June 15th, 22nd, 29th,

July 13th, 20th & 27th

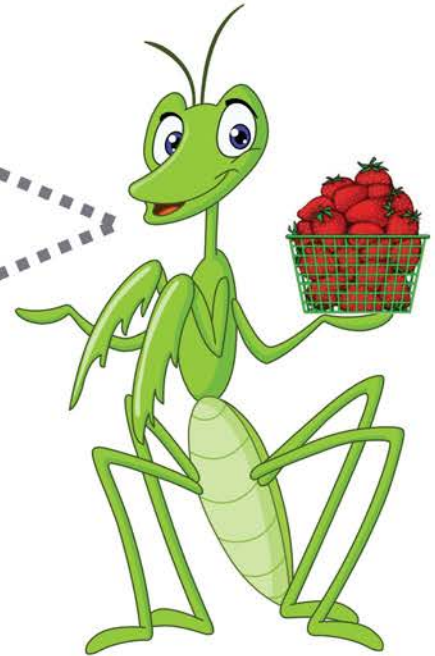
6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited, families, singles, of all ages!

Come to dinner even if you can't make it to VBS!



Rev. 21:5 - Behold, I make all things new. The past few weeks, it seems like we see new growth everywhere. Spring is here! Ya know the new growth I love to see? Berries! Yep, the strawberries have been going strong, and the blueberries will be close behind. And the very best way to enjoy their freshness is to pick them yourself. What a great outing for the family to enjoy together. I think we should all make "pick your own" a habit. Come to think of it, once you try it, you'll automatically be back for more.



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



PICK YOUR OWN!

It is prime growing season, and fruit picking makes a wonderful family outing. There are many options out there. Here are just a few.

- Moorhead's Blueberry Farm located at 19531 Moorhead Rd., Conroe 77302**
- Atkinson Farms located at 3327 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring**
- Wood Duck Farms located at 270 Pine Valley Rd., Cleveland**

Happy picking!



Continuing Columbarium News:

- **Niche (one niche holds two urns) price is set at \$2500.**
- **Interest list remains open.**
- **Donation list remains open.**
- **Waiting for Session approval.**
- **Niche sales begin when Session approves.**
- **Excitement builds!**

Contact Peggy Hendricks with your comments, questions and interests.

Cell: 281-239-5989

Email: pphendricks@yahoo.com

MISSION OUTREACH TEAM

Because God's love knows no bounds, the Mission Outreach Team (MOT) 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 does not have to look very far to find people who are in need of love and care especially during these uncertain times. Now more than ever, it is important to share God's love, grace and mercy with neighbors, whether across the street, across town, across the country, or across the ocean. That is because God's love knows no boundaries.

The Mission Outreach Team (MOT) will meet via Zoom at 7pm on Tuesdays, May 3rd and June 7th.

Sharon Kandel, Mission Co-worker with PCUSA will provide an update on the efforts in South Sudan at the May meeting.

For more information please contact Gary Chapman, Committee Chairperson at gary.chapman5206@gmail.com. Come be part of our team!

Investing in Youth: Our Greatest Resource



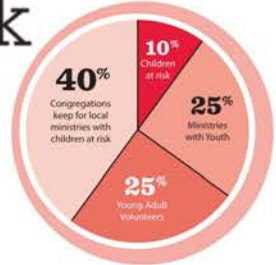
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS JUNE 5TH

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Montgomery
County
foodbank

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Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

This year's local offering will go to The Montgomery County Food Bank (MCFB) - Backpack Buddy Program. MCFB works with over fifty schools to help feed the food insecure in Montgomery County. Kids in need usually receive free or reduced-price lunch at school; however, that does not address what happens at dinner time and on the weekends. The reality is that many of these kids are only eating at school during the week and eating very little on the weekends. MCFB works directly with the schools to identify the kids in most need and enroll them in our Backpack Buddy Program. The program provides an 8-10 pound bag of food that goes home with each child each weekend. It's usually enough food to provide several meals for the child and also contains food that benefits the entire family. They currently help about 1000 children per week in our local schools.

You can give through the WCPC website or by mailing your check payable to WCPC and marked Pentecost to 4881 W. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381. We will accept contributions to this special offering through the end of June.



Thank you,
God, for Connecting Us.
Thank you for neighbors,
each with needs
and gifts to share,
And for our Church,
the whole Church,
Together,
And for Jesus Christ,
Amen.





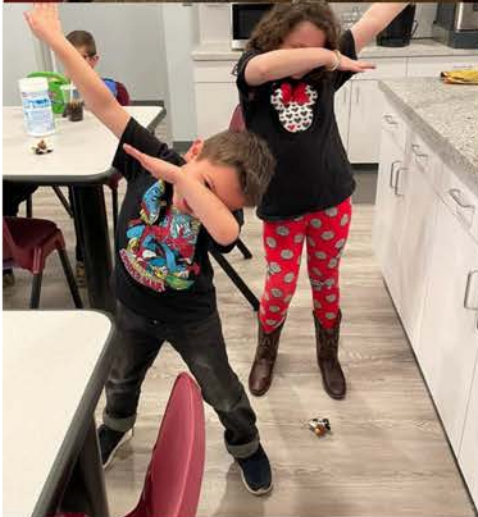
Looking for Hosts! Volunteer with Family Promise

JUNE 5-11, 2022

After a 2 year pause because of Covid, WCPC is pleased to again be hosting Family Promise the week of June 5 to 11 at their new permanent facility in Conroe, which can now accommodate up to 6 families! We will not host on our campus as in previous years but will need to fill many of the same spots with volunteers as we have in the past. These positions will include evening meals, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, drivers, overnight hosts, as well as evening and weekend hosts. Other volunteer opportunities may be needed.

We will begin recruiting volunteers with a Faith in Action on May 8 followed by sign ups through Signup Genius and a table in the courtyard each Sunday in May. Coordinators will be needed in the planning process as in the past. A family just graduated from the program, so there is only one family currently. That is very likely to change before our week in June since Family Promise has several families they are currently interviewing!

If you have any questions, contact Warren Evans at 713-299-7323 (text or phone) or email at wevans36@comcast.net



About the Mission

Family Promise helps local communities coordinate their compassion to address the root causes of family homelessness.

They address the issue holistically, providing prevention services before families reach crisis, shelter and case management when they become homeless, and stabilization programs once they have secured housing to ensure they remain independent. FP taps existing local resources to empower families towards economic stability. Families come to FP in crisis; they help them rebuild their lives with new skills and ongoing support.

Order Your Fresh Roasted Just Coffee

MAY 15-29TH

From May 15- 29, 2022 you will have the opportunity to have a direct impact on our brothers and sisters in Mexico by ordering one-pound bags of this delectable coffee for your home enjoyment. As in the past if you would like to donate five-pound bags of coffee to Compassion United or DeGeorge at Union Station those options will be on the order form. Our mission partners remain very appreciative of these gifts! Orders can be placed online through the WCPC website starting on May 15!

Just Coffee: Caffeine with a Conscience

As its name implies, Just Coffee (Café Justo) is about justice and equality! This coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico that is guided by four key principles: Financial Transparency, Organic and Sustainable Production Practices, Consensus Decision Making and Fair and Just Treatment of all cooperative members, workers, suppliers, and clients. These requirements exceed those of Fair Trade and so it is referred to as Fair Trade Plus! According to its founder and director, Daniel Cifuentes, the mission of Café Justo is to reduce the amount of migration to the United States, and they believe this is the best way to convince young families to stay in Mexico. So Just Coffee is also about the self-development of people!



Café Justo is made from 100% Arabica, Robusta and Marago beans which are organically grown, with no chemical fertilizers or pesticides. The coffee trees are cultivated beneath shade trees which allows for a better tasting, more environmentally friendly coffee.

Cultivated at altitudes between 4,000 and 5,000 feet, this coffee is grown on the side of a 13,333 foot volcano known as Tacaná. Ideal conditions for a coffee tree include high humidity, shade, temperatures from 65 to 80 degrees F and plentiful precipitation. All of these qualities are characteristic of Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico. With the combination of the volcanic soil of Tacaná, the high altitude of the region, abundant rain, organic techniques and shade tree cultivation method, this coffee has an excellent aroma and a highly memorable taste. Café Justo coffee is roasted in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

Let's Make Peanut Butter!

Help us to provide peanut butter for the hungry in Houston and Montgomery County. On Friday, August 12, 2022. WCPC is scheduled to work the morning shift from 7:15 until noon in the peanut butter factory. We will make over 4,000 jars of peanut butter for one of the area Food Banks! This is fun and very rewarding work. Please consider donating a half-day of your time to help feed those in need in our area. If you would like to volunteer please email or send a text to Sally Shu at: sally.f.shu@gmail.com / 713.828.2577



How do we do it?

Through its partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Houston Food Bank receives more than 400,000 jars of fresh peanut butter each year from the LDS Peanut Butter Cannery. The Food Bank is responsible for supplying volunteers and paying for the peanuts used. Volunteers help produce 3,960 jars of peanut butter in each 4-hour shift. Tasks include sorting the nuts, checking lids on jars, operating the label machine, and packing jars in boxes.

WCPC Supports Ukraine relief efforts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Through the WCPC Disaster Relief Fund \$4,735 was donated towards PDA's ongoing efforts in the Ukraine.

Violence continues to displace Ukrainians who flee their homes to neighboring cities and countries. In the midst of the chaos, sibling churches and ecumenical partners are already providing assistance with basic items for survival.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing urgent funding to trusted, established partners having the expertise to carry out humanitarian aid. Reformed and Orthodox church partners, like the Community of St. Egidio and Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, are working closely with local churches and organizations to provide food, water, clothing, shelter, psychosocial support and other basic items for survival. They are the "boots on the ground," listening and responding to the needs of those impacted.

Kids' Meals lunch program continues through the summer

In the summer months, every child up to age 18 in food-insecure homes require support. Every child in the homes with pre-schoolers already supported by Kids' Meals receives a meal. Kids meal is the only home delivery meal program in the nation for poverty-stricken children. Collection and packing for this program will continue at WCPC throughout the summer.



WCPC has an ongoing need for snack size packets of peanut butter or cheese crackers, snack size raisin boxes, and chewy (soft) granola bars, packets of instant oatmeal, cereal bars (Nutri-grain), Ensure (vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry only) and brown paper grocery bags. Breakfast and lunch bags will be packed Monday May 9 & 23, June 13 & 27, (2nd and 4th Monday of the month) at 9:00 in the serving line area of the kitchen.

Helpers needed for bag decorating!



Decorate with markers, crayons, stamps, riddles, jokes, mazes, or encouragement. (NO glitter or staples please.)

Our partners LOVE when their lunch bags are decorated. You can help make them special. Simply buy a pack of standard, 6 lb. brown lunch bags and unleash your inner artist. Decorate with markers, crayons, stamps, stickers, riddles, knock knock jokes, mazes, or encouragement. NO glitter please! This is a great volunteer opportunity for ALL ages and ALL artistic skill levels. These decorated bags will be filled with food and delivered to hungry children through Kids' Meals and adults through Meals on Wheels and Compassion United in Montgomery County. If you would like to help pack or decorate the bags, please contact Sonya Dias at sdias@wcpc-tx.org at (281) 363-2040 x 7.

Come Join the Fun! The Gathering Place

On the third Monday of the month
May 16- Theme: Patriotism and Honoring Our Armed Forces
June 20 -Theme: TBD
10:00 am to 12:30 pm
(Lunch Provided)
WCPC Fellowship Hall

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

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



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





VBS— on Wednesday!
June 15th, 22nd, 29th, and
July 13th, 20th & 27th

Additional info on page 7.

Planning meetings on Mondays in June, starting June 13th.

Monday childcare provided by reservation only, because we also have drop and go on Mondays and spots fill up fast! **Volunteers**, use this opportunity to make a supply list and plan your lessons or —help us with decorating and craft preparations.

Summer Drop & Go Childcare for ages 1–8 years old by RSVP only, to Susan Duncan sduncan@wcpc-tx.org. Time and dates are listed below. Space is limited and regulars during the 2021-22 ELP year will be given the first opportunity to signup. Donations to help with the cost of this program will be gratefully accepted, either monetary or you can ask for a Wishlist of supplies we need. All childcare is in the Hendricks building nursery rooms 307-309

May 8	9:00-11:30 am
May 15	9:00-11:30 am
June 13	9:00-11:30 am
June 20	9:00-11:30 am
June 27	9:00-11:30 am
July 11	9:00-11:30 am
July 18	9:00-11:30 am
July 25	9:00-11:30 am

RSVP email Susan Duncan
sduncan@wcpc-tx.org
Church Website: wcpc-tx.org



Sunday School

Children's Sunday School topics this month:

Pre-K-K -1st finishing up New Testament stories of Jesus

3rd-4th rotation lessons on Questioning Thomas, Fruit of the Spirit

5th-6th Connect finish Unit 4 on Judges and Kings of the Old Testament

Godly Play stories The Mystery of Easter and Thomas from Knowing Jesus. Alternating with singing with Tricia or Jonathan

Summer Parent Night Out

Mark your calendars and make your reservations
for **Friday, June 24** for **Red, White & Blue Fun**
And **Friday July 22—Mermaids and Sharks!**
6-8 P.M.

Accepting children ages 2-8 years

You must RSVP with Susan Duncan at
sduncan@wcpc-tx.org to participate.

No set cost— but all donations will go towards
camp scholarships for WCPC children and tweens.

Participants will have the opportunity to play games,
do a craft, eat dinner & watch a movie while the
parents get a few hours to themselves.

Teacher Appreciation In Worship May 15th

for Teachers, Leaders and
Helpers of All Age Groups!

Come and let us thank you for your all your help
this year in W.C.P.C.'s Sunday School classes!
We will recognize your contributions **at 11 am**
worship May 23rd. *We really appreciate you!* We
could not do Sunday School for our adults, youth
and children's classes without your willingness to
serve and share your faith this past year as
Teachers, Leaders, Floaters, and Storytellers!



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS








**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. Re-
cite 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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45 	2 Drop & Go childcare 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan	3	4	5	6 Tween Pool Party 6- 8 pm at Ward's house, 4th graders invited!	7
8 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45 	9 Drop & Go childcare 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45	16 Drop & Go childcare 9-11:30 HEB 307 & 308 RSVP to Susan	17	18	19	20 ELP's Last Day	21
22 <u>Senior</u> Sunday Wor- ship 8:30 & 11 Last Regular Sunday School 9:45 Worship Class 11 service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School com- bined classes 9:45 am in 106, 103	30 	31				
<i>Pick up and Drop off for Sunday school in rooms 106, 204 & 205 youth & children's building</i>						

Welcome, Summer!



June



"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8, NRSV

Sun

Mon

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Pick up and
Drop off for
Sunday school
in rooms 106
& 204 youth &
children's
building for
June & July

5
Worship 8:30 &
11 am
9:45 Sunday
school Pre-K-
6th

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6th

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Drop & Go
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11:30 HEB
307 & 308
RSVP to
Susan

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15
VBS starts
4-6 pm in
Fellowship
Hall dinner
6:30

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Parent Night
Out
6pm-8pm

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Summertime

The logo consists of three thick, curved, overlapping bands in red, yellow, and blue, forming a stylized 'E' or 'F' shape.

EARLY Learning PROGram

ELP was excited to celebrate its 30th year serving the Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church and the surrounding community on April 30. We enjoyed the petting zoo, cupcakes, and bounce house, but especially enjoyed the time to visit with old friends and new.

We would like to know where our former students are and learn about the paths they have taken since their ELP days. If you have a former student, your update might include where they are, what they are doing, and especially any memories of ELP. For example, do you recall your time at ELP, your favorite activities, classmates, or a teacher? Please mail or email us a summary and photo to help us create a “wall of fame” for all to see. We would love to have a photo from ELP days as well as now.

As we begin our fourth decade, we are continuing our mission of discovering God’s world through a play-based philosophy. We are dedicated to teaching God’s word and living out Genesis 9:12. Our vision includes our commitment to providing quality preschool experiences to the next generation. While it might seem incredible, just think about how many fortunate children have learned about God’s love in the caring environment that is the very focus of our early learning program.

In celebration of our 30th year, we are establishing a campaign to aid families in need of scholarships. Please prayerfully consider donating to our goal of \$10,000. These future scholarships will provide tuition funding for students who are in need or whose families may have experienced recent hardships. For three decades, nearly one thousand children, like your own, have walked through our doors and thrived because of caring families and ELP’s Christian foundation. It is our hope that this scholarship fund will grow and be a blessing to families in for years to come. With your contributions, The Early Learning Program can continue to make brighter futures by discovering God’s world through a child’s eyes.

Thank you!

If you would like to donate, please mail a check to
ELP at WCPC
4881 W Panther Creek Dr
The Woodlands, Tx 77381

or Venmo ELP



July 24-29

7-12 grade



This opportunity is for youth who have completed grades 7-12. At this time the group is planning on flying, so early sign up is necessary. Estimated amount for the trip including airfare, lodging and food is \$600. A \$200 deposit is required to reserve a space. Additional information will be determined and sent out soon. Watch your email and texts for updates.

Please email sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org with questions or to reserve your spot!

Deadline to register is May 15!

BREATHE IT IN...

- Dinosaurs Walked Here
- It was a Dude Ranch in the 1920s
- Famous People have been guests including Georgia O'Keeffe
- 21,000 Acres of Wide Open Space



Scholarships/financial assistance available. We want everyone to participate and don't want finances to be a barrier.

Youth Group Updates and Information

Youth Group May Schedule



May 1-6:pm-7:30 pm Meet in Fellowship Hall for dinner then move to youth room.

May 8-Confirmation, no evening meeting

May 15- 6pm-8:00pm Dinner & Gelly Ball Last meeting before summer break.

We are going for big fun! Free event! Gelly Ball is a mobile course similar to paintball in your yard. Gellyballs are water based balls that leave no mess or stains and are biodegradable. 2 hours of play. Also- May 15- Ghost Ranch Sign Up Deadline!

Confirmation Class Celebration

May 8

The confirmands will share their faith with the congregation on May 8 at the 11 am worship service. There will be a reception following this service in the prayer garden. Please join us in celebrating the 2022 confirmation class in their faith journey.



Sunday School

(9:45-10:35am)
in the youth room

The Sunday School class for 7th-12th graders is held in the Youth Room. Leaders this year are Rebekah Rydowski and Nancy Hathaway. Our time will begin with a game and be followed by faith discussions. We are looking forward to the confirmation class joining us now that their class is completed.



Senior Sunday

May 22

11 am Worship Service

You are cordially invited on Sunday, May 22 to help WCPC honor seniors from 2022 during the 11 am worship service. This special day begins with a reception during the Sunday School hour(9:45 am) in the prayer garden, then participating seniors will have an opportunity to speak. After the worship service there will be a receiving line for the congregation to congratulate each senior.

Contact Shirley, sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org if you have any questions about the event.

Also, there will be a display of photos for seniors. If you would like to have your seniors photo posted please send a digital photo/file to Shirley and those will be printed out and posted in the narthex on a display. Photo/file is needed by May 17.

Sign up for important updates from Youth Group.

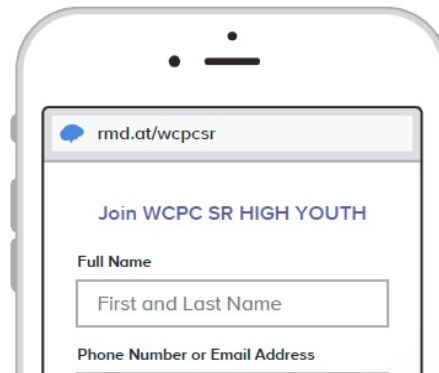
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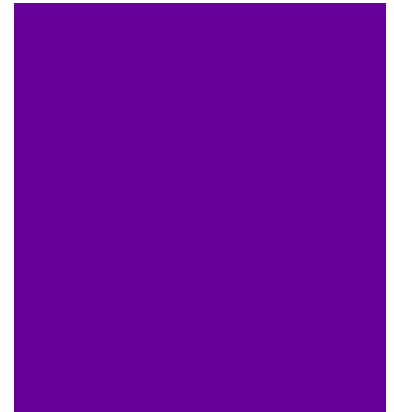
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rmd.at/wcpcsr

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



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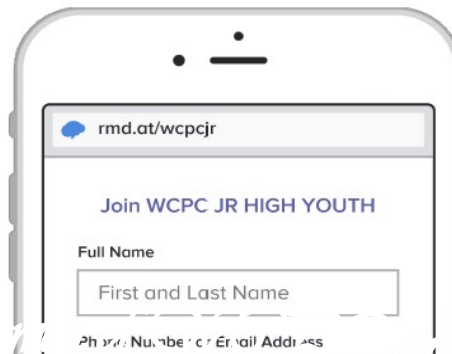
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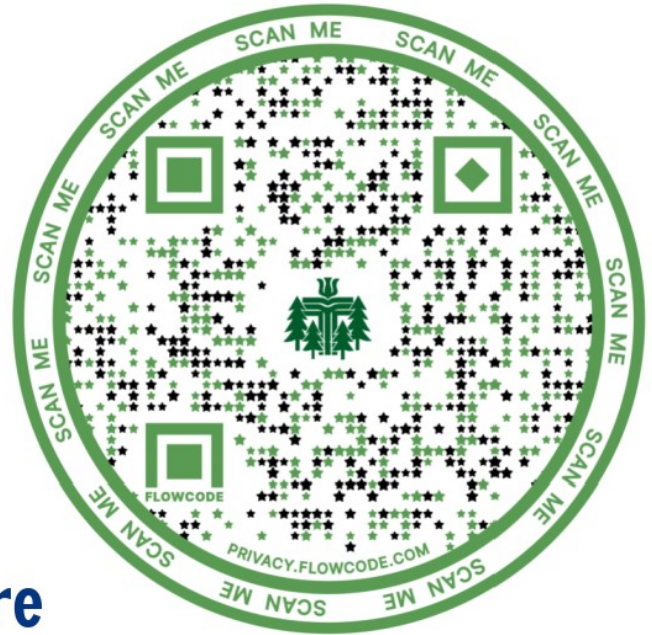
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Communications Corner

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

Newsletter: Articles due Dec 15 for Jan/Feb Newsletter, February 15 for the March/April newsletter etc.

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



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

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

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

1

1 – Click *MyWCPC* below.

2 – Select Need a Login?

3 – Enter Email, First & Last Name.

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

2

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

2 – Download ACS Church Life App.

3 – Log in with email & password.

3

Use the Church life App for:

- Member Directory
- Set up Giving
- Update your photo
- Registering for Events

Please feel free to contact the church office for help or with any questions!

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WCPC Transportation Ministry



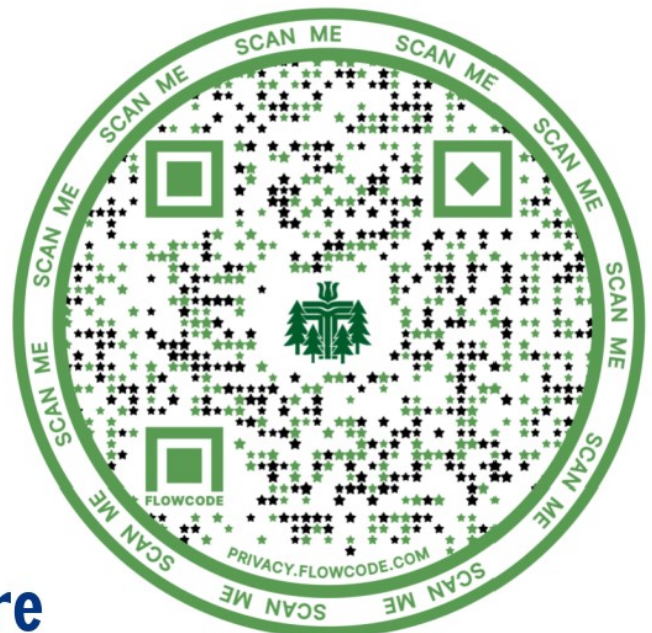
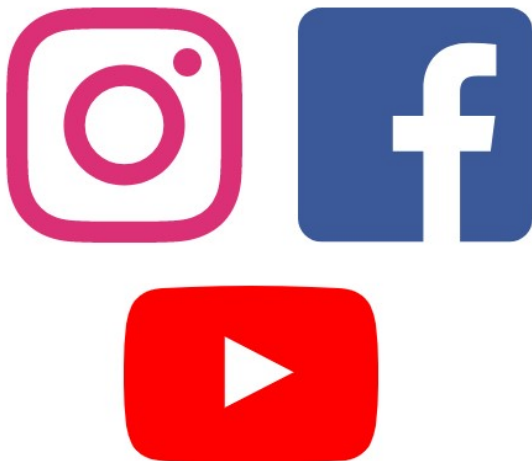
You don't drive at night? Car is in the shop? No transportation?
This new Transportation Ministry is here to help.

We are now taking requests for WCPC adult church members needing a ride to and from church services and other special church events. Being a new ministry, we can only drive minor children if they are accompanied by their parent/guardian. The drivers are volunteer WCPC members. For your safety, the drivers have had a motor vehicle report and a background check.

We would like to thank the members who have already volunteered for this ministry! We are still in need of additional church volunteer drivers to make this important ministry a success. Please consider volunteering on the wcpc-tx.org website under SignUp Genius. To find Transportation Ministry sign up, chose the Groups drop down and you will find our sign up under On-going Opportunities, then click Transportation Ministry. There is no charge for the background check/motor vehicle report. Of course, you are always free to decline driving when the request does not fit your schedule.

Please feel free to contact Sue Davis at msdavis5@hotmail.com or 713-992-5655 or Patty Ahern at pahernrd@sbcglobal.net for any driving requests, to volunteer, or any other questions.

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