



The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
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The Woodlands, TX 77381
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January February 2023

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



JANUARY 28



Love Your Neighbor Day

YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF
Mark 12:31

Love Your Neighbor Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th. As in the past there will be signs-ups on SignUpGenius for all projects as well as to provide necessary items for projects. Most opportunities will take place on or near the WCPC campus.



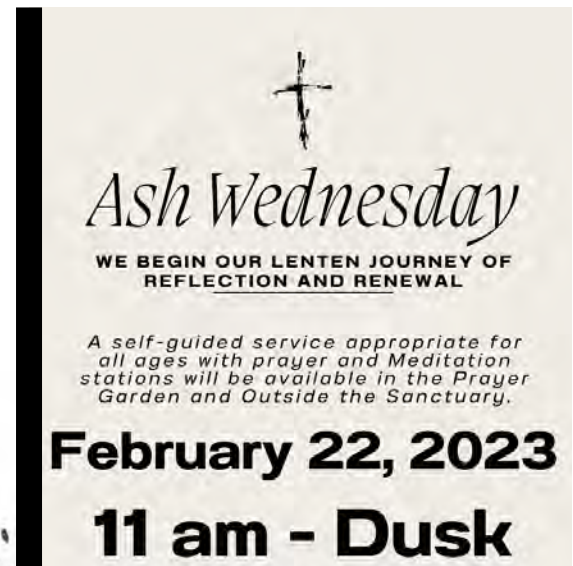
*Ash
Wednesday**

February 22, 2023

7:00pm

*In person and online

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
4881 W. Panther Creek Dr.
The Woodlands, TX 77381



Ash Wednesday

WE BEGIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY OF
REFLECTION AND RENEWAL

*A self-guided service appropriate for
all ages with prayer and Meditation
stations will be available in the Prayer
Garden and Outside the Sanctuary.*

February 22, 2023

11 am - Dusk



Rev. Dr. David F. Jones
Pastor

Dear WCPC family,

I've been asked several times over the years why WCPC doesn't have an operating budget established before the new year? It is intentional. Your session, which sets the budget, needs to see how we ended the previous year financially. Additionally, we also want to give those who have not made a pledge/commitment an opportunity to do so before we set a budget which is driven by financial commitments. We do receive commitments in January.

Once the Finance Team has the needed information they first close out the previous year with a final report to the Session. At the same meeting they also review, for a second time, the asking budgets for the teams of Session as well as financial commitments received. With this information they then, with prayer, recommend to the Session an operating budget for that year. At the January stated meeting of the new year the Session reviews the previous year and after discussing the Finance Team's recommendation acts on adopting an operating budget for the current year.

As a reminder in the Presbyterian Church USA the congregation does not approve the budget. The operating budget is approved by the Session. There is one exception. The Session can only recommend to the Session new terms of call for pastors. If the Session makes a recommendation on terms of call (salary, housing, etc.) then a congregational meeting is called to either approve or disapprove.

When you take into account the holiday season that ends the year, I hope you agree this approach makes sense. Once the budget is approved it takes effect retroactively to the first of the year. If changes in terms of call are made the same is true for them. The ongoing ministry and mission of WCPC continues without interruption.

The Finance Team will meet soon. Following their meeting and recommendations the Session at its stated meeting in January will adopt a budget for 2023 and make any recommendations to the congregation concerning terms of call that are necessary.

I invite you to remember the Finance Team and the Session in your prayers over the coming weeks. **If you have not made a financial commitment to WCPC please prayerfully consider doing so in the coming days.**

Here a link you can use:

<https://www.wcpc-tx.org/2023-stewardship-commitment/>

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Jones", written over a light blue rectangular background.

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.

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

Music Ministries:Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music
Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs**Mission Outreach:**

Sonya Dias, Facilitator

Children's Ministries:

Susan Duncan, Director

Early Learning Program:Constance Janisch, Director
Chantal Porter, Administration**Administration:**Milton Thigpen, Financial
Administrator
Shirley Barclay, Dir. of Com**Our Missionaries**Paula Cooper, Zambia
Melissa Johnson, Zambia
Jose Luis Clare, Peru
Chenoa Stock, Peru**Our Seminarians**

Frainess Shawa

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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.



Winter ADULT CLASS & STUDY OFFERINGS

Sunday Education Opportunities

We offer a variety of Sunday School classes for adults each week. We

encourage you to try out several to find one that fits your spiritual formation needs.

If a formal Sunday School class is not what you are looking for, consider spending time in fellowship in the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, 9:45- 10:45 am

Connecting Through the Bible

HEB 301b & Zoom

led by Sue and Dave Watkins and Neville Walker

A fun, interactive discussion of ways we can connect with God. Using the N.T. Wright For Everyone series, this class is studying John. 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.

Women Living In Faith Together (L.I.F.T)

Parlor

contact Patty Ahern

This group is using the study, *The Women of the New Testament* by Phyllis J. Le Peau. By studying these New Testament women, this study explores what it means to be a disciple. 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 306

led by Bill McCleary & Joe Christoffel

This class explores & discusses faith related topics using video courses. Their current study is *The Fall of the Pagans and the Origins of Medieval Christianity* led by Dr. Kenneth W. Harl. This class meets "in-person" following WCPC safety protocols.

Weekday Education Opportunities

Much like Sunday, we encourage you to explore the variety of spiritual formation opportunities that occur during the week.

MONDAYS

Women's Bible Study

HEB 301b & Zoom

9:30-11:30 am

contact Ann Fleischmann

This group will be studying the *Gospel of Luke* this spring. All you need is your Bible. New members are always welcome! This group meets in "hybrid" by request. Please contact Ann Fleischmann for more information or Laura Grice for a Zoom link.

Moms' Group

Youth Room/ CE 200

Fourth Mondays, 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 *The No-Homework Bible Study: Group Hug* by Christine Tate and meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Please contact Stephanie Keiser for more information.

TUESDAYS

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle

Parlor

First Tuesdays (Sept.-May), 10:00 am

Contact Jane Chesney

This group is using the Horizons Bible Study "Celebrating Sabbath" by Carol M. Bechtel. Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us with the gift of a day to reset our pace, priorities, and lives. This study explores Sabbath through-out scripture. This group meets "in-person". Please contact Jane Chesney for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

Wed. Morning Men's Bible 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 information or a Zoom link.

Wednesday Study Group

HEB 301b & Zoom

10:00-11:30 am

contact Sylvia Campbell

This group is using The Great Courses study—*The Triumph of Christianity*, by Bart D. Ehrman, PhD, M.Div. This video lecture-based study is a multi-faceted look at Christianity's past and its influence in the present as it continues to thrive in the world today. This group meets in "hybrid format." Please contact Sylvia Campbell for a Zoom link, if desired.

Wed. Evening Men's Study Group

Crust Pizza

Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 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.

THURSDAYS

Circle of Blessings-Women's Circle

HEB 303 & Zoom

Third Thursdays (Sept.-May), 7:00 pm

contact Debra Martinez

This group is also using the Horizons Bible Study *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel. Please contact Debra Martinez for more information.

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 taking requests for WCPC adult church members needing a ride to and from church services and other special church events. 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 Larry Copeland at lcopeland1@gmail.com for any driving requests, to volunteer, or any other questions.



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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 Tuesday, February 7 at 7pm in CHEB room 301. There will also be an option to join via Zoom.

This is the perfect meeting to attend if you want to learn how WCPC engages with its mission outreach partners or to help with the 2023 Benevolence Budget. In this meeting MOT will determine how to disperse the 2023 monies.

All are welcome! For more information, please contact Gary Chapman, Committee Chairperson at gary.chapman5206@gmail.com.

**You can view past presentations from Mission Outreach partners by visiting the WCPC website. Click the drop down menu under Mission Outreach or click:
<https://www.wcpc-tx.org/mission-outreach-team-meeting-guest-speakers/>**

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES WITH FAMILY PROMISE



JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 5, 2023

WCPC is pleased to be hosting Family Promise the week of January 29-February 5th at the Family Promise facility in Conroe. We will need volunteers to prepare and serve evening meals as well as to be overnight hosts.

Sign-Ups are going on now through Signup Genius on the WCPC website.

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

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY



**Mark Your Calendars for
Love Your Neighbor Day,
JANUARY 28th!**

Love Your Neighbor Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 28. As in the past there will be sign-ups on SignUpGenius for all projects as well as to provide necessary items for projects. There will be a grab and go coffee and snack station located in the fellowship hall. Most opportunities will take on or near the WCPC campus.

We plan to assemble Valentine goody bags for the residents of DeGeorge and Pineview. We will prepare a meal and serve it to 100 people in Conroe in need of a hot meal through Compassion United's Saturday Breakfast in the Park. In addition, we will have a drop off, load and sort event in our parking lot and courtyard for the Community Assistance Center (CAC). We will invite our members, friends to donate items specifically needed by their resale shop.

As always, we will have volunteer opportunities for all ages. We will have activities you can do from the comfort of your home such as decorate bags for Kids' Meals, sew blankets for children with Love Fosters Hope summer camp, knit or crochet washcloths for soap bags for seafarers' boxes or homeless hygiene kits.

Details to follow! Look to the WCPC bulletin and media outlets for more updates.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, January 28
9am-11am ONLY
@WCPC Parking Lot



- Clothing and shoes for men, women, children and babies
- Housewares
- Home Decor: lamps, rugs, vases and glassware

✗ Please NO DONATIONS of books, toys, electronics, printers, large furniture, tvs or mattresses

If you have ripped or stained clothing please place in a separate bag labeled RECYCLING. Tax receipts available upon request. You will also have the opportunity to schedule a pick up for large items.



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER
Serving Montgomery County

WCPC MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Annually WCPC gives roughly 10% of the budget to fund Mission partners and activities. Thanks to the generous contributions of the WCPC community the 2022 total was \$104,223. Additionally, through special offerings and the Christmas Festival WCPC gave more than \$30,000 directly to mission efforts. Your support made a difference!



THE GATHERING PLACE

On the second Monday of the month
January 9-Theme: New Year's Celebration
February 13-Theme: Valentine's Day
10:00 am to 12:30 pm (lunch provided)
WCPC Fellowship Hall

The Gathering Place (GP) of the Woodlands at WCPC is a ministry for those who are living with memory loss, Alzheimer's or other dementias and the people who love and care for them at home. The Gathering Place seeks to help both the caregiver and the care partner. The caregiver can once again choose to participate or may attend Common Ground, a caregiver support group which meets in the WCPC for about an hour beginning at 10:40am.

The 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, GP volunteers offer music, games, chair exercises, crafts and reminiscing.

To Attend or Volunteer contact:
Tricia MacDonald at
patriciamacdonald1210@gmail.com

JUST COFFEE ORDER ONLINE JANUARY 15-29



All of the following varieties are available
WHOLE BEAN or GROUND for \$10 per
1lb bag. Orders can be picked up in the
church office in February.

- 100% Pure Organic Arabica
- 100% Pure Organic Arabica DECAF
- 100% Pure Organic Robusta
- Mixed: 50% Pure Arabica-50% Pure Robusta
- Mixed: 50% Arabica DECAF & 50% Pure Arabica

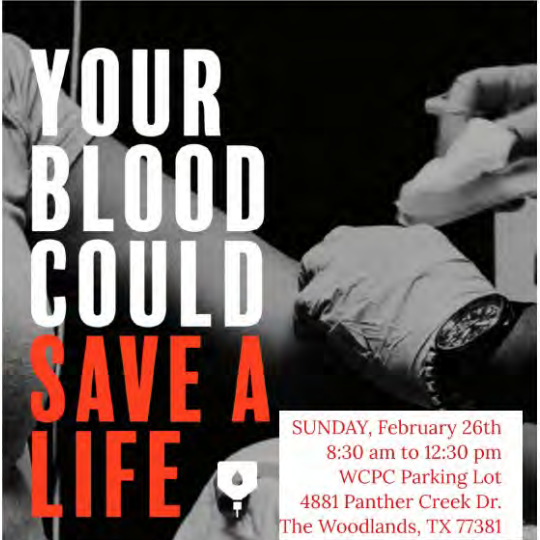
You can also choose to donate coffee to Compassion United or DeGeorge Veterans Home for \$45.00 per 5-pound bag. Visit www.wcpc-tx.org to order starting January 15th.

WCPC VOLUNTEER MEAL PACKING CHANGES

Starting in January WCPC volunteers will meet the second Tuesday of the month at the Kids' Meals warehouse. The fourth Monday the group will pack for Meals on Wheels and Compassion United. Contact Ingrid Fowler or Sonya Dias (sdias@wcpc-tx.org) for more details.

KIDS' MEALS WAREHOUSE ADDRESS:
5517 E FM 1488 MAGNOLIA, TX

BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 26



**YOUR
BLOOD
COULD
SAVE A
LIFE**

SUNDAY, February 26th
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
WCPC Parking Lot
4881 Panther Creek Dr.
The Woodlands, TX 77381

THE GATHERING PLACE



THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER

Did you know? Domestic violence spikes during the holiday season. Abusers commonly attempt to isolate their victim from their family and friends; holidays are often the only time a victim might see their loved ones all year. MCWC ask you to please be aware and vigilant to reach out if you suspect someone is a victim of abuse. To speak to a trained advocate, call the hotline 24/7 at 936-441-7273.

HELP NEEDED

MCWC is in need of donated journals for the shelter and counseling programs. Journals can be dropped off at the church office or in the church pantry. Please label them "Women's Center."



Hear and Be Heard.

Your valued partnership has helped us recently open our state-of-the-art Speech & Audiology Clinic

to serve even more children and the larger community of all ages. Special thanks to Be An Angel Foundation and Dan Pastorini for testing it out recently! Our youngest patient so far? 18 days old.

Our oldest? We'll never tell ☐

For more information or to schedule your appointment, please email Kim at kim.erbele@allearscenter.org.

WHERE GIVING THRIVES, COMMUNITIES THRIVE.

Thank you WCPC and ELP for providing classroom space for our programs serving children with hearing loss.

We are truly grateful!



Clinic location and hours:
4840 W. Panther Creek Dr, #208
Monday-Thursday 8-5
Friday 8-12
www.allearscenter.org



Lenten Fast: Single Use Plastics

Many plastics products have changed our lives for the better. However, the polluting effects of single-use plastics are increasing. We see shopping bags that grace our trees, roads, and waterways. Single use bottles are thrown into the trash, instead of recycling, wasting valuable resources:

Millions of animals are killed by plastics every year, from birds to fish to other marine organisms. Nearly 700 species, including endangered ones, ... have been affected by plastics. Nearly every species of seabird eats plastics.

The solution is to prevent plastic waste from entering rivers and seas in the first place... This could be accomplished with improved waste management systems and [recycling](#), better product design that takes into account the short life of disposable packaging, and reduction in manufacturing of unnecessary single-use plastics. (National Geographic 6/7/2019)

By far the best way to prevent the negative effects of single-use plastics is to reduce the demand for them. We can readily stop using them ourselves and we can raise our own awareness and the awareness of others. As an example, WCPC has recently installed water dispensers for refilling reusable bottles. These are located now in the Education Building (ELP) and the Narthex of the Fellowship Hall. The dispensers encourage the use of reusable water bottles by ELP children and others on our campus.

A Lenten Fast: Because we are a certified Earth Care Congregation and have pledged to encourage environmentally friendly actions, WCPC will observe and encourage a Lenten Fast of single use plastics, especially plastic water bottles and grocery bags. For six weeks from Ash Wednesday, February 22 to the day before Easter, April 8, we encourage the use of reusable water bottles and reusable shopping bags



The Benefits of Reusable Shopping Bags

If you are not currently using reusable bags for at least some of your routine shopping, now is the perfect time to give it a try! The ubiquitous plastic bags that we use to transport our groceries and other purchased goods to our homes have been a wonderful convenience to modern life. But like many other conveniences of modern life their use can harm our precious planet. These plastic bags are difficult to recycle (The Woodlands Township does not accept them in our recycle bins) and disposing of them in the trash sends them to a landfill where they take several decades to decompose. Some stores have collection bins at the entrance for recycling which is a better alternative than the trash but the recycling process still requires energy for separation and processing that could be better used elsewhere. So, give reusable bags a try! They only cost a couple of dollars, they are sturdy and will last a long time, each bag holds more items, they are easier to pack, transport, and unpack, and you will feel great that you're a part of a major collective effort for the benefit of our planet. (Pro tip: there are also insulated bags, the perfect solution to get the Blue Bell ice cream home without melting during our long Texas summers).



Adult Fellowship Luncheon

11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

JANUARY 25 & FEBRUARY 22



PRAYER QUILTS

The Prayer Quilters are getting organized again which means there will be more prayer quilts to select from the quilt album in the church office. We will meet at 1 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. All needle workers are welcome. Please consider joining us for creative fellowship in our mission for giving comfort and assurance of God's love. Contact: Nancy Kiefer 832-515-0711

Hey everybody, check out my fancy new water bottle! Not only is it SUPER CUTE, but it is something I can use every day. It goes everywhere with me. I can help cut down on the plastic waste that is contaminating our oceans, rivers and lakes. That is a huge health hazard, and I don't want to make the problem even worse. So I use my bottle. You should get one, too!



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



EARLY Learning PROGram

At ELP, we return to school on January 4th and celebrate Epiphany with our little ones. We learn about the 3 Kings journey and follow the star to find baby Jesus! Then we decorate a small candle to take home to light with our family and pray together. This gives us a moment to continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior in a quiet, meaningful way and be reminded of God's light in the world.

Our Bible verse focus for January is "With God all things are possible!"- Matthew 19:26 And it truly is, especially since it will SNOW at ELP on January 17, 18 and 19!

We will also continue our study of world cultures by celebrating Lunar New Year in late January. Gung Hay Fat Choy!

In February, we are reminded to "Love One Another" - 1 John 4:7 and "A friend loves at all times" - Prov 17:17

On February 8th, we will host our first ever STREAM Night! (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math) We are planning a "come and go" to enjoy with our families. 6:00pm - 7:30pm

The stars at night are BIG and Bright! ELP will wrap up the month of February with a rodeo!! We will milk a (pretend) cow, rope a "bull", tell stories around the campfire and celebrate all things TEXAS! I know a state that's Big and Great and Texas is its name-o! T-E-X-A-S!

We are busy planning for the 2023-24 school year! Registration for returning students, alumni and WCPC members begins January 17th. All forms are due by February 10th. Public registration is on February 15th at 6:30pm. If you or someone you know would like to tour our program, regular tours at Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30am. We recommend the potential student tour with the parent as their opinion matters to us as well! Other tours can be arranged. Contact Corky Janisch, ELP Director at cjanisch@wcpc-tx.org

Constance (Corky) Janisch - Director
The Early Learning Program
cjanisch@wcpc-tx.org
281-298-2464



The Early Learning Program

of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

~ Discovering God's World ~

Public Registration
for the 2023-24 School Year
February 15, 2023
6:30pm
*For more information,
call 281-298-2464*

ELP is a developmentally appropriate Christian learning environment, which nurtures young children's' social-emotional, physical and spiritual growth. We offer 1 to 4 day programs for children from 18 months to 5 years old including a 4 day Transitional Kindergarten class and STEAM enrichment classes.



4881 W. Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77381
Tours every Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 am

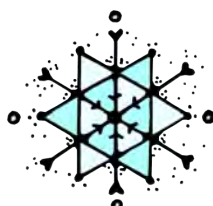


January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday school 9:30-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00 am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday school 9:45--10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00 am	9 Drop & Go child- care 9:00 am- 11:30 am by rsvp to Susan	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday school 9:45- 10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00 am	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20 PNO 5:30-8:00 pm	21
22 Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00 am	23 Drop & Go child- care 9:00 am- 11:30 am by rsvp to Susan	24	25	26	27	28
30 Sunday school 9:45- 10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00 am	30 Drop & Go child- care 9:00 am- 11:30 am by rsvp to Susan	31 				

Children's Sunday School 9:30-10:50 drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 100 (under 3 yrs), 106 4 yr-1st, 204 2nd-4th & 205 5th-6th.
Childcare for worship at 11 am in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.





Drop and Go dates for January are the 9th, 23rd and 30th. February dates are the 6th, 13th, and 27th. All nurseries are from 9-11:30 am in the Hendricks building. Reservations required. RSVP to Susan Duncan at sduncan@wcpc-tx.org.



January Sunday School

Children's Sunday School

Preschool K-1st Walk with Me lessons on Jesus early life and ministry

2nd-4th Whirl Lectionary following worship texts

5th-6th Connect Unit 7 Ministry of Jesus



Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be hearing Parables alternating with singing Sundays with Ms. Tricia or Jonathan.



Nursery News

Monday children's nurseries will be experiencing winter fun and crafts even if the weather doesn't cooperate!



February Sunday School

Children's Sunday School

Preschool 4-1st Walk with Me lessons on teachings of Jesus

2nd-4th L following Lectionary texts

5th & 6th Connect Unit 7 and starting 8 Jesus as Savior

Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be hearing the parables of Jesus alternating with singing with Ms. Tricia or Jonathan.

Love Your Neighbor Day is January 28th. Children will make valentines and decorate sacks for Meals on Wheels.





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



February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2  Groundhog Day	3	4
5 Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00	6 Drop & Go childcare 9:00 am-11:30 am by rsvp to	7	8 ELP STEAM Night	9	10	11
12 Sunday school 9:45- 10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00	13 Drop & Go childcare 9:00 am-11:30 am by rsvp to	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00	20  Presidents Day	21	22  ASH WEDNESDAY	23	24	25
26 Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00	27 Drop & Go childcare 9:00 am- 11:30 am by rsvp to Susan	28				



Children's Sunday School 9:30-10:45 drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 100 (under 3 yrs), 106 4 yr-1st, 204 2nd-4th & 205 5th-6th. Childcare for worship at 11 am in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.

Valentine's Day

Once again, the WCPC Youth are selling Valentine's. This supports our youth and presents an opportunity to show the ones you care about that they are in your thoughts. Your Valentine's Day order will be personally delivered on Sunday, February 12 after church.

2 packages to choose from

Basic Package **\$20**

Includes a sweet treat (chocolate brownie, salted caramel blondie brownie or mini red velvet bundt cake) personalized card and a sweet serenade

Deluxe Package **\$40**

includes everything the basic package includes with the addition of flowers!

Order after church on Sundays beginning January 22 and ending February 5.

Email sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org with questions

Order Information

Name of Receiver _____

Phone Number _____

Delivery Address _____

Name of Sender _____

Contact Phone _____

_____ **Basic Package** **\$20**

Includes a sweet treat, personalized card and a sweet serenade

Choose one:

_____ chocolate brownie _____ salted caramel blondie brownie or _____ mini red velvet bundt cake

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Paid by: _____ Cash _____ Credit/Debit Card _____ Check #

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Youth Group Updates and Information



January / February Schedule

Sun, Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Sun, Jan 8	9:45 am Sunday School 6pm youth group
Sun Jan 15	9:45 am Sunday School 6 11pm Late Night Mission/
Movie!	
Sun Jan 22	9:45 am Sunday School 12-4 pm Sunday Funday
Sat Jan 28-	8am Love Your Neighbor Day
Sun Jan 29	9:45 am Sunday School No youth group
Sun Feb 5	9:45 am Sunday School, 6-7:30pm Youth Group
Sun Feb 12	9:45 am Sunday School 12pm Deliver Valentines
Sun Feb 19	9:45 am Sunday School, 6pm Youth Group
Sun Feb 26	9:45 am Sunday School, 6-7:30pm Youth Group

Please sign up to receive emails and remind notices changes and up to date information

Galveston Day Trip

The youth took a day trip to Galveston at the end of December. The trip included a quick lunch at the spot, delivering seafarer kits that the youth sold at the Christmas Market. They also took a tour of the Seafarer Center and delivered gift bags to local shrimpers as part of a mission project.



Conclaves is coming soon!
Look for Registration information in your email or via Remind notices!

Late Night Mission and a Movie Sunday, January 15 6-11pm

Youth meet Sunday, January 15 at 6pm at WCPC for a mission project and movie. Pizza, snacks, fellowship and fun are included!



**Youth Group Bible Study
Sunday Evenings
Fellowship Hall/Youth Room
6-7:30pm Dinner, Bible Study, Fellowship**

Jr and Sr High

(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 Rydarowski and Nancy Hathaway. Classes will continue through the summer. Please join us!



Sign up for important updates from Youth Group.

Questions? Email sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org for assistance.

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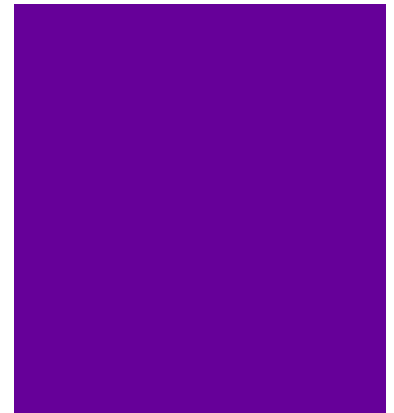
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WCPC Columbarium Purchasing Packets Available

Columbarium Niche Sales Progressing!

- Obtain a Columbarium Purchasing Packet (and an updated Niche Locator Map)
 - a. either in-person in the Columbarium box in WCPC's Workroom
 - b. or online through WCPC's website www.wcpc-tx.org/columbarium/
- Read the packet.
- Find and follow the instructions for purchasing a niche
 - a. either in the packet you pick up at church
 - b. or on WCPC's website.
- Consider making a donation to the Columbarium Fund if you're not purchasing a niche.
- Look for completion of WCPC's Columbarium in January, 2023.