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## The Good News Herald

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church  
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January February 2024

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



# Love Your Neighbor Day

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

See details on Page 12

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

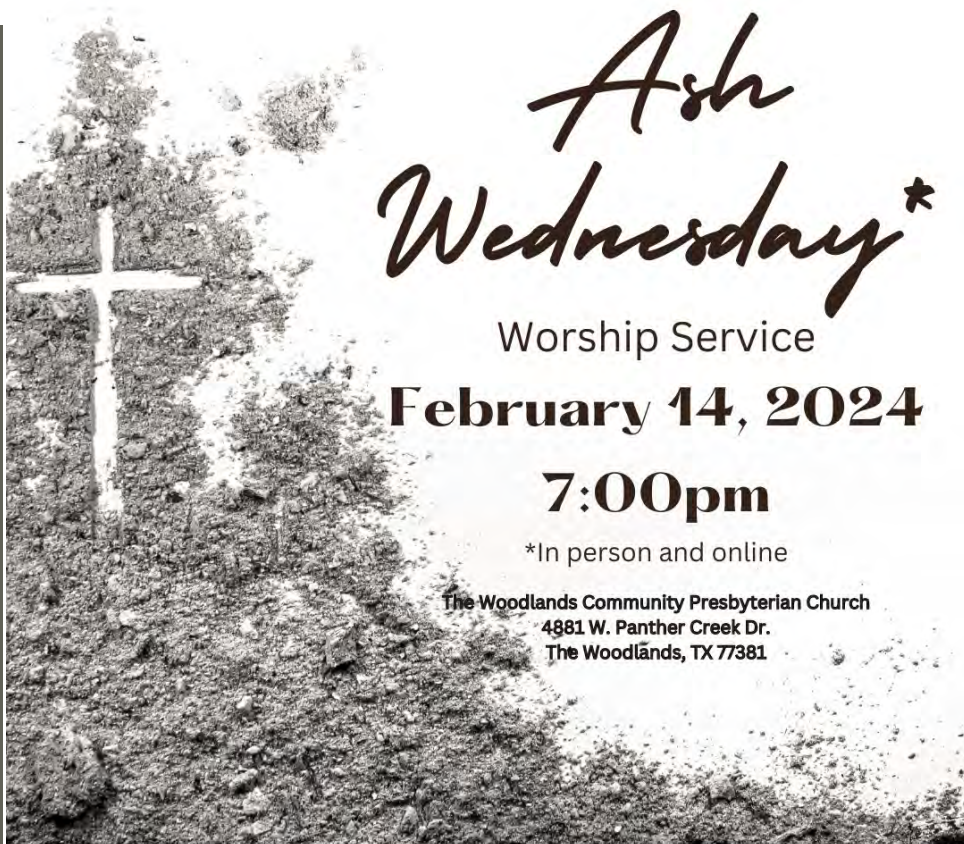
8:30 and 11:00 am\*

Worship

9:45 am – 10:45 am

Sunday School

\*Worship services  
available online  
and in person.



## Ash Wednesday\*

Worship Service

**February 14, 2024**

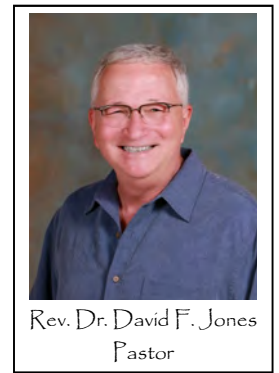
**7:00pm**

\*In person and online

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Dear WCPC family,

I know that looking back on 2023 some of you have wonderful memories of the past 12 months. I'm also aware that for some of you it was a difficult year. One you wish you could forget. And I also know that for more than a few 2024 isn't shaping up to be one of your favorites either.



How do we handle the beginning of a new year? Not, in my opinion with resolutions that are soon forgotten, but by focusing on who is with us on the journey. One of the reasons I believe that WCPC, or any church is important, is because we need people to laugh with us and also to weep or mourn with us. No one should face this or any year alone.

Worshipping with your family and church friends. Taking part in a Sunday School class or a mid-week study. Volunteering to serve others through the many opportunities at WCPC or with some of the many partners that WCPC works with to meet the needs of those who are often overlooked. Singing in the Sanctuary Choir. Helping to welcome people on Sunday morning. Joining one of the teams of the Session and Board of Deacons. I could go on of course.

Certainly, one of the reasons all the above is important is because they touch lives. Many lives. But it's also important for those we make those commitments. Not only are you serving others but in a very important way you are meeting a need you have – to be connected to others. To serve Christ.

Most studies seem to indicate that more and more people are feeling alone and isolated. For all the many ways we connect (Facebook, Instagram, zoom gathers, etc.) there is still a need, a hunger for human contact that is more than just digital.

There are many ways to do that at WCPC. This newsletter gives you some options to consider. One that I hope you will think seriously about is **Love Your Neighbor Day**. On January 27<sup>th</sup> this annual event will give you the opportunity to make new friends and also make a difference as we share God's love with our neighbors. Who knows what sort of difference that can make this year in your life and in someone else's.

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Dr. 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,

As we begin a new year, many folks will set New Year's resolutions. Here at WCPC, we may not be making any resolutions, but we are making some exciting plans. We are introducing a new Adult Spiritual Formation Sunday class. We are returning to a curriculum we've used in the past. *The Wired Word* explores news articles and how these events and our lives of faith intersect. Each lesson includes suggested readings from scripture, along with a reflection. David and I will help get this class started, but we are hoping that class members will also like to help facilitated discussion each week. We'll meet in Room 302 each Sunday, beginning Jan. 14.

We are also working in partnership with ELP to provide an afternoon music program for our ELP families. Many thanks to Jonathan, Susan, Corky, David, and numerous volunteers who are helping to bring this idea to fruition. We hope it becomes an important ministry opportunity for these children and families.

And while we are trying some new things, we are also continuing some long-standing ministries. Please mark your calendars now for Love Your Neighbor Day which is on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have numerous service opportunities both onsite and off.

Easter is early this year, so that means that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14<sup>th</sup>. One of my favorite things to prepare each year as your Associate Pastor is our Self-guided Ash Wednesday service. We hope you'll begin a meaningful Lent with us on Ash Wednesday either at our self-guided service during the day or at our traditional service at 7pm.

Grace and Peace,

*Laura*



## PRAYER QUILTS

The Prayer Quilters meet at 1pm on the first and third Thursdays each month in room 303 in the Hendricks building. All needle workers are welcome. Please join us for creative fellowship in our mission for giving comfort and assurance of God's love. Contact Nancy Kiefer 832-515-0711

**stephen**  
**MINISTRY**

### Is it Winter in Your Life?

Many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They will walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more, please talk to one of our pastors or Stephen Ministers and Leaders.



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

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <b><u>Pastor:</u></b><br>Rev. Dr. David F. Jones             | <b><u>Music Ministries:</u></b><br>Jonathan Aigner, Director of Music<br>Sherry Hunter, Director, Bell Choirs | <b><u>Early Learning Program:</u></b><br>Constance Janisch, Director<br>Chantal Porter, Administration | <b><u>Our Missionaries</u></b><br>Paula Cooper, Zambia<br>Melissa Johnson, Zambia<br>Jose Luis Clare, Peru<br>Chenoa Stock, Peru<br>Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar |
| <b><u>Associate Pastor</u></b><br>Rev. Laura R. Grice        | <b><u>Mission Outreach:</u></b><br>Sonya Dias, Facilitator  | <b><u>Administration:</u></b><br>Bob McArdle, Financial Administrator<br>Shirley Barclay, Dir. of Com  | <b><u>Our Seminarians</u></b><br>Frainess Shawa   |
| <b><u>Pastor Emeritus:</u></b><br>Rev. Dr. Charles Hendricks | <b><u>Children's Ministries:</u></b><br>Susan Duncan, Director  |  |   |

**SESSION MEMBERS**

| <b>CLASS OF 2024</b>      | <b>CLASS OF 2025</b> | <b>CLASS OF 2026</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Andre DuBruyn             | Jane Chesney         | Kristen Campbell     |
| Cinda Hitchcock           | Jane Harding         | Chris Chagla         |
| Stephanie Keiser          | David Martinez       | Mark Seefeldt        |
| David Watkins             | Brian Spears         | Steve Schlacks       |
| Claire Keiser-Youth Elder |                      |                      |

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

| <b>CLASS OF 2024</b> | <b>CLASS OF 2025</b> | <b>CLASS OF 2026</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Patty Ahern          | Larry Copeland       | David Chesney        |
| Sue Davis            | Bruce Lee            | Ria Du Bruyn         |
| Peggy Harris         | Sarah Parker         | John Erickson        |
| Deb Mason            | Rebekah Rydarowski   | Karen Gonzales       |
| Nita Purcell         | Susan Schatz         | Tommie Lewis         |
| Eleanor Stone        | Shelley Smith        | Stan Tucker          |

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|                       |                            |                              |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
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|                       | Claire Keiser              |                              |
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| Clerk for the Session | Megan Hansen               | megateer@gmail.com           |

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|                                |                    |                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
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|                                | Deb Mason          | wcpcdeacondab@aol.com        |
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|                                | John Erickson      |                              |
| <i>Cookie Ministry</i>         | Patty Ahern        | pahernrd@sbcglobal.net       |
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|                                | David Chesney      |                              |
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|                                | Shelley Smith      | ssmith6690@comcast.net       |
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| <i>Transportation Ministry</i> | Sue Davis          | msdavis5@hotmail.com         |
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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](http://www.wcpc-tx.org)). Prayer requests may be added to or removed from the list by contacting the Prayer Team, Rev. Laura Grice or the church office (281-363-2040; [lgrice@wcpc-tx.org](mailto: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 Revelation. 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 Fitting Room* by Kelly Minter. This study explores what it means to "clothe" oneself with the character of Christ (Col.3:12). This class meets in-person.

#### 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 Joe Christoffell & Bill McCleary*

This class explores & discusses faith related topics using video courses. Their current study is *Christianity of the Reformation* led by Dr. Brad Gregory. This class meets "in-person".

#### The Wired Word

HEB 302

*led by Rev. Dr. David Jones and Rev. Laura Grice*

**NEW CLASS! Beginning Jan. 14.** This class explores current events from the perspective of the Christian faith. This class meets "in-person".

If you have ideas for an Adult Spiritual Formation Class, please let Laura Grice know.  
lgrice@wcpc-tx.org

### 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

**9:30-11:30 am**

*contact Ann Fleischmann*

This group is studying the book of Acts this spring. All you need is your Bible. New members are always welcome! This group meets in-person. Please contact Ann Fleischmann for more information.

##### 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

##### The Tuesday Morning Circle

Parlor

**First Tuesdays (Sept.-May), 10:00-11:30 am**

*Contact Jane Chesney*

This group is using the Horizons Bible Study *Sacred Encounters* by Olive Mahabil. This study invites participants consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. This womens group meets in the church parlor. 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- *Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad*, by Mark W. Muesse, PhD. This lecture-based study examines the life stories and legacies of these four iconic figures, their core teachings and thoughts and their enduring impact. This group meets in hybrid format. Please contact Sylvia Campbell for a Zoom link.

##### Wed. Evening Men's Study Group

Crust Pizza

**First and Third 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 using *Deeply Rooted: Knowing Self, Growing in God* by Christopher Maricle. Using the metaphor of a tree, this study explores how knowing God and knowing self help the soul grow. This group meets in "hybrid" by request. Please contact Debra Martinez for more information.



***ES = M<sup>2</sup>** sure looks like some sort of advanced physics to me. But translated, it means **Energy Savings = Money for Mission**. If we do more to save energy use at WCPC, we can channel that money into our mission outreach. There are lots of ways we can make our campus more energy efficient. Want to know how? Just come to the workshop at **4:00 pm on February 4th** in the Sanctuary. It takes all of us to make this happen. So please plan to be there!*



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

***Energy Savings = Money for Missions***

**Sunday, February 4, 4 p.m. WCPC Sanctuary**

**Presentation and Discussion, Colby May, CEM, author of the WCPC Energy Audit**

We have an active program at WCPC on energy and environmental concerns. While we've accomplished a lot, the 2023 Energy Audit points out opportunities for doing more. The results of these actions will be more funds freed up for missions. We're calling this **ES = M<sup>2</sup>** (*Energy Savings Equals Money for Missions*). The 2023 Energy Audit conducted by Colby May, Founder of Energy for Purpose, revealed how much more we can do. Toward this end, the Creation Care Team is organizing a presentation and discussion on the report findings planned for Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Since 2015, we have installed hundreds of LED light bulbs and fixtures. These improvements have largely paid for themselves by reducing electricity use. In addition, we replaced older outmoded and inefficient HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) systems with much more efficient units. This reduces our carbon footprint from emissions relevant to climate change as well as other harmful power plant pollutants. The added benefit for our church is saving money which can be used instead for missions, *Money for Missions*.

Conserving energy and reducing our bills requires all of us using the buildings to understand why and how to follow best practices for energy savings. Colby May will present findings and recommendations from the Energy Audit. The presentation will include time for questions and answers followed by refreshments. The presentation will focus on the WCPC campus, but the recommendations are also useful for our homes. The presentation will be recorded and live-streamed, so it can be viewed remotely, but we are encouraging people to attend in person and join the discussion.

In addition to WCPC leaders, members, and friends, we are inviting leaders of groups that use our buildings and other Earth Care Congregations in the Presbytery.

# WCPC Transportation Ministry



You don't drive at night? Car is in the shop? No transportation? The Transportation Ministry is here to help you get to church and church events. Please feel free to contact Sue Davis at [msdavis5@hotmail.com](mailto:msdavis5@hotmail.com) or 713-992-5655 or Larry Copeland at [lcopeland1@gmail.com](mailto:lcopeland1@gmail.com) for details on the program, any driving requests, to volunteer, or any other questions.

## Ushers Needed: No Experience Necessary!

We're looking for ushers for both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. No experience is necessary. Anyone who is interested email Kristen Campbell at [.e.kristen.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:.e.kristen.campbell@gmail.com).



**BRING A  
FRIEND!**

# Adult Fellowship Luncheon

11:30 am  
Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31  
AND  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**



# 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 14, 2024**

**11 am - Dusk**

## WCPC CHOIR

This is a great time to join the WCPC Sanctuary Choir as we prepare anthems to share in worship between January and May. We are made up of volunteers who are members and regular attenders of WCPC. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9pm in the Sanctuary or Choir Room. Previous musical or choral experience is helpful, but not required. All who enjoy praising God and leading others in worship through song are invited to join. Please feel free to contact Jonathan Aigner at [jaigner@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:jaigner@wcpc-tx.org) with any questions.



Day. The celebration should continue. Each child decorates and takes home a small candle to light with their family, talk about something they are thankful for, and talk about ways to show each other God's love. This helps keep the Christmas spirit alive into the new year!

### 2023-24 School Year Registration

Registration forms for returning students, siblings, alumni and church members will be available on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Forms will be emailed at 10:00am on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also printed forms will be sent home and available in the office. Please list your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of classes, especially future Pre-K parents! We try to accommodate 1<sup>st</sup> choices when possible. Timely return of forms is considered for placement. Forms are due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Public registration is on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Constance (Corky) Janisch - Director  
The Early Learning Program  
<https://earlylearningprogramtx.com>  
[cjanisch@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:cjanisch@wcpc-tx.org) 281-298-2464

At ELP, we start the month with our Epiphany Chapel! Christmas is such an exciting time of year and many times we find ourselves a little down in January. The message we want to get across to the children is Jesus is God's gift to us and is with us EVERYDAY, not just Christmas



**PUBLIC  
REGISTRATION  
FOR 2024-25**

**FEBRUARY 21  
6:30PM**



*Exploring God's World in a Playful  
and Experience-Based Preschool Program  
in the heart of The Woodlands, Texas*

Our preschool program is designed to encourage discovery and fun! We welcome children from ages 18 months to Transitional Kindergarten who are ready to learn, build friendships and grow in a fostering and Christian environment.



*2024-25 Tours Announced! Starting January 10, 2024*

Join us every Wednesday and Friday at 9:30am for our upcoming tours.  
Don't miss our Open House Tours on January 16th, 17th, and 18th. Tours start at  
9:30am, 10:30am, and 11:30am!

*The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church is proud to present The Early Learning Program as part of its  
ministry.*

**REGISTER FOR A TOUR AT**  
**[HTTPS://EARLYLEARNINGPROGRAMTX.COM/CONTACT](https://earlylearningprogramtx.com/contact)**

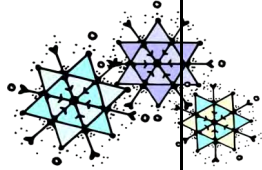






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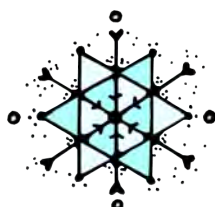


# January



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
|  | 1   | 2<br> | 3<br>ELP classes resume   | 4<br>Drop & Go<br><b>12:45-3:00</b><br>pm *new time           | 5<br> EPIPHANY | 6  |
| 7<br>Sunday school<br>9:30-10:45 am,<br>worship 8:30 & 11<br>am                   | 8<br>Drop & Go<br><b>12:45-3:00</b><br>pm *new time | 9  | 10  | 11<br>Drop & Go<br><b>12:45-3:00</b><br>pm *new time          | 12<br>ELP Board Mtg<br>9-11 am  | 13   |
| 14<br>Sunday<br>school 9:45--<br>10:45 am,<br>worship 8:30<br>& 11:00 am          | 15<br>No ELP<br><br>Martin Luther<br>King Jr. Day   | 16   | 17  | 18<br>Drop & Go<br><b>12:45-3:00</b><br>pm                    | 19  | 20   |
| 21<br>Sunday<br>school 9:45-<br>10:45 am,<br>worship 8:30<br>& 11:00 am           | 22<br>Drop & Go<br><b>12:45-3:00</b><br>pm          | 23   | 24  | 25<br>ELP Staff Mtg<br>& Drop & Go<br><b>12:45-3:00</b><br>pm | 26  | 27<br><br>Love Your<br>Neighbor Day |
| 28<br>Sunday<br>school 9:45-<br>10:45 am,<br>worship 8:30<br>& 11:00 am           | 29<br>Drop & Go<br><b>12:45-3:00</b><br>pm          | 30   | 31<br>Adult Luncheon<br>11:30<br>ELP Snow Days 31<br>& Feb 1<br>1-2 pm After School<br>Music with ELP<br>starts |   |   |  |
|   |   |    |   |   |   |  |

**Children's Sunday School 9:30-10:50** drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 106, 204 & 205.  
Childcare for worship at 8:30 am in room 100, for 11:00 am in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.







## New DROP and GO schedule in January!

Drop and Go will change to an afternoon program on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 12:45 pm to 3 pm in the same rooms, Hendricks nurseries 307-9. Extend your ELP day and we will walk the children over or just use the afternoon childcare these days for appointments, running errands, etc. It is open to church, ELP and friends families and is \$20 per child, per date. Reservations a week ahead of time are strongly encouraged. I will cancel the class if we don't have enough interest on an upcoming date. We are trying this program in January and it will continue if we have 8 or more children attending regularly.



## January Sunday School



### Children's Sunday School

Preschool K-1st Walk with Me lessons on John the Baptist, Jesus and the Disciples, and Teachings of Jesus

2nd-4th Sparkhouse Classroom lessons on Jesus' Ministry in Luke

5th-6th Connect Old Testament Unit 4 on Kings & Prophets



Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be hearing the stories on Epiphany and the Good Shepherd alternating with singing Sundays with Ms. Tricia or Jonathan.

### Nursery News

Mon & Thurs children's pm nurseries will be experiencing winter fun and crafts even if the weather doesn't cooperate!



## February Sunday School

### Children's Sunday School

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

2nd-4th Sparkhouse Classroom lessons on Jesus' Ministry in Luke

5th & 6th Connect finishing OT Unit 4 Kings, then Unit 5 Conquered

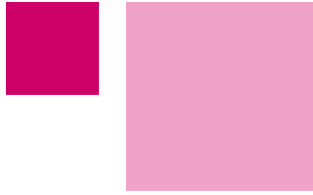
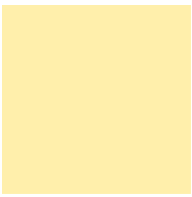
Godly Play classes on Sunday mornings will be hearing the parables of Jesus alternating with singing with Ms. Tricia or Jonathan.




Love Your Neighbor Day is becoming a month of service options on Jan. 27th. See our website for more information soon.



**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



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                    | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|---|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|----------|
|   |  |                            |   | 1<br>ELP Snow day                                     | 2<br><br>Groundhog Day | 3        |
| 4<br>Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00 CM mtg 2 pm Zoom | 5  | 6                          | 7<br>1-2 pm After School Music with ELP   | 8   | 9<br>ELP Board mtg 9-11 am  | 10       |
| 11<br>Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00                 | 12   | 13                         | 14<br>Ash Wednesday<br><br>Valentine's Day | 15<br>ELP deadline for WCPC, ELP student registration | 16  | 17       |
| 18<br>Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00                 | 19<br><br>President's Day | 20<br>ELP Staff Mtg 1-3 pm | 21<br>ELP Public Registration 1-2 pm After School Music with ELP  | 22  | 23  | 24       |
| 25<br>Sunday school 9:45-10:45 am, worship 8:30 & 11:00                 | 26   | 27                         | 28<br>1-2 pm After School Music with ELP  | 29  |   |          |



**Children's Sunday School 9:30-10:45** drop off and pick up in CE building rooms 204, 205 and 106.  
 Childcare for worship at 8:30 in room 100, for 11 am in Charles Hendricks Ed. Building rooms 307-309.



# 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 6 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 2024 Benevolence Budget. In this meeting MOT will determine how to disperse the 2024 monies.

All are welcome! For more information, please contact Gary Chapman, Committee Chairperson at [gary.chapman5206@gmail.com](mailto: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 28 - FEBRUARY 4, 2023**



WCPC is pleased to be hosting Family Promise the week of January 28-February 4th 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 will be through Signup Genius on the WCPC website starting January 14th.

Currently the Family Promise site is hosting four families with twelve kids ages 4 months to 17 years.

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



# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY



Love Your Neighbor Day at WCPC will be Saturday, January 27. Please consider how you can make a difference this year. Two signs-ups will be live one to sign up for projects as well as to provide necessary items for their completion.

Some of the faith in action projects currently planned are:

- assemble Valentine goody bags for the residents of DeGeorge,
- prepare and serve a hot meal to 100 people in Conroe through Compassion United's Saturday Breakfast in the Park,
- deliver a week's worth of shelf stable breakfast bags to Meals on Wheels recipients,
- learn to make quilts for children receiving beds from Sleep in Heavenly Peace,
- sort and pack clothing and houseware donations for Community Assistance Center,
- decorate valentines, lunch bags and breakfast bags,
- assemble lapel pins for Sexual Assault Awareness month in April,
- pack lunches for hungry preschoolers in our area for Kids' Meals,
- and taking care of our campus grounds -beautifying our green spaces and trails.

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.

There will be 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.

**Sign ups will begin January 8th on the church website  
[www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org) (via Sign up genius).**



## JUST COFFEE



Fair trade, organic coffee!  
WHOLE BEAN or GROUND.  
\$10 per 1lb bag or \$45 for 5 lbs.

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

TO ORDER: [www.wcpc-tx.org/market](http://www.wcpc-tx.org/market)  
January 14-28, 2024  
(Coffee will be available for pick up in February.)  
You can also choose to donate coffee to  
Compassion United or  
DeGeorge Veterans Home for  
\$45.00 per 5 pound bag.



## THE GATHERING PLACE

On the second Monday of the month  
January 12-Theme: New Year's Celebration  
February 11-Theme: Hollywood & the Oscars  
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](mailto:patriciamacdonald1210@gmail.com)

## 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 2023 total was \$104,223. Additionally, through special offerings (\$12,398), the Christmas Festival (\$18,092), and other mission giving (\$26,581). WCPC allocated more than \$161,294 directly to mission efforts. Your support made a difference!



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring Collection will be at services Sunday, February 11th, 2024. This year's collection will benefit Kids' Meals of Montgomery County.

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Gulf Coast Donor Coach will be at WCPC on February 25th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Check the bulletin or the WCPC website to sign up starting in February.





# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY DONATION DRIVE THRU

Saturday, January 27 9am-11am ONLY

@WCPC Parking Lot

4881 W. Panther Creek

The Woodlands, TX



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, TV's or mattresses

All items will be for:



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER  
*Serving Montgomery County*

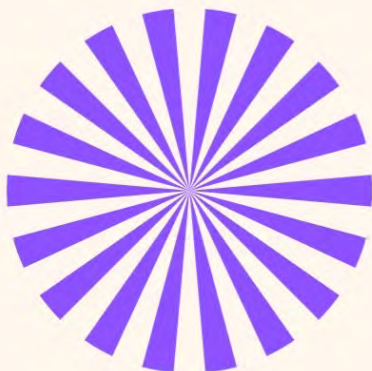




# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY AND QUILTS ACROSS AMERICA

**JOIN US AS WE MAKE  
QUILTS FOR SLEEP IN  
HEAVENLY PEACE**

**LET'S GET CHILDREN "OFF THE FLOOR, INTO  
A BED, AND UNDER A QUILT"**



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

January 27th  
9:00am-1:00pm



## Help us fill the pantry! Items needed:

\*Shelf stable Milk or Juice

\*Boxes of Raisins

\*Soft & chewy (no nuts)  
granola bars and cereal bars  
(Nutri-grain)

\*Peanut Butter or  
Cheese Crackers

\*Packets of Instant Oatmeal

\*Ensure (vanilla, chocolate,  
and strawberry only)

\*Paper Lunch Bags or  
Paper Grocery Bags

Please leave items in the church pantry (white armoire in the Sanctuary narthex) or the marked bins in the Fellowship Hall Narthex.



2024 Feed Our Future Golf Tournament  
Friday, March 22, 2024  
EVENT DETAILS

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 22nd, and join Kids' Meals for the 4th Annual Feed Our Future Golf Tournament at High Meadow Ranch Golf Club, where you will play the #2 rated public golf course in the greater Houston area while raising funds to feed more than 400 children a day in Montgomery County. A special thank you to our presenting sponsor, Mongoose Freight Solutions, and Chair Rachel Adams along with co-chairs Brandy Dworaczyk and Suzanne Kretchmer for leading a fantastic event that no golfer should miss!

7:30am – Golfer Check-in  
8:00am – Breakfast  
9:00am – Four-Person Scramble Start

## VOLUNTEER AT KIDS' MEALS



It takes hundreds of volunteers each week to prepare and pack thousands of meals. Volunteer shifts at Kids' Meals are Monday-Friday 9am-12pm and 12:30pm-2:30pm. Kids ages 8 and above are welcome to volunteer! All children under 18 must be supervised by an adult at all times. To sign up to volunteer at the Magnolia warehouse visit:

<https://kidsmealsinc.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/MontgomeryCounty/>

Address: 5517 FM  
1488, Suite E  
Magnolia Tx 77354



# WCPC Youth Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Conclaves 2024: Who am I?

February 23-25<sup>th</sup>



Registration has started!! Check with the church office or youth team leaders for details!

SAVE THE DATE!! REGISTER EARLY! REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEB 1<sup>ST</sup> Calling ALL YOUTH! Join us for a fun and faith-filled weekend at Trinity Pines Conference Center in February. Our Presbytery's Youth Connection Council (PYCC) is planning a retreat that will enable youth to grow closer to one another, connect with youth from all over our presbytery, engage in small groups, experience dynamic worship, and of course, have a blast playing games and making new friends! Youth will also participate in a mission project and explore ways to connect with God in our Spirituality Center. Registration has started!! Check with the church office or youth team for details!

## Galveston Day Trip: Seafarer Kit Delivery



Last year, we took the SAME 6 people on the SAME day (Dec 21), but things at the center were different this year. People were in and out while we were there because there was both a cruise ship docked and cargo ship.

Since we all got the tour last year, and Pastor Jeff was helping seafarers (yes, we met some actual seafarers!!), we spent our time creating more kits with items that had been donated to the center but not assembled.



We also assembled 12 goodie/care bags, before we left WCPC, which the center will deliver to local Shrimpers on behalf of WCPC.

### Confirmation Class

Sunday

9:45 am in Rm 305

7-8th Grade

### Youth Group 7-12 Grade

Sunday Evening 6-7:30 pm

Dinner, Bible Study, Fellowship and Fun!

Meet in Fellowship Hall for Dinner and then the Youth Room for Study and Games.

### Sr High

Includes 9-12 grade

9:45-10:35am  
in CE 200  
(the youth room)

The Sunday School class for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders is held in the Youth Room. Leaders this year are Rebekah Rydarowski and Nancy Hathaway.

Join us every week for  
**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.





# 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/](http://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.
- Call or text Peggy Hendricks (281-239-5989) when necessary to help with urn-purchasing and niche faceplate inscribing
- Consider making a donation to the Columbarium Fund if you're not purchasing a niche