The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

Are you hungry for the Bread of Life yet? And I'm not just talking about the delicious Greek Easter bread, matzah crackers, or ciabatta bread that our church friends have provided for us! During Lent, we hunger for Jesus Christ to complete His work so that we may be filled with new life, with grace upon grace.

Who else in your life is hungering for peace, for love, for life abundant? Who else needs to know about the Bread of Life, the place at the Table that is waiting for them? Consider who you can invite to taste the Bread of Life, the bread for growth, the bread that is enough for our daily needs. For as it's said, we are all just beggars, pointing out to other beggars where we found bread. Bring a friend to join us for our worship services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

As we prepare to walk with Jesus through Holy Week and celebrate on Easter morning, I pray that you are finding what you need in your Lenten spiritual practices. It's not too late to try the practice on the bookmark in your bulletin, to join a Sunday School class, Crucial Conversations, or a Connect group. Our walk with Jesus is made more fruitful by having companions on this journey.

Know that God is with you on this journey, tending to your needs and encouraging your hunger for justice and joy. Just like a finished loaf of bread, we patiently wait and pray for that day that we can boldly proclaim, "He is risen!" He is risen, indeed. May we find abiding joy and nourishment at the feast of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace,

Pastor Kate



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Ap 202		6:00 - 8:00 pm NEW DAY Fundraiser @Chicken N Pickle	 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Congregational Care in BH 2:00 pm Bookworms on Zoom 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 	6:30 pm Crucial Conversations -Neurodiversity	in the p	Garage Sale parking lot n - 4:00 pm
6 Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Communion 12:15 pm Home Communion Training in Library	7	8	9 1:00 pm Ladies' Lunch Out @ Istanbul Grill 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30 pm Crucial Conversations - Public Education Funding	11 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 pm Beer Tasters/FH	12 8:00 am Mobile Food Pantry/St. Andrew's UMC
13 Palm Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Youth Group in YR & Mission Cmte in Library	14 9:00 am Quilters/FH	15 9:30 am Women's Circle Breakfast 10:00 am Women's Circle - Lesson Eight	16 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	18 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship - Communion 12:30 pm Baptism Receptions & Easter Egg Hunt	21 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Progressive Women of Arlington/FH	22	23 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
27 Holy Humor Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Session in Fellowship Hall	28	29	30 1:00 pm Worship Cmte in Bullock Hall 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal			

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!

Sunday, April 6 @ 11:00 AM - Fifth Sunday in Lent Scriptures: Isaiah 1:10-18; Luke 19:1–10 Sermon: Bread for Community

Sunday, April 13 @ 11:00 AM - Palm Sunday Scriptures: John 12:12–16; Luke 19:28–40 Sermon: Bread for the Road

Thursday, April 17 @ 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Scriptures: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29 Sermon: Bread for Remembrance

Friday, April 18 @ 7:00 PM - Good Friday Chancel Choir will lead us in a Tenebrae service.

Sunday, April 20 @ 11:00 AM - Easter Sunday - Communion Scriptures: John 20:11-18; John 21:1–17 Sermon: Bread for Feasting

Sunday, April 27 @ 11:00 AM - Holy Humor Sunday Scripture: John 20:19-31





We would love to have you join us. Please talk to our Minister of Music Jackie Ancelet if you have questions.





We still have open Sundays in our 2025 Flower Chart. Open dates: May 18, August 31, September 21, 28, November 2, 9, 23, December 7, & 28. The cost is \$30 and the flowers are yours to take home after worship. If you are not going to be in worship on your donation date, please let Susan Johnson or the office know.





WORSHIP











March Worship



















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March Sunday School

K-Sixth Grade

April 6 - Illustrated Ministry: Lent 5

April 13 - Illustrated Ministry: Palm Sunday

April 20 - Illustrated Ministry: Easter

Faith Questions

April 27 - TBD



Youth (7th-12th Grade)

Faith Questions is a curriculum that explores questions asked by real youth about important faith topics. We are exploring Faith Questions around relationships, politics, forgiveness, salvation, justice, faith and science, temptation and compassion. Each unit offers connections to media resources and great activities that are fun and enriching.

April 6 - Temptation Lesson 5: Shouldn't Faith make things easy?

April 13 - Temptation Lesson 6: Are Angels Real...Really?

April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt & mini lesson

April 27 - Compassion from the Inside Out Lesson 1: Compassion Calling



Psalms

Adult One - Bible Study

At the center of the Bible is the book of Psalms, a collection of 150 prayers that plumb the depths of human emotion. The Psalms reveal a God who desires relationship with all of creation and calls on us to reciprocate. Join Stephanie West in a study of the Psalms!

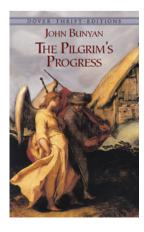




Adult Two - Reading Disciples

This class reads and discusses various inspiring, insightful and challenging pieces of literature, which present moral questions and explore what it means to live a faithful life.

April 6 - *Pilgrim's Progress*, ch. 1-2 April 13 - *Pilgrim's Progress*, ch. 3-4 April 20 - *The Chosen* Part one ch. 1-2 April 27 - *The Chosen* Part one ch. 3-4



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Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, April 15 @ at 9:30 AM (light breakfast) @ 10:15 AM (study)



Join us as we continue our study, "Let Justice Roll Down" by Reverend Dr. Patricia K. Tull. We will begin with a light breakfast hosted by Jeannette Powell and Catherine Fritz will lead the lesson. <u>Lesson Eight:</u> Intergenerational Justice

Scriptures: 2 Kings 22:20; 23:25; 23:29-30; 24-25; 25:27-30

<u>Main Idea</u>: Like the authors who reflected midstream on the meaning of ancient Judah's story with God, who held onto unrealized hopes for their future, we have a story with God. A story whose meaning is changing.



Jackie Ancelet

Welcome Our New Members!



Nancy & Jay Dixon



Steve Holland



Andrew Leverenz



Shirley Lewis



Michelle Rodriguez







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"Crucial" comes from the Latin crux, meaning cross. The cross demands that Christians pay attention to the broken world around us and compels us to work for justice and righteousness. Join us for these important conversations with guest speakers each week, moderated by Pastor Kate.





What a great start to our Crucial Conversations! Thank you especially to our Faith Formation Elders Teresa & Erin; Rev. Miranda, Brooklyn, Yleen, and our awesome youth group.

















6:30 PM: LIGHT SUPPER 7:00 PM: PROGRAM

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RSVP on sign-up sheet in hall for light supper!

CRUCIAL

NEW DAY Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who shared the Bread of Life and donated to the NEW DAY Food Drive!















Quilters

Monday, April 14 at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall *NOTE WE ARE NOW MEETING ON SECOND MONDAYS*

Come cut, tie, pin, and more to help our Quilters make a new batch of quilts for the Salvation Army Family Life Center in 2025.



NEW DAY Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who came out to eat with us. Big thanks to BJ's Brewhouse for hosting us!







All hands needed to help pack boxes of food and put in the trunks of hungry people in Arlington!

Mobile Food Pantry April 12 @ 8:00 am

St. Andrew's UMC

Bring them to worship with you any Sunday and place in the marked bin by the entry doors. This goes right here to our neighbors in Tarrant County!



Welcome Home Donations

The Welcome Home Offering provides basic necessity items to those who are dealing with homelessness and transitioning to stable housing. For the month of April, we are collecting individual size snack packs for our partners at When We Love (www.whenwelove.com).





Fill the Grocery Basket! April 5

Thank you for your generous outpouring of food in March! We continue to help Arlington Charities provide for those in need by collecting nonperishables & monetary donations on the first Sunday of each month. The grocery basket can be found in the pass through and is always available for donations.

Special Thank You from Arlington Charities

With the help of Barbara Kennedy and the Mission committee, some 533 lbs. of food items were donated to Arlington Charities. This provides help to community families in

need.

Presbyterian Children's Home Itasca

A special request from Itasca asked for birthday gifts and craft materials for their young people. A neighborhood drive and work with Big Lots resulted in a carload of trucks, sports items, and coloring books for their young people. Thanks for your help









Financial Report as of Feb 28, 2025

2025 has started off with two outstanding months of donations. We don't say it enough, but "thank you for your belief in the ministry and mission of Westminster. Your support makes it possible for the youth to plan summer mission trips, allows our pastor to have a discretionary fund to help those in need, and for Catherine Fritz to take part in the mission trip to Guatemala. We can reach out to those in need, both across the street at Swift Elementary and to hundreds of students in AISD through our NEW DAY outreach.

Internally, we not only fund the day-to-day operations (staff, building maintenance and insurance, heat/air conditioning, etc), but provide safe care for those in our nursery and also teachers and programs for our youth in Sunday school classes. We support each other through numerous programs (choir, quilters, Sunday morning classes, beer tasters, women's luncheons, etc.) And we worship together on Sunday mornings.

All this would not be possible without your support. Through February, your donations toward your 2025 pledges have us running about \$6,300 ahead of 2025 expenses. We have also been able to complete the church's pledge of \$15,000 to the Camp Gilmont Capital Campaign well ahead of our commitment date. To meet our 2025 budget, we need about \$24,100 of monthly donations and you are providing the support needed to make it all possible.

For these and many more missions too numerous to mention, we again say THANK YOU. It is only possible with your prayers and support that we can do what we do. David Rawhouser Church Treasurer

Fairy Tale Finds An EPIC Arlington Garage Sale!

April 4th & 5th 8 AM – 4 PM Daily Westminster Presbyterian Church (1330 S Fielder Rd, Arlington, TX)

Discover hidden treasures, amazing deals, and one-of-a-kind finds — clothing, home décor, furniture, toys, books, and more!

Want to donate your gently used items to help with the sale? We're happy to pick up starting March 31st!



2025 Miss Cinderella Candidate Libby Deakyne



"Waves of Change" PCHAS Luncheon Wednesday, May 7, 12-1 p.m. Ridglea Country Club 3700 Bernie Anderson Ave Fort Worth, TX 76116 Please RSVP to Rollin Phipps if you would like to join our WPC table!



Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County in Arlington





Gardening Helpers Needed!

Our wonderful Jane Oosterhuis has retired from gardening at WPC and help is needed. Please contact Bonnie Garcia for more details!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

We Are There



In Isaiah 58, we are called to be repairers of the breach. Showing our love and sharing our love are how we repair the breach in many of our interactions in this world. For over 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been a catalyst for love. Your gifts bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most. We are the Church together, and as the saying goes, it takes a village.

We are there with Lyndsay and the Alliance for Community Services in Chicago, who work for civil and human rights for people with disabilities, low-income families and front-line service workers. They are supported by the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People — another way that the love we share through our OGHS gifts are making a difference. With our gifts, we are part of Lyndsay's village.

We are there to empower women like Nathana and Talavi, who are working with Tewa Women United in New Mexico to strengthen leadership for Native women and girls, to advocate for civil rights and to help reclaim the indigenous people's agricultural legacy. As a partner of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Tewa Women United receives support through OGHS gifts. With our gifts, we are part of Nathana and Talavi's village.

We are there with Juneli Nepal — a small nonprofit run primarily by women high in the mountains where hundreds of remote villages dot the landscape. These women are working to provide safe, clean drinking water to many families following a devastating earthquake. Their president, Anjila Khadka, said that thanks to a grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, supported by our OGHS gifts, life for the villagers has steadily begun to improve. With our gifts, we are part of Anjila's village.

We are there. Please give what you can to One Great Hour of Sharing on April 20. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot to fight hunger, tend to survivors of disaster, and encourage the self-development of people.

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Bookworms

Wednesday, April 2 @ 2:00 PM on Zoom

The Spy Coast by Tess Gerritsen



In May we will be reading *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman. Britt-Marie is a socially awkward, fussy, busybody who can't stand mess. It's not her fault that her attempts to "help" people are frequently misinterpreted! When she leaves her cheating husband, she gets a job as a caretaker at a soon to be demolished recreation center and promptly gets involved with an interesting assortment of people. When asked to lead a children's soccer team, what could possibly go wrong? Our upcoming books are:

June—The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman and Her Incredible Fight for Freedom and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear by Kate H. Moore

July—*The Exiles* by Jane Harper August—*The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon September—*The Women* by Kristin Hannah



Ladies' Lunch Out Wednesday, April 9 @ 1:00 PM at Istanbul Grill (6204 Cooper St.)

This month we will be trying a new and fun place at Istanbul Grill. Last month we enjoyed lunch with 13 of our friends at J. Gilligan's. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend or just come.







Beer Tasters Friday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Spring into April with beer! All members and friends age 21+ are welcome to try six beers for only \$5. Questions? Contact Keith Richardson. P.S. Don't forget your prayer partner!



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WPC Littles (0-5 yrs)

WPC Kids (K-6th grade)



Calling All Graduates!

graduating from high school or college this year? Did you graduate from college

after May 2024? Please let the office know who the graduate is and all the

Do you know of a WPC member

details before April 15.



May the Faith Be With YOU!

Please join us on May 4 as our youth lead us in worship.





WPC Scholarships to be Awarded in May

If you are a first-year student planning on college or are returning to your studies for the fall term of 2025, the Faith Formation team invites you to apply for a scholarship! Last year we disbursed over \$3000 in scholarships! You will find the application and more information at <u>www.wpcarlington.org/scholarship</u>. The deadline is **April 1**, and the Scholarship Review Committee will announce its decisions by May 15. Contact Pastor Kate, Erin O'Connor, Teresa Sullivan, Brooklyn Richardson, or Reverend Miranda Trussell with any questions.





VBS Save the Date June 22-25 @ WPC 5:15-8:00 pm

Registration is now open to dive in with God at VBS SCUBA! Join us through Bible stories, delicious food, sports, crafts, and so much more! See Brooklyn to volunteer in lots of different ways! www.wpcarlington.org/vbs

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Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26 9:00 AM-1:30 PM

Grace Presbyterian Church, our sister congregation in south Arlington (5500 Mansfield Rd), is having a plant sale. What a great way to get those spring flowers for your garden!



Thank you, WPC

I would like to thank you for letting me be your Administrative Assistant for 14 years. I have had many memories that I will cherish. Thank you for the "bon voyage" retirement party, well wishes, cards & gifts. Love, Debra



The More You Know

Did you know...that WPC has supported UTA Wesley Foundation since 2007? Our own Rollin Phipps currently serves on their Board, and twice each semester WPC provides meals for the students as they worship. Please be in prayer for the Wesley Foundation as they search for a new campus pastor and face some building challenges.



Gilmont Groundbreaking



Pastor Kate and her family represented WPC at the Ceremonial Groundbreaking at Gilmont last month! We celebrated Gilmont's 85 years of ministry with birthday cake and turned soil for the start of the capital campaign building project.



February Session Highlights

- 1. We examined and approved seven new members (see page 6 to meet them!)
- 2. Our annual audit was completed and cleared.

3. The 2025 budget was approved and passed with a low faith factor as this is the highest number of pledges and pledge amounts in WPC's history.

4. Pastor Kate led a Book of Order training with a scavenger hunt in order to familiarize the Session members with how to use the book.

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Thank You, Debra!

In February, we celebrated Debra's retirement and wished her "Bon Voyage!" and thanked her for her 14 years of wonderful service

Thank you, Debra, for 14 years of faithful service!





















WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Serving the Lord in April



Liturgist

April 6 Communion Servers

Catherine Fritz, Jennifer Del Angel, Rob Henderson, Chris Simpson, Kate Smith, Erin O'Connor

Rob Henderson

April 20 Communion Servers

Mario Koym-Garza, Walter Osadchuk II, Charles Kennedy, Jim Reinarz, Stephanie West, Miranda Trussell



Media Center

4/6 - Harry Staley, Cailtlin Cooke, Jodie Cox, Chris Hatcher
4/13 - James Harris, Steve West, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson
4/17 - Jill Wesstrom, Carol Raburn, Jodie Cox, Steve West
4/18 - James Harris, Steve West, Jodie Cox, Keith Richardson
4/20 - Steve West, Carol Raburn, Jodie Cox, John Garcia
4/27 - Harry Staley, Cailtlin Cooke, Jodie Cox, John Garcia



Greeters

4/6 - James & Sandy Harris4/13 - Joy & Chris Hatcher4/20 - Peter & Kristin Hathaway4/27 - Reagan & Judy Hathcock











Flowers

4/6 - John & Robin Juhler in honor of Ruth Juhler
4/13 - Afi Amouh in honor of her birthday
4/20 - Worship Committee
4/27 - Rev. Miranda Trussell & Brooklyn Richardson in honor of our amazing youth

Want to be involved in Worship?

Are you interested in serving on the Worship Committee? Or leading worship as a liturgist, greeter, usher, or media team member? Reach out to our Worship Elder Yleen George and she will get you connected!

WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Joys: Rob Henderson is now a licensed Realtor! Nolie Richardson was one of four students selected to be the mascot "Lil Arlie" for Arlington High School! Nina Henderson has been chosen out of 6400 realtors to be the host of a show on American Dream TV! Maggie Del Angel won Teacher of the Year at McKinzey Middle School! Odessa Baltensperger was welcomed into the Honor Society at Austin College.

Members/friends in need of prayer: Wayne Ogle; Pat Staley; Sandra James; Jill Spencer; Penelope Nelson; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Jackie Ancelet's friends Emma Grace & Denver Dixon; Brooklyn Richardson's friend Lou Noonan; Carrie Leverenz's brother Tim Shively; Debra Nelson's sister Misty Savoy & cousins Charlie Van Eman and Jack Duckworth; Pat Staley's nephew David Garrison; Sara Molina's mother-in-law Carmen Molina; Susan Johnson's nephew Scott Cohenour & her friend Carole Martin; Michael Carr's brother Chris; Erin Baltensperger's friends the Vanacek family; Stephanie West's friend David; David Rawhouser's brother-in-law Darrell Elsea; Maggie Del Angel's brother Bernie; Erin O'Connor's uncle Michael O'Connor; David Ferrell's sister Sally Peveto; Linda Wilson's friend Donna Austin; Harry Staley's sister Kate Marymont; Charles Bridges' sister-in-law Linda Bridges; Jim & Susan Johnson's neighbors Val & Alla Karpinska and their family

Celebrating Birthdays in April

1 -	KATHY RIGGLE
4 -	RUTH JUHLER
7 🖲	DAVID FERRELL
9 -	AFIAMOUH
12	- COLLEEN WISE

13 - CHARLES BRIDGES, ZEB WRIGHT

17 - MATTHEW NELSON, WESLEY HARRIS, TERESA SULLIVAN

23 - HENRY MCMURROUGH



Mission Statement

Rooted in God's love and grace, we worship, learn, give, and connect, refreshing people with Living Water. We reach out to share the Water with all who thirst.

Deadline for next issue: April 15, 2025 Turn in all articles & photos to the church office. office@wpcarlington.org 817-460-3841

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