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The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

This Lenten wilderness, we will seek nourishment in body and spirit from the "Bread of Life." Our worship series will focus on how Jesus fed people with good news, redemption, and stories of God's kingdom. From wedding feasts to eating with tax collectors to feeding thousands, Jesus continually found a way to give people just what they needed to make it one day more.

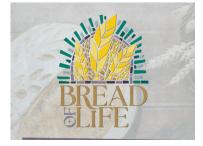
Often our broken and beautiful world feels heavy, with aching hearts and worried minds and hungry souls. So we come together, to acknowledge our need for forgiveness and repentance, to remember the source of our strength. Each week in worship, we'll take home a spiritual practice that week that connects with the Bread of Life. Our children will have a special Sunday School that goes along with this theme as well. For the month of March, we'll be collecting food for NEW DAY (see the shopping list on page 7!) as a reminder that once we know the Bread of Life, we are compelled to share that bread. Don't forget to join us on **March 5 at 7:00 pm for Ash Wednesday worship**, remembering that it is not bread alone that gives us life.

Our friends at *Illustrated Ministry* write: "As we journey through Lent, from the wilderness to the shorelines of Galilee, we will find the sacred in the ordinary—like bread, simple yet essential. This Lent, let's gather together to break bread, savor in the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the bread of life." Join us as we worship, learn, give, and connect, and prepare our hearts once more for the holiest of weeks.

Grace and peace,

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Pastor Kate



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 2025						1 9:00 am Presbytery Meeting at FPC Longview
2 Transfiguration 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Communion 12:15 pm Annual Meeting	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday 2:00 pm Bookworms on Zoom 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship	6		8 7:00 am - 2:00 pm Garage Sale/Parking Lot 8:00 am Mobile Food Pantry/St. Andrew's rimage at Gilmont
9 Daylight Saving Time 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Child Protection Training in FH Youth Group in YR	10 9:00 am Quilters/FH	11	12 1:00 pm Ladies' Lunch at J. Gilligan's (400 E. Abram St.) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6:30 pm Crucial Conversations - Death Penalty	14	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
16 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	17 St. Patrick's Day New Day Fundraiser at BJ's 7:00 pm Progressive Women of Arlington/FH	18 9:30 am Women's Circle Breakfast 10:00 am Women's Circle - Lesson Seven	19 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 Mr. Rogers Day 6:30 pm Crucial Conversations - Criminal Justice Reform	21 7:00 pm Beer Tasters/FH	22
23 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	24	25	26 1:00 pm Worship Cmte/BH 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 6:30 pm Crucial Conversations - Immigration	28 Middle School a	29 10:00 am Shelter Sandwiches in kitchen at GAP at Gilmont
30 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Session Meeting	31	April Look Ahead 13 - 11am Palm Sunday 17 - 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship 18 - Good Friday Worship 20 - Easter Worship 27 - Youth Sunday Worship				

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Join us for Worship!

Sunday, March 2 @ 11:00 AM - Transfiguration - Communion Scriptures: Luke 9:28–36

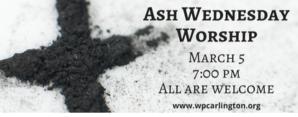
Wednesday, March 3 @ 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Worship - Communion Scriptures: Psalm 51:1-17 & Matthew 4:1-11 Sermon: Not By Bread Alone

Sunday, March 9 @ 11:00 AM - First Sunday in Lent Scriptures: Psalm 78:23-29 & John 6:25–40 Sermon: Bread for Life

Sunday, March 16 @ 11:00 AM - Second Sunday in Lent Scriptures: Ezekiel 17:22-24 & Luke 13:18-21 Sermon: Bread for Growth

Sunday, March 23 @ 11:00 AM - Third Sunday in Lent - Mr. Rogers Day Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 & Matthew 6:9-13 Sermon: Bread for Each Day

Sunday, March 30 @ 11:00 AM - Fourth Sunday in Lent Scriptures: Proverbs 25:6-7 & Luke 14:7-14 Sermon: Bread for Sharing







Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:00 PM



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





Worship Flower Donations



We still have open Sundays

in our 2025 Flower Chart. Open dates: May 18, June 15, 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

February Worship

Scout Sunday

We celebrated Scout Sunday on **February 2**. Scout Sunday is a special day to recognize the contributions of scouting programs to the community & the church. Scout Sunday fosters a deeper connection between scouts & their faith community. Thanks to our Girl and Boy Scouts that participated.









Souper Bowl of Caring Wow! We raised \$849 to tackle hunger in Arlington.

Pastor Kate's new stole crafted by Susan Reinarz











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March Sunday School

K-Sixth Grade

March 3 - The Torah Session 4: Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

March 9 - Illustrated Ministry: Lent 1

March 16 - Illustrated Ministry: Lent 2

March 23 - Illustrated Ministry: Lent 3

March 30 - Illustrated Ministry: Lent 4



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.

March 2 - Faith & Science Lesson 4: Does God Really Care If I Pass Chemistry?

March 9 - Temptation Lesson 1: What Is Repentance?

March 16 - Temptation Lesson 2: Does Baptism Really Change Anything?

March 23 - Temptation Lesson 3: What's the Big Deal with Turning Stones to Bread?

March 30 - Temptation Lesson 4: Can I Really Trust God?



Adult One - Bible Study

March 2 - Continue Chapter 4



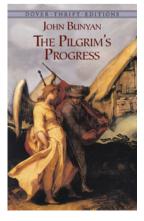


March 2 - Jayber Crow ch. 29-32 March 9 - Pilgrim's Progress, ch. 1-2 March 16 - Pilgrim's Progress, ch. 3-4 March 23 - Pilgrim's Progress, ch. 5-6 March 30 - Pilgrim's Progress, ch. 7-8

This class reads and discusses various inspiring,

Adult Two - Reading Disciples

insightful and challenging pieces of literature, which present moral questions and explore what it means to live a faithful life.





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Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, March 18 @ 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 Pat Staley.

Lesson Seven: Economic Climate Justice

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Matthew 26:11; Mark 14:7; John 12:8

<u>Main Idea</u>: The Bible's economic wisdom never promises to eradicate poverty: "You always have the poor with you," it says instead. But we can reduce suffering and strengthen the entire social network.



WPC Scholarships to be Awarded in May

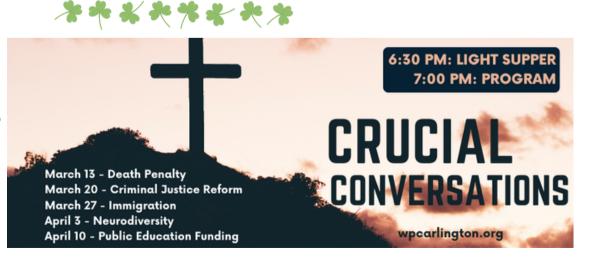
If you are a first-year student planning on college or are returning to your studies for the fall term of 2025, the Faith Formation team invites you to apply for a scholarship! Last year we disbursed over **\$3000** in scholarships! You will find the application and more information at <u>www.wpcarlington.org/scholarship</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

Plan to come and dive in with God!

"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.



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



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NEW DAY Thanks WPC Youth!

Thanks to our youth group who packed a week's worth of bags as a service project!



hank you! Trinity

United Methodist Church



Trinity UMC recently held a food drive to benefit NEW DAY. Earlene Pike (right), NEW DAY board member and Westminster Presbyterian Church member received the donations from Trinity's Minister of Missions, Rev. Sharon Reid.

For the month of March ,Welcome Home & Fill the Grocery Basket Sunday are focused on stocking the NEW DAY Pantry!

NEW DAY Arlington provides weekend food bags to AISD schools, to be distributed to children and youth at risk of food insufficiency. In the 2023-24 school year, a total of 28,501 bags were prepared and delivered by volunteers at four churches, including WPC. In March, we are asking you to help restock the NEW DAY pantry here at WPC. The NEW DAY team is seeking the following items:

- Chef Boyardee cans of pasta meals
- Vienna Sausage
- Ramen noodle packets
- Applesauce cups
- Cereal...individual bowls or boxes
- Nutri-Grain bars
- Single serving Cheez-its

Please add these items to your grocery cart during the month of March and add them to the red wagons at church. Your gifts can help stop hunger in our community!





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



Monday, March 10 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.



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Financial Report - as of January 31, 2025

We ended 2024 donations with a bang . It allowed WPC to fulfill its last \$10,000 commitment to the Camp Gilmont Capital Campaign. As a reminder, WPC committed \$15,000 to Camp Gilmont over a three year period and many of us also made a personal commitment in support. WPC and friends pledged around \$39,000 in total and set a high bar for other Presbyterian churches to stretch their budgets to match.

In January 2025, we collected nearly \$24,000 in donations to go against a \$289,660 budget. The Session reviews the latest financial reports at its monthly meetings and relies on each committee to question any charges within their committee budget that were unexpected. The Finance/ Stewardship Committee also reviews the overall reports at its meetings.

Every year at WPC, an audit is performed by 2 or 3 people with a solid financial background to ensure donations are properly received and accounted for. Our goal is to ensure that every dollar is accurately reported.

If you want more information, please contact any Session member or the church treasurer. Better yet, join a committee that peaks your interest and share your expertise.

David Rawhouser Church Treasurer



Gardening Helpers Needed!

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





"Waves of Change" PCHAS Luncheon Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 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!

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Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington,

Thank you for stepping out in faith and helping us launch Gilmont's Strengthening Roots Stretching Branches Campaign with your congregational campaign last year!

I want to thank the Session for providing a match for the first \$15,000 raised and the members of the congregation for exceeding that match!! According to our records, the total commitment from WPC, Arlington is \$38,376! Thanks to God's provision and the faithful leadership and generosity of churches and individuals like you all, Gilmont has received over \$5,020,000 in commitments.

As our construction plans were developed and the price of construction rose, we decided to raise our goal from \$7 million to \$8 million. We would like to invite you all to see the latest renderings for the Lodge and Welcome Center on the Capital Campaign page on our website.

Gilmont has received a Challenge Grant and if we can receive \$6.4 million in commitments by the end of 2025, the Mabee Foundation will grant \$1.6 million to complete our goal of \$8 million. This means that we have less than \$1.4 million left to raise and every commitment and contribution matters!

We currently have several congregations following your lead with campaigns of their own and are in the process of launching the public phase of the campaign. We are finalizing the plans for the new lodge and interviewing potential contractors over the next few weeks.

We would like to invite you to join us for a ceremonial groundbreaking at Gilmont on Sunday, March 23 at 3 pm. We will have a brief ceremony in the Crain Center and then go down to the construction site to turn some dirt and take some pictures!

Thanks again for all you do to help Gilmont cultivate a safe, sacred space where all are invited to grow closer to God, creation, others, and themselves.

Blessings,

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, Executive Director of Development and Spiritual Formation

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Swift Elementary's Gone Country!

Thanks to our volunteers Teresa Sullivan and Bonnie Garcia who chaperoned the Daddy/Daughter Dance on Valentine's weekend.



Two Garage Sales

WPC's parking lot will host two upcoming garage sales to benefit the Boys and Girls Club through the Cinderella Charity Ball. Reese Reilly and Brynn Duncan (LHS) will host one on **Saturday, March 8**, and Libby Deakyne (AHS) will host one on **Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5**. If you're doing some spring cleaning and want to donate items to the sale, you can show up those days and hand them over to these brilliant young women!



Souper Bowl of Caring

The youth group collected donations on **February 9** for The Souper Bowl of Caring. The campaign's goal is to help people think about the children who go hungry while others enjoy the Super Bowl. We raised:

Chiefs - \$438.00 Don't Care - \$291.00 Eagles - \$120.00 Total \$849.00



The money coOllected will be evenly divided between the food pantries at Arlington Sam Houston High School and Mansfield Summit High School











JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO

RAISE MONEY!

Date: Mar 17, 2025

Time: 11:00AM to 11:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location: 201 E. Interstate 20

Arlington, TX 76018 817-465-5225

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

New Day

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ'S WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this fiver to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



Valid for dire in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.



Bookworms

Wednesday, March 5 @ 2:00 PM on Zoom

Join us as we discuss The Good Left Undone by Adriana Trigiani

Our March selection is a historical fiction novel covering multiple generations of the Cabrelli family, Italian jewelers, before World War II. The story centers around Matelda, the family matriarch, and her mother, Domenica, and the stories they share with Metelda's granddaughter.

For April we will be reading *The Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritson. This thriller, by the author of the Rizzoli and Isles series, involves a retired CIA operative in a small town in Maine who must deal with the ghosts from her own past. But when a body turns up on her driveway, she knows that former foes haven't forgotten her.

May — Britt Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman

June — The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman & Her Incredible Fight for Freedom & 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

Ladies' Lunch Out

Wednesday, March 12 @ 1:00 PM

at J. Gilligan's (400 E. Abram St.)

This month we will celebrating an early St. Patrick's day at J. Gilligan's. Last month we enjoyed lunch with 9 of our friends at Jamaica Gates. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend or just come.





Gilmont Groundbreaking



Beer Tasters Friday, March 21 @ 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Spring into March 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! on **Sunday, March 23 at 3 pm**! We will celebrate Gilmont's 85 years of ministry with birthday cake and share more about the projects included in the campaign. Meet the architects, shovel some dirt, and learn more about how you can make this campaign a success!

Join us for a Ceremonial Groundbreaking







WPC Littles (0-5 yrs)





SHYC 2024

January 24-26, four of our High School Students along with Ms. Brooklyn & Rev. Miranda attended Senior High Youth Connection on the Campus of Austin College in Sherman, TX.









Save the Date: MISSION TRIP 2025

July 6-11 Calling all 6th-12th graders!!

We will be headed to Tulsa, OK with "Be the Neighbor" to build on last year's experience. A \$100 deposit by Feb 28 secures your spot. Questions? See Brooklyn or Miranda!





Building You Up One Brick At A Time Matthew 7:24-27

G.A.P. Weekend March 28 – 30, 2025 at Camp Gilmont

God's Awesome People (GAP) is a youth-led conference event for 6th – 8th grade youth. Sign up ASAP with Ms. Brooklyn. The cost is \$160, and scholarships are available!



Staff Updates

WPC has been blessed with an amazing staff and team that help keep the church running smoothly. We have had a year of celebrations so far in 2025 – with a nostalgic look back at the 10 years of service for Pastor Kate with WPC, the Bon Voyage Retirement party for Debra Nelson's 14 years of faithful service, and the hiring of our new Admin Assistant Jodie Cox.

Meet Jodie!

Jodie Cox is our new Administrative Assistant at WPC. An Arlington native, Jodie has been the General Manager at United Performing Arts Company (UPAC), overseeing all aspects of operations, including daily logistics, staff coordination, scheduling, financial management, and client relations. As her children have grown, she was looking for another place to share her heart. WPC was just the right fit! Her experience in customer service, event planning, business management, and social media really impressed the Personnel Committee. Her strong organizational and leadership skills allow her to balance both administrative and creative needs, fostering a positive and productive environment both at UPAC and now at WPC.

Jodie is happily married with four children: three daughters in their 20s, and a son who is a freshman percussionist at Martin High School. They also have quite the menagerie at home, with three boxers, one chiweenie, a toy poodle, two cats, and a bird. You might recognize Jodie from her most recent performance with Steven Morris and Bowie Hogg in "Dancing with the Arlington Stars!"



Jodie will be in the office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Rev. Miranda is training and orienting her to life at WPC. Please stop by and give her a warm welcome, showing her we really are Where People Care.

1. Many thanks to Miranda for keeping the office open while we search for our new office administrator.

2. The media team has begun streaming our worship services.

3. Property committee is looking for people to close up the building after worship. (Check lights, thermostats, and lock doors). Please check with Zeb W or Carol R for more information.

Kate's Party

In February, we celebrated Kate's 10th anniversary here at Westminster with an Era Tour party.



















Celebrating

<mark>10</mark> Years

at WPC

2015-2025









SPRINCE FRANKLIK BOOK SALE (MARCH 18 - 22 2025

SALE HOURS:

TUESDAY 3/18 10:00AM - 6:00 PM FFAPL MEMBER PREVIEW SALE* WEDNESDAY 3/19 10:00AM - 6:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THURSDAY 3/20 10:00AM - 6:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY 3/21 10:00AM - 6:00 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SATURDAY 3/22 10:00AM - 4:00 PM HALF PRICE DAY SATURDAY 3/22 4:15 - 6:00 PM TEACHER & NON-PROFIT SALE (\$5.00 SUGGESTED DONATION, ALL YOU CAN CARRY, ID REQUIRED)

'MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE ON SITE



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WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in March



Liturgist

Jim Johnson

March 2 Communion Servers

Barbara Kennedy, Jennifer Del Angel, Earlene Pike, Jill Wesstrom, Stephanie West, & Zeb Wright







Media Center

- 3/2- Caitlin Cooke, Chris Hatcher, & Harry Staley
- 3/5 James Harris, Nina Henderson, Chris Simpson, & Steve West
- 3/9 Carol Raburn, Keith Richardson, & Steve West
- 3/16 Caitlin Cooke, John Garcia, Nina Henderson, & Jill Wesstrom
- 3/23 Chris Hatcher, Carol Raburn, & Harry Staley
- 3/30 James Harris, Nina Henderson, Keith Richardson, & Steve West



Greeters

- 3/2 David Sloane, & Rhett Ferrell
- 3/9 Ed & Linda Frazee
- 3/16 Daniel Garcia, Erin & Bert O'Connor-Garcia
- 3/23 John & Bonnie Garcia
- 3/30 Jimmy & Yleen George



Flowers

3/2 - Earlene Pike
3/9 - April Potras
3/16 - Teri Wardrup
3/23 - Rollin & Pat Phipps
3/30 - Kristin Hathaway



Want to be involved in Worship?

Are you interested in serving on the Worship Committee? Or leading worship as a liturgist, hall monitor, 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



Sympathy prayers: Jennifer Del Angel and her family on the death of her father Steve Hall **Members/friends in need of prayer:** Jill Spencer; Penelope Nelson; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Carrie Leverenz' brother Tim Shively; Debra Nelson's sister Misty & cousin Charlie; 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; Sandra James' friends Jeremy Hamon & Eileen Kloos; 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 and friend Sally Greathouse; Jim & Susan Johnson's neighbors Val & Alla Karpinska and their family



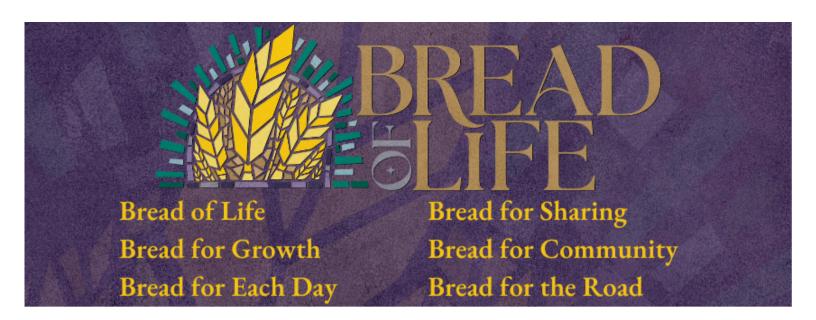


Celebrating Birthdays in March

1 - Maddie West
3 - Wendy Hale & Conner Wright
4 - Mary Montague, & Christin Wise
5 - Patty Hardin-Marshall & Pat Phipps 6 - Michael Carr &

Don Morris

- 11 Ross Allmon
- 17 Rebecca RoQue
- 18 Dante Blunt
- 26 Linda Wilson
- 28 Adrienne Johnson



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: March 15, 2025 Turn in all articles & photos to the church office. office@wpcarlington.org 817-460-3841

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