

# The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

In case you've never clearly heard the "Koen prayer," here is what our youngest son prays each evening at the family dinner table. It's short but sweet: "Dear God, Thank you for this day. Thank you for this food. Amen." There's no begging or pleading, there's no confession or lament. Just simply thanksgiving.

For most of us, November gets us thinking about gratitude. Who received the last thank you note you wrote? Who last told you "thank you" and really meant it? When was the last time you thanked God simply for being who God is?

The beloved Presbyterian pastor and theologian Frederick Buechner, in his book *Wishful Thinking*, wrote, "A Christian is one who is on the way, though not necessarily very far along it, and who has at least some dim and half-baked idea of **whom to thank**. A Christian isn't necessarily any nicer than anybody else. **Just better informed.**" This definition of Christians includes us: we are on the way, and we have an inkling of who to thank for being on the way: Jesus Christ.

As Presbyterians, we spend our lifetimes growing in grace and gratitude. We thank God, Sunday School teachers, pastors, NEW DAY volunteers, Living Waters for the World leaders, and more. When you give this month - through the grocery basket or the offering plate, through serving on a committee or calling to check on a member - please know that I am thanking God for you. With your gifts great and small, with your prayers and encouragement, your ministry through WPC makes a difference in my life, in the life of the church, in our community, and around the world. Thank YOU for being the reason we are WPC: Where People Care.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Kate



## Calendar

+page 2

## Worship

+page 3

## Learn

+pages 4-5

## Give

+pages 5-8

## Connect

+pages 9-12

## What's Up at WPC

+pages 13-14

*The Well* is published by  
Debra Nelson for  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Church.



WPC

1330 S Fielder Road  
Arlington, TX 76013

817-460-3841

[www.wpcarlington.org](http://www.wpcarlington.org)  
[wpc\\_arl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wpc_arl@sbcglobal.net)



# NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9:00 a.m.  Quilters/FH 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting/ BH	2 10:00 a.m. WPC Children's Sunday Practice/ Veterans' Park
3 <b>2:00 AM</b> → Daylight Saving Time Ends "Fill the Grocery Basket!" 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - All Saints' Sunday Worship - Communion	4	5 	6 River School: Wed.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m./Ed. Bldg. 1:00 p.m. Cong. Care Cmte. Mtg./BH 2:00 p.m. Bookworms/ Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal	7	8	9 8:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry @ St. Andrew's UMC
10 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:15 p.m. - Mission Cmte Mtg./library 2-4:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts/ library	11 	12 River School: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m./Ed. Bldg.	13 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch Out @ Simply Divune Cafe 7:00 p.m.  Choir rehearsal	14	15 <b>PCHAS Toy Drive Begins</b> 9:00 a.m.  Quilters/FH  7:00 p.m. Beer Tasters/ Butlers' home	16
17 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship - Children's Sunday - Bert Garcia Baptism 12:15 p.m. - Session Mtg. /FH	18 7:00 p.m. PWA/FH	19 9:30 a.m. Women's Circle Breakfast/BH 10:15 a.m. Women's Circle/ library	20 7:00 p.m.  Choir rehearsal	21	22 10:00 a.m.. Worship Cmte. Mtg./BH	23
24 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Christ the King Sunday Worship	25 10:00 a.m.. Hanging of the Greens/all church	26 	27	28  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	29	30

# WORSHIP

## Join us for Worship!

**Sunday, November 3 @ 11:00 AM** - All Saints' Sunday - Communion  
Scriptures: Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

**Sunday, November 10 @ 11:00 AM** - 25th Sunday after Pentecost  
Scriptures: Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**Sunday, November 17 @ 11:00 AM** - Children's Sunday - Baptism of Bert Garcia O'Connor  
Scriptures: Matthew 20:1-16; Hebrews 12:1-3

**Sunday, November 24 @ 11:00 AM** - Christ the King Sunday  
Scriptures: Psalm 93; John 18:33-37



## 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.



## October Worship



Trading places and seeing the sanctuary from a different view



Taking deep breaths with our police friends



# LEARN

## November Sunday School



### K-Sixth Grade

This fall, we'll look at some of Jesus' favorite stories: parables. Parables are stories that can help us better understand an idea.

- Nov. 3 - Parables: Wise Man & Rock
- Nov. 10 - Parables: Workers Getting Paid
- Nov. 17 - Children's Sunday Prep
- Nov. 24 - Parables: Weeds Among the Wheat



### Youth (7th-12th Grade)

Faith Questions is a youth curriculum that explores questions asked by real youth about important faith topics. We will explore 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.

- Nov. 3 - Forgiveness - Why Did God Make Humanity So Sinful?
- Nov. 10 - Forgiveness - If We Are All So Bad, Why Doesn't God Just Start All Over in Another World?
- Nov. 17 - Forgiveness - Is Anything Unforgivable?
- Nov. 24 - Forgiveness - Why Should I Forgive?



### Adult One - Wired Word

Have you ever wondered how to process the news? Or what Jesus might say about current events? Join Keith Richardson and other leaders as we relate current events to Scripture to create thought-provoking, stimulating discussions every week. Contact Pastor Kate if you'd like to receive each week's lesson by email.



### 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.



- Nov. 3 - "A Psalm for the Wild-Built" by Becky Chambers - Chapters 3 & 4
- Nov. 10 - Chapters 5 & 6
- Nov. 17 - Chapters 7 & 8
- Nov. 24 - "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time" by Mark Haddon

# LEARN



## Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, Nov 19 @ at 9:30 AM (light breakfast)  
@ 10:15 AM (study)



Join us as we continue our new study, "Let Justice Roll Down" by Reverend Dr. Patricia K. Tull. We will begin with a light breakfast hosted by Ruth Juhler.

Lesson Three: Food Justice

Scriptures: Genesis 1:22, 3:19; Exodus 16:13-18, 19-21; Joshua 5:12; Psalms 65:11-14, 78: 23-29, 105:40-41; Hosea 4:1b-3; Micah 6:12-15; Matthew 13:8; Mark 4:5; Luke 8:8

Main Idea: The Bible portrays the earth as yielding food in abundance, and today's agricultural scientists say it could provide food for all. We can learn to produce food with justice and peace and feed a starving world.

# GIVE

## Quilters

meet Friday, November 1 & 15

**\*NOTE WE ARE MEETING  
TWICE THIS MONTH\***

at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall



It's that time of year where we finish many of the quilts that will be taken to the Salvation Army Arlington Family Life Center in December. If you can tie a knot and have a couple of hours to spare, we invite you join us. Questions? Contact Earlene Pike.



## Fill the Grocery Basket!

Sunday, November 3



Thank you for your generous October donations! Arlington Charities is gearing up for the holiday season when they provide ingredients for hundreds of holiday meals. They request canned cranberry sauce, chicken broth, instant mashed potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, instant stuffing, pie filling (NOT PUMPKIN), rice, canned corn, canned green beans, macaroni & cheese, and rice. They are always in need of canned protein - tuna, chicken, beans, Spam, chili, ravioli or soup. Deodorant, shaving cream, and shampoo are especially appreciated.





# GIVE

## WPC Annual Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services Toy Drive



Did you know the PCHAS Toy Drive started 20 years ago with one church and one bank? Since then hundreds of young people in foster care have been helped.

The Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) provides assistance to children and their families at two locations in North Texas (Waxahachie and Itasca) which serves children in foster care and single parent families. Along with the PCHAS homes, the annual children's toy drive includes a similar home in Denton.

The collection is not only conducted at our church, but also at over a dozen business locations in the Arlington and Pantego area. Each year, it grows just a little bit more! The children who receive these gifts are sometimes forgotten because of family conflicts or societal oversight.

This year again we will have a Christmas tree for these children. Help us fill it up with age-appropriate toys and Christmas gifts for children ages 1 to 17. Please keep these children in mind as you shop for the holidays. Please place the **unwrapped** gifts under the tree in Bullock Hall between November 15- December 15.

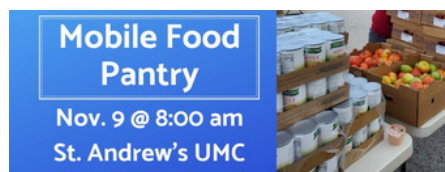
Gift ideas include games, sports equipment, reading materials, necklaces and earrings, and anything that could be theirs alone! The older children appreciate gift cards to fast food restaurants (McDonalds, Starbucks, Chick-fil-a, etc.) or places to shop (Wal-Mart, Target). These children don't have much - so your thoughtful gift may make the holiday smile all the bigger for that precious young person that wants something special for Christmas. Please bring gift cards and monetary donations to the office.

Questions? See Rollin Phipps or call the office.



## Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, Nov. 9 @ 8:00 AM at St. Andrew's UMC (2045 SE Green Oaks)



Come be the hands and feet of Christ by helping prepack bags, load vehicles, and more as we help feed those in need. Thanks Walter O., Elizabeth, & Debra for volunteering each month!



# GIVE



## NEW DAY BJ's Fundraiser

Thank you to all our WPC family/friends for coming out to BJ's and helping us raise money for NEW DAY! We counted 23 WPC members and a few friends there at the same time!



# GIVE

## Financial Report - as of September 30, 2024

As we head into our beautiful fall weather, we start to prepare for winter. While we enjoy the cooler weather, we never know what winter will bring us. Our insurance company gives us a checklist of how to minimize damage from frozen pipes and how to prevent a fall on an icy driveway, etc. This is to help us keep down our claims and thus minimize insurance costs. Still, we have budgeted over \$26,000 for 2024 insurance premiums.

While our electric bill will shrink from a high of nearly \$1,600 in July to around \$550 in January, our gas bill will increase from \$80 in July to a high of over \$1,000 in February. All of this to say, it costs just to keep the doors open and the building comfortable. That doesn't even begin to count why we come together: to worship God and serve those He calls us to serve.

We have been fortunate in the past to have saints come before us and pave the way so that we can afford to fulfill our missions. In the past, we have received gifts of property, stocks, remainder trusts and just plain old donations. Several current members have noted that WPC is included in their wills. (Stay tuned for more on this during the coming months).

Whether it be in Nicaragua/Guatemala with Living Waters for the World, NEW DAY, reaching across the street to serve Swift Elementary students and teachers, or all the other missions we have, we know that we make an impact with what we do.

As you begin to plan your year-end income tax strategy, please consider WPC and remember that together we can make a difference in our corner of the world.

David Rawhouser  
Church Treasurer



## Living Waters for the World



We are so proud of our own Matt Baltensperger, who finished Clean Water University! Together with Catherine Fritz and our friends at Grace Presbyterian in Temple, they are planning the next Living Waters installation in Guatemala in early 2025. We are so thankful for Matt and Catherine's dedication to this ministry as they join the wider team of WPC LWW members.



# CONNECT



## Bookworms

meet Wednesday, November 6  
@ 2:00 PM on [Zoom](#)  
Join us as we discuss "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

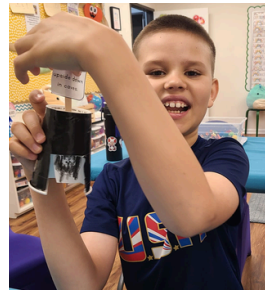


## Ladies' Lunch Out

meets Wed., Nov. 13 @ 1:00 PM  
at Simply Divune Cafe  
(2410 W Abram St., Suite 116)



We enjoyed lunch with 15 of our friends last month at Moni's Pasta & Pizza. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend or just come.



October was filled with owl and Jack-o-lantern masterpieces, & a captivating bat-focused program! Check out our [Facebook page](#) to follow along our learning adventures.



## Beer Tasters



meet Friday, November 15 @ 7:00 PM  
at the Butlers' home

Thank you to the 30 (!) people who came and helped us celebrate our 16th anniversary. Thank you especially to Harry Staley for providing the delicious and varied selection! All are welcome to join us in November! Questions? Contact Keith Richardson.  
P.S. Don't forget your prayer partner!



## Ulster Project 2025



Ulster Project has started recruiting for the summer 2025! Their mission is to help Christian-based future leaders from Northern Ireland and USA become peacemakers by providing a safe environment to learn skills needed to unite people when differences divide them. They are looking for host families with 14 to 16-year-olds that will participate in a three-week program next July.

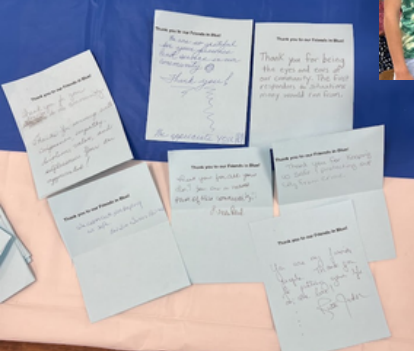
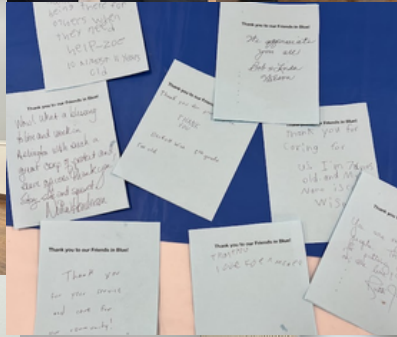
More details can be found here: [www.upatx.com](http://www.upatx.com)



# CONNECT

## Faith & Blue Sunday

Thank you to our friends at Arlington Police Department! We enjoyed hosting you in worship and after church.





# CONNECT



## WPC Littles (0-5 yrs)

Keep practicing our songs at home: Jesus Loves Me, This Little Light of Mine, and I'm Gonna Zoom Zoom Zoom!

**Nov 2 @ 10:00 am:** Meet at Veterans' Park (south side parking lot on Spanish Trail) for our Children's Sunday recordings. Wear your best race-running gear!

**Nov 17:** Children's Sunday  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Dec 1:** Christmas Pageant



## WPC Kids (K-6th grade)

**Nov 2 @ 10:00 am:** Meet at Veterans' Park (south side parking lot on Spanish Trail) for our Children's Sunday recordings. Wear your best race-running gear!

**Nov 17:** Children's Sunday  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Dec 1:** Christmas Pageant



Join us at 9:45 am each week for Sunday School fun!



## WPC Youth (7th-12th grade)



Thanks everyone for your work on Bert's baptism blanket!

We had a lot of fun carving pumpkins.

**Nov 2:** Help with the kids at Veterans' Park at 10:00 am!

**Nov 3:** Youth Group at church  
**SAVE THE DATE**

**Dec 1:** Christmas Pageant



## Young Adults

YAMC Sunday Mission Night  
Join us for lunch at Twisted Root and then volunteer with us at Mission Arlington.

[REGISTER for Sunday Mission Night](#)

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Lunch at 2:00 PM

Twisted Root Burger Co.

310 E Abram St. #100, Arlington, TX 76010

Volunteer Opportunity at 4:00 PM

Mission Arlington

210 W South St, Arlington, TX, 76010

# CONNECT

## September Session Highlights

1. The session approved replacing our Security Camera system.
2. Finance committee is looking for solutions to the Pastor's family insurance situation due to Board of Pensions changes.
3. Pastor Kate updated the session on her progress in her DMin classes.



I want to thank my WPC family for all the concerns and prayers, over the past 5 months, for my son John. He, and his wife Robin, are thankful for your prayers, as some weeks were bleak, but he knew many people were praying for him. Right now things are doing well.

Thanks again to you all!

Ruth Juhler



My dear WPC family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers these past few months.

This has been a trying time for me and my family. I was in school this semester, but because I was going to have Cervical Spine Surgery on August 26, 2024 and would be out of commission for a while, I had to drop my classes. I found out that a big part of my spinal area did not have any fluid around it due to spinal stenosis. Praise God the surgery was a success! My spine is straight and I have fluid around all parts of my spinal cord. After surgery, I woke up with no feeling in my right arm from my wrist up. The doctors thought it was an MS relapse, but it is C5 palsy. We are praying that this goes away on its own as I am determined to be back in school in the spring of 2025. Ed, Jim and I appreciate all of you so much. Your thoughts and prayers have helped us through this difficult time. Please pray for me as I continue Occupational Therapy and trying to learn how to eat left-handed for a while.

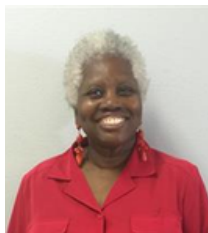
In Christ,

Linda, Ed, Jim and Jax Frazee



# WHAT'S UP AT WPC

## Serving the Lord in November



### Liturgist

Sandra James

### November 3 Communion Servers

Erin & Matt Baltensperger, Catherine Fritz, Yleen George,  
Robert Riggle, & Robert Wilson



### Media Center



11/3 - Steve West, Carol Raburn, Niña Henderson, & Keith Richardson

11/10 - Jill Wesstrom, Kamden McGee, Teri Wardrup, Steve West, & Chris Simpson

11/17 - James Harris, Caitlin Cooke, Daniel Garcia, Niña Henderson, & John Garcia

11/24 - Harry Staley, Carol Raburn, & Chris Hatcher



### Greeters

11/3 - Dan Stoyak

11/10 - Teresa Sullivan

11/17 - Reverend Miranda Trussell

11/24 - Stephen & Jill Wesstrom



### Flowers



11/3 - Robert & Linda Wilson, memory of our son  
Rusty on his birthday

11/10 - Judy Hart, in memory of her 65th anniversary

11/17 - April Poitras, in memory of Warren &  
Shirley Garnier

11/24 - Jeannette Powell, in memory of Greg &  
Floyd Powell



### Hall Monitors

We are looking for some members ready to show hospitality! Hall monitors sit in the hallway just outside the sanctuary each week as an act of radical hospitality. They help people coming in late to find their seats; point the directions to the bathrooms; or help with anything else that comes up. It's a wonderful way to serve! Please contact Teresa Sullivan or Pastor Kate if you're willing to serve one Sunday every couple months.



## WHAT'S UP AT WPC



**Joys:** HS Students Ben Chapa (Arlington), Amelia Hathaway (Martin), Kamden McGee (Summit), and Ace Thompson (Lamar) all got a Division I at Region Marching Band and advanced to Area; Carole Perry's daughter Jennifer is healing well; Kamden McGee got his driver's license; Mario Koym-Garza is an uncle to "Milo," born to Adrianna & Peter Nerino; Jennifer Del Angel passed her LCSW exam and is now a Licensed Clinical Social Worker!

**Sympathy Prayers:** Earlene Pike & family on the death of her brother Bill Anderau; Jimmy & Yleen George and family of their relative Karen Richey on her death; Winston & Elizabeth Barney and family on the death of their great-granddaughter Rowan Fowler

**Members/friends in need of prayer:** Robert Riggle; Gail Cobb; Susan Johnson; Judy Hart; Les Brooks; Penelope Nelson; Marjory McCowen; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Sue Crow; Charles & Linda Bridges' daughter Tara Lewis & Linda's friend Abby; Erin Baltensperger's friends the Vanacek family; Stephanie West's friend David; Marjory McCowen's son-in-law Brian Blasingame; Sandra James' friends Jeremy Hamon & Eileen Kloos; Maggie Del Angel's brother Bernie; Erin O'Connor's uncle Michael O'Connor; Janet Kovatch's friend David; David Ferrell's sister Sally Peveto; Linda Wilson's friend Donna Austin; Harry Staley's sister Kate Marymont & his nephew David Staley; Catherine Fritz's friends Jason Johnson & mom Pam; Charles Bridges' sister-in-law Linda Bridges; Jim & Susan Johnson's neighbors Val & Alla Karpinska and their family

### Celebrating November Birthdays

- 1 - Rico Marcello, April Poitras
- 2 - Mark Grimes, Bert Garcia O'Connor, Kate Smith
- 5 - David Rawhouser
- 9 - Robert Riggle
- 11 - Zoe Harrison, Jane Patterson
- 12 - Jaiden Ngalande
- 19 - Debra Nelson
- 23 - Joy Hatcher
- 26 - Marjory McCowen, Carolyn Reynolds
- 27 - Lemuel Amouh, Callan Kennedy, Rae Logan
- 30 - Billy Thompson





## 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: November 10, 2024 **\*NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAY\***

Turn in all articles to the church office.

wpc\_arl@sbcglobal.net      817-460-3841

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
1330 South Fielder Road  
Arlington, Texas 76013  
[www.wpcarlington.org](http://www.wpcarlington.org)

