The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

Celebrate with me: I have now completed my first year of my Doctorate of Ministry studies! My last paper was on entering the "Great Conversation" between our Creator and creation, using photos I took from our various trips this summer to prompt theological reflections. (My Reading Disciples friends will appreciate that a quote from *The Overstory* even made it in there!) Thank you again for all your prayerful support during this journey!

After spending a month focused on the details of Presbyterian worship, we turn outward in October with World Communion Sunday, Faith & Blue, and Reformation Sunday. All past and present Beer Tasters should especially check out the information for the special October 18 gathering. Please see more information inside these pages!

This is the journey of people of faith - inward and outward, being nourished and then nourishing others, being filled with the Living Water and then pouring it out for the sake of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God. This is how we worship - not with a defined beginning and end, but entering God's ever-flowing stream of praise. Columbia Seminary professor Stan Saunders writes: "Discipleship takes place on the way, always moving and always pushing back the boundaries the world imposes on our imagination and practices." We don't enter or leave worship fully formed, but instead continue along the path of discipleship, following in Jesus' footsteps.

I'm so glad that you're on the Jesus way with me. Let us continue to worship, learn, give, and connect as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing the Living Water with all who thirst.

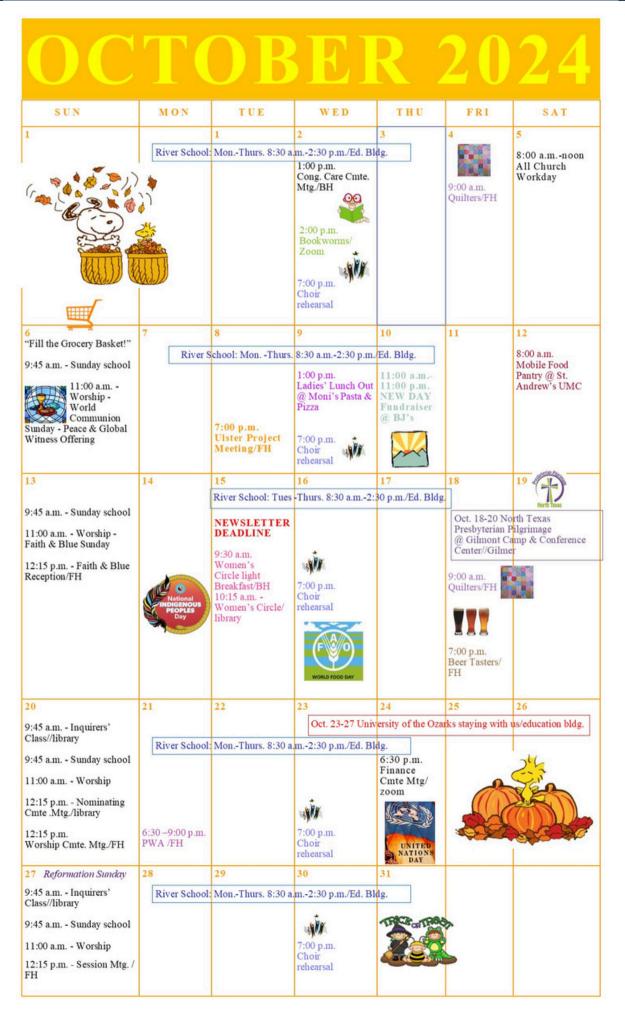
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Join us for Worship!



Sunday, October 6 @ 11:00 AM - 20th Sunday after Pentecost - World Communion Sunday -Peace & Global Witness Offering Scriptures: Romans 6:1-11; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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Sermon Title: How We Worship: The Sacraments

Sunday, October 13 @ 11:00 AM - 21st Sunday after Pentecost Scriptures: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 20 @ 11:00 AM - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Scriptures: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45



Sunday, October 27 @ 11:00 AM - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Scriptures: Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52 Sermon Title: So Close to God; So Far from Each Other



Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:00 PM *NOTE WE ARE NOW MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS!*



We would love to have you join us as we begin working on Advent music. Please talk to our Minister of Music Jackie Ancelet if you have questions.



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

We love our Sunday School teachers and recognized them during worship in August. They received pails with seeds that our kiddos put together for them as a thank you for helping them grow!



Ushers Needed

As Head Usher, I wanted to let you know about an

opportunity to serve the Lord and your church. We need volunteers for the first and second Sundays of each month. This requires a commitment to usher once a month for 12 months. The primary duties of an usher are to greet members & guests, pass out bulletins, collect the offering, collect friendship sheets and any unused bulletins left behind in the pews after service. We also need back-up volunteers to fill in when our regular ushers need to be away for a Sunday. Please contact Charles Bridges to volunteer or for more information.



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A Time for the Children







Thank You Jane O



Our good friend Jane Oosterhuis was moving to Fort Worth, so we celebrated all the gifts she has offered God through WPC in worship. Members wrote thank you notes and warm wishes on seed paper that she can then plant in her new home.



Our kids and other friends in the congregation have created a wall of words words that we need more of in the world. Stop by and check it out in the main hall!



October 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.

Oct. 6 - Parables: Stealing the Vineyard

Oct. 13 - Parables: Talents

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Oct. 20 - Parables: The Great Feast

Oct. 27 - Parables: Unforgiving Servant





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.

Oct. 6 - Politics - Is It a Sin Not to Vote?

Oct. 13 - Politics - Why Do Some Politicians Lie & Make Bad Decisions in Their Personal Lives?

Oct. 20 - Politics - Is It OK or Not OK to Talk about Politics at Church?

Oct. 27 - Forgiveness - What Motivates God to Continue Loving Us?

The Wired WORD™

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.



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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.

Oct. 6 - "Blood Meridian" by Cormac McCarthy - Chapters XV-XVII, stop at page 256

Oct. 13 - Chapters XVIII-XX, stop at page 294

Oct. 20 - Chapters XXI-Epilogue - stop at page 337

Oct. 27 - "A Psalm for the Wild-Built" by Becky Chambers - Chapters 1 & 2

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Women's Circle



meets Tuesday, October 15 @ 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 Rae Logan & Linda Reed and fellowship at 9:30 AM followed by our lesson at 10:15 AM in the library.

Lesson Two: Land lustice

Scriptures: Genesis 2:7; Leviticus 25:23; 25; 26-27; 28; Deuteronomy 20:16-18; Joshua 6; 1 Kings 21: 1-16; Psalm 24:1-2; Isaiah 5:8

Main Idea: Scriptural accounts of divinely ordered conquest and laws of Jubilee that support the rights of individual landowners stand in tension, but are rooted in the perception that all the earth is God's.



Quilters



meet Friday, October 4 & 18 ***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.









All-Church Work Day

Bring your tools and your cleaning supplies Saturday Oct 5 from 8 **am-noon** for an all-church work day! Our Property Elders Zeb and Carol will have an identified list of projects to work from. You're welcome to reach out to them ahead of time with any questions. At any skill level, please join us in practicing good stewardship of this building and grounds - all the good things God has given us!



Fill the Grocery Basket!

Sunday, October 6

Thank you for your generous outpouring in September! We continue to help Arlington Charities provide for those in need by collecting non-perishables & 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.



NEW DAY Help Needed!

We have appreciated the work of our liaison between N.D and AISD, Susan Reinarz, for several years, but she is retiring soon. We are looking for a volunteer to take over as liaison. This is a job that is very rewarding, and since Susan has all the organization set up, it would take only a couple of hours a week of computer work.

Without a liaison, our organization would not function as smoothly as it does now.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please check with Earlene Pike or Susan Reinarz.



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS





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JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

Date: Oct 10, 2024

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 flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.





Living Waters for the World Update

As reported in the last WPC Well newsletter, our plans were to find a partner for an installation in Guatemala. Grace Presbyterian, Temple and WPC have entered into a covenant agreement with Instituto Escuela Rural Mixta Canoas Altas, a Middle school in the Lake Atitlan area southwest of Guatemala City. The middle school is on a campus that includes an elementary school. The water purification system will be in a building on the middle school portion of the campus. It will serve both the elementary and middle schools.

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The management team and water committee, for the water system includes the school principal, and board members. All of who have signed the covenant.

Upon approval and signing the covenant we will begin the process of purchasing the system, making arrangements for delivery to Guatemala, working with the in-county LWW staff, determining the date for installation and outlining the responsibilities for everyone. The school is responsible for having a secure building for the system, a dependable water supply and electricity source. It is also their responsibility to provide a staff to operate the system, and have a water committee to support and promote the use of water in their community.

At this time the potential date for an installation is early 2025. Catherine Fritz and Matt Baltensperger will represent WPC on the project. Each of them has concluded training at LWW's Clean Water University (CWU). Catherine will focus on teaching the community the benefits of clean water and how to properly use it. Matt's focus will be on system installation and training the Water Team on day-to-day operations.

Your WPC LWW team appreciates the continued support of everyone. We feel it is a very meaningful mission for those we provide safe/healthy water for an area where all they have is unclean water and subsequent lingering health issues. -Harry Staley



Swift Hot Dog Howdy



Thanks to our awesome volunteers who helped the PTA at Swift Elementary's Hot Dog Howdy!



Mobile Food Pantry



Come be the hands and feet of Christ on Saturday, Oct. 12 @ 8:00 AM at St. Andrew's UMC (2045 SE Green Oaks) by helping prepack bags, load vehicles, and more as we help feed those in need.

Elder Nominating Season coming!

Have you ever wondered how elders are nominated year after year? In a nutshell, it's WPC members who make this possible. Each year, 3-5 Session elders (leadership team) rotate off their terms of 2-4 years. The Nominating Committee meets and votes on new candidates submitted by both Committee members and the rest of the congregation. Candidates are contacted to invite their commitment to be an Elder for a minimum 2-year term. Their names and bios are brought to the congregation the first part of December for approval, and then they are ordained and/or installed at the beginning of the new year. This year, the group of elders has completed a review and update of their responsibilities for the church's Manual of Operations, so there is a very detailed 'road map' for the new elder stepping into their role.

What are the qualifications to serve as an elder you might ask?

- Be a member in good standing at WPC for 1-2 years.
- Support the church spiritually and financially, and participate in church worship and activities as much as possible.
- Be a good communicator...an elder usually leads a committee of people. The elder doesn't do all the work, but needs to be able to supervise/lead periodic meetings. Encourage and recruit new membership on their committees.
- Write brief report for Session members to review prior to attendance at monthly meetings (4th Sunday of each month).
- Monitor and submit annual budget for the area they are responsible.

More details on Elder qualities and responsibilities can be found here:

www.wpcarlington.org/pdfs/Elders at WPC.pdf

If you're interested in either being considered or nominating someone from the congregation, please contact Catherine Fritz, or any of the following Nominating committee members: Jennifer del Angel, Erin Baltensperger, James Harris, Judy Hathcock, and Brooklyn Richardson. Thank you for praying for our nominating committee and Session as we enter this annual nominating season.



Welcome Home Donations

The Welcome Home Offering provides basic necessity items to those who are dealing with homelessness & transitioning to stable housing. Thank you for your generous donations in September. For the month of October, our partners at "When We Love" are requesting hats & gloves. Bring items to worship with you any Sunday and place in the marked bin by the North entry doors. This goes right here to our neighbors in Tarrant County! Questions? contact Barbara Kennedy.

Peace & Global Witness Offering October 6

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at

Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world.

Peace is possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make. The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord and division. So we can embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. WPC retains 25% of this Offering for our own peacemaking efforts, going to Mission Arlington this year. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Financial Report - as of August 31, 2024

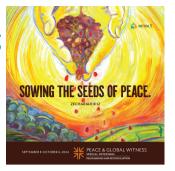
As we are now two-thirds of the way through the year, we can look back and see how WPC has weathered the cold of the winter/spring and the heat of our Texas summer. Did you realize that in the summer, our electric bill reached over \$1,700 for August? And to keep our lawn looking nice, we spent nearly \$475 in August for water (of course, over half is for sewer fees) and the annual insurance costs for 2024 is over \$26,000.

That doesn't include repairing aging air conditioner units or replacing the 27 year old water heater in Fellowship Hall. As you can see, it takes the support of everyone just to open the doors and keep everyone comfortable.

That doesn't take away from what we actually come together for, and that is to worship God and fulfill the mission that He has put in front of us: to help our neighbors at Swift Elementary, to feed the hungry through NEW DAY, to help furnish clean water through our Living Waters for the World, or furnish beautiful quilts to those in need. That is naming just a couple of examples of what we can do together.

With your support, either through prayer, physical labors and/or financial support, we can continue to grow in service together.

David Rawhouser Church Treasurer



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Choir Ice Cream Social at Barney Residence



Current and former choir members enjoyed ice cream and all the toppings at the Barney's new residence. Elizabeth even gave a tour of their beautiful new home.























Enjoyed attended Dallas Ambient Music Night at UTA Planetarium



Elizabeth's Swan Song & Soiree



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Thank you so much to Halley Gervais with Gervais Photo for the wonderful pictures!



Welcome Jackie!





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Bookworms

meet Wednesday, October 2 @ 2:00 PM on <u>Zoom</u> Join us as we discuss "When We Had Wings" by Ariel Lawhon.



Ladies' Lunch Out

meets Wed., Oct. 9 @ 1:00 PM at Moni's Pasta & Pizza (1730 W Randol Mill Rd)



We enjoyed lunch with 14 of our friends last month at El Gabacho. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend or just come.

WHERE KNOWLEDGE FLOWS FREELY





We celebrated Apple Day with fun science experiments, sensory learning, and baking mini apple pies. We also really enjoyed an old-school learning tool: Lite Brites! Check out our <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u> to follow along our learning adventures.



Beer Tasters

meet Friday, October 18 @ 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Our October 18th tasting will be special. To honor the support of everyone for 15 years of tasting, some friends will provide **(at no cost)** an assortment of high-quality, lesser-known beers. Would love to have an overflow attendance for this one. No previous experience required. Questions? Contact Keith Richardson. P.S. Don't forget your prayer partner!



Save the Date! North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage #52

October 18-20 @ Gilmont Camp & Conference Center, Gilmer, TX

Please consider going to this special event. If you would like more information about what Pilgrimage is, speak to some of our members who have been - Barbara Kennedy, Earlene Pike, Sandra James, or Pastor Kate. Scholarships are available. A short video about Pilgrimage may be viewed at ntpp.org.

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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!

> SAVE THE DATES! Nov 17: Children's Sunday Dec 1: Christmas Pageant



Our Littles enjoyed trying out the Armor of God!







WPC Kids (K-6th grade) SAVE THE DATES! Nov 17: Children's Sunday Dec 1: Christmas Pageant





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



WPC Youth (7th-12th grade)



Thanks to the Richardsons for hosting an awesome pool party & movie night! Thanks to the youth for your hard work helping with the Book Sale to benefit the Public Library!

> SAVE THE DATE Dec 1: Christmas Pageant







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August 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.

WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Serving the Lord in October

Liturgist Erin O'Connor

October 6 Communion Servers

Dane Argentini, Les Brooks, Rollin Phipps, Jill Spencer, Reverend Miranda Trussell, & Teri Wardrup





Media Center

- 10/9 Steve West, Teri Wardrup, Niña Henderson, & Keith Richardson
- 10/13 Jill Wesstrom, Kamden McGee, Carol Raburn, Steve West, & Chris Simpson
- 10/20 James Harris, Teri Wardrup, Niña Henderson, & John Garcia
- 10/27 Harry Staley, Caitlin Cooke, Daniel Garcia, & Chris Hatcher



Greeters

Oct. 6 - Robert & Kathy Riggle Oct. 13 - Bonnie Shwadlenak Oct. 20 - Jill Spencer Oct. 27 - Harry & Pat Staley

Flowers

10/6 - Niña Henderson, in memory of her mother
Eve Holmes' birthday
10/13 - Janet Kovatch, in memory of her mom's
birthday
10/20 - Sally Wright, in honor of her anniversary
10/27 - Chris Hatcher, in honor of their anniversary,
Joy's birthday, & her grandmother's birthday

WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Sympathy Prayers: Sandra James' and the family of her friend Grace Willoughby on her death; Steve Wesstrom and the family of his cousin Geoff Herring on the death of his partner Michaela

Members/friends in need of prayer: Judy Hart; Barbara Kennedy; Les Brooks; Penelope Nelson; Marjory McCowen; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Erin Baltensperger's friends the Vanacek family; Stephanie West's friend David; Debra Nelson's cousin Jack Duckworth & her friend Vicky Ellis; Ruth Juhler's son John; 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; Jimmy & Yleen George's relative Karen Richey; Linda Wilson's friend Donna Austin; Harry Staley's sister Kate Marymont; 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; Earlene Pike's brother Bill & sister-in-law Marion Anderau



Interested in joining our family of faith at Westminster? **Inquirers' Classes** Oct 20 & 27 @ 9:45 am WPC Library

Mission Statement

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