

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

As we have traveled through the wilderness of Lent, we have held tight to the promises and Good News of Jesus Christ. In addition, we have heard good news each week in worship from our members, celebrating those moments of joy where we feel closer to God.

April brings us to the ultimate Good News of Easter and the gift of new life through Jesus Christ and his life, death, and resurrection. What does that look like here and now? Last year at our annual Day at the UTA Ballpark, we welcomed families from the Presbyterian Children's Home in Itasca at our tailgate and the game. One family included three siblings, who were in the long process of foster care and hopeful adoption. The potential adoptive parents were from Arlington, and they joined the Itasca family at the game. They shared stories and made memories. A few weeks ago, the adoption was finalized. (Yes, it has been a **LONG** journey!)

By opening our doors to PCHAS families, by finding connection through UTA baseball with each other, we played a small part in this family's journey. The new parents Jenn and Juan Rodriguez have agreed to speak at this year's Fort Worth luncheon on May 6. WPC will have a table if you'd like to join us and hear their story!

This is the Good News that is alive in the world: that out of brokenness comes beauty; out of bad news comes good news; and out of death comes life. This is the Good News: that through small connectational acts like UTA baseball games, prayer garden dedication, Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, and more, can come acts of great love.

How will you worship, learn, give, and connect this Easter season? How will you continue to be the good news for the most vulnerable in our world this Easter season? For He is risen! He is risen indeed.

Grace and peace,

Kate

Pastor Kate



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March Worship



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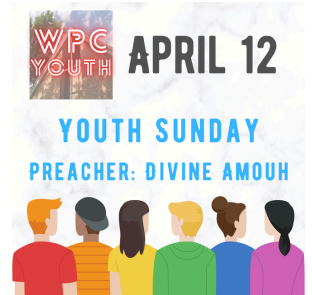
Join us for Worship!



Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday - Communion
Scripture: John 13:1-35
Sermon: "The Good News is...Even Judas Gets His Feet Washed"

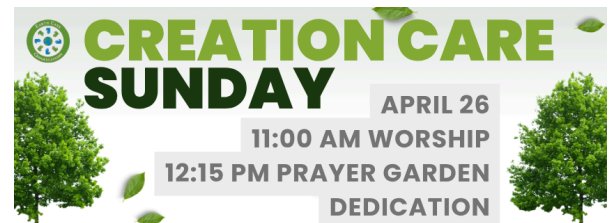
Friday, April 3 @ 7:00 PM - Good Friday
Chancel Choir will lead us in music and reflections on the seven last words of Christ.

Sunday, April 5 @ 11:00 AM - Easter Sunday - Communion - Baptism of Myles Powell
Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10
Sermon: "The Good News is...Alive in the World"



Sunday, April 12 @ 11:00 AM - Second Sunday of Easter - Youth Sunday
Scripture: Psalm 16 & 1 Peter 1:3-9
Preacher: Divine Amouh

Sunday, April 19 @ 11:00 AM - Third Sunday of Easter - Festival of Hymns
Scripture: Come for a hymn sing with our confirmands!



Sunday, April 26 @ 11:00 AM - Fourth Sunday of Easter -
Creation Care Sunday
Scripture: Isaiah 55:12-13 & Ezekiel 47:1-12
Sermon: "The Canopy of Creation"



Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

Want to join choir? Come on down! Our Minister of Music Jackie Ancelet would be happy to answer any questions or to simply welcome you to the choir!

2026 Worship Flower Donations

All the dates have been filled for the 2026 Flower Chart! Be sure to make your \$30 payment via envelope or Zelle at least two weeks prior to your donation date. Remember, the flowers are yours to take after the service! If you are not going to be in worship on your donation date, please let Susan Johnson or the office know. If there's a special date you still have in mind, please reach out to Susan about a potential second arrangement that day.



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Renewed Grace Monthly Blessings



Understanding Neurodiversity, A Simple Guide for Our Church Family

As one of nine churches in our Presbytery in the first cohort of Renewed Grace, I thought that it would be helpful to share some basic definitions. As Renewed Grace seeks to transform worship practices with neurodivergent children, you will hear words like neurodivergent, neurodiversity, or neurotypical in my Renewed Grace updates. These words can sound complicated, but the ideas behind them are actually quite simple and deeply connected to our call as Christians to love one another well.

What Does “Neurodiversity” Mean? Neurodiversity is the idea that God created human brains in many different ways. Just as we have diversity in culture, personality, and gifts, we also have diversity in how our brains think, learn, feel, and process the world. Neurodiversity reminds us that differences in thinking are not flaws to fix, but variations to understand.

What Does “Neurodivergent” Mean? A person is neurodivergent when their brain works differently from what is considered “typical.” Some examples of neurodivergence include: Autism (Autism Spectrum Disorder); ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder); Dyslexia; Sensory Processing Differences; and some anxiety disorders or learning differences. Most importantly, being neurodivergent is not a problem to be fixed. It simply means someone experiences and interacts with the world in a way that may be different from the majority. The opposite term is neurotypical, which describes someone whose brain functions in ways that are considered typical by societal standards.

What Is the Autism Spectrum? The autism spectrum refers to a wide range of ways autism can show up in a person’s life. Some autistic individuals may be highly verbal and thrive academically. Others may communicate differently or need significant support. “Spectrum” does not mean a line from “mild” to “severe.” Instead, it reflects a wide variety of strengths, challenges, and support needs.

What Are Sensory Processing Differences? Some people experience the world more intensely — or less intensely — through their senses. For example: bright lights may feel overwhelming. Loud music may feel painful. Certain fabrics may feel unbearable. A crowded fellowship hall may feel exhausting. Others may seek sensory input — loving tight hugs, movement, or fidgeting. These sensory differences are not behavioral problems but simply neurological differences in how brains process information.

What Is Executive Function? Executive functioning refers to the brain’s ability to plan, organize, manage time, and regulate emotions. Some neurodivergent individuals may struggle with these skills — not because they are lazy or careless — but because their brains are wired differently. This can look like: difficulty starting tasks; trouble remembering instructions; emotional overwhelm; and challenges with transitions. Understanding this helps us respond with compassion rather than judgment.

Why This Matters for Our Church: As the body of Christ, we are called to make space for one another. When we understand neurodiversity: we replace assumptions with curiosity. We replace frustration with empathy. We replace exclusion with welcome. Some simple ways churches can be supportive include: offering quiet spaces during worship; being flexible with movement and noise; giving clear instructions and expectations; training volunteers to respond with patience; and celebrating different ways of learning and engaging. Neurodiversity is not a problem to solve. It is a reminder that God’s creativity is wider than we sometimes imagine. As 1 Corinthians reminds us, “There are many parts, but one body.” Each brain, each way of thinking, each child and adult reflects part of the image of God. When we grow in understanding, we grow in love.

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April Sunday School

Pre-K & Kindergarten

Our Pre-K and kindergarten class meets in the nursery.

First - Third Grade

Our 1st- 3rd graders meet in the Zoo room across from the nursery.

Fourth - Sixth Grade

Our 4th- 6th graders meet in the room next to the youth room in the Education Wing.



Youth (7th-12th Grade)

Our youth are in Confirmation Class this year, with in-class leadership from our older high school students who have already been confirmed, along with teachers and mentors. Each week will offer a lesson from CoLABorate: Presbyterian Confirmation, interspersed with mentor visits and special guests.

4/5 - Easter Egg Hunt Prep & Faith Statement Check-In

4/12 - Youth Sunday Practice

4/19 - Festival of Hymns Practice

4/26 - The Life of Faith: Ephesians 4:4-6

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Presbyterian Confirmation

Adult One - Bible Study

This adult Sunday School class is a traditional Bible study, with thought-provoking questions and discussion. They are working through a study of the Apostles' Creed. Contact Stephanie West with any questions.



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.

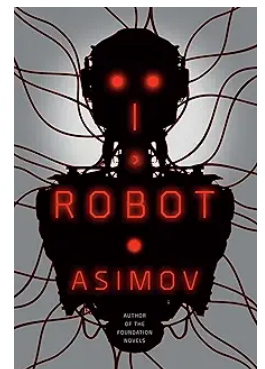


4/5 - *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov, ch 3-4

4/12 - *I, Robot*, ch 5-6

4/19 - *I, Robot*, ch 7-8

4/26 - *I, Robot*, ch 9



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Women's Circle

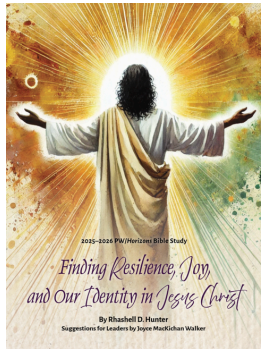
Meets Tuesday, April 21 @ at 9:30 AM (light breakfast)
@ 10:15 AM (study)

Join us as we continue our study, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter. We will begin with a light breakfast, hosted by Shirley Lewis, at 9:30 AM, followed by our lesson led by Pastor Kate at 10:15 AM in the library.

Lesson Eight: Remembering Jesus' Baptism

Scriptures: Luke 3:1-22, Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-11, John 1:19-34

Main Idea: In baptism we are identified as God's own children charged to serve faithfully, justly, and lovingly.



WPC Renewed Grace Luncheon

Sunday, May 3
12:30-2:00 pm

with featured speaker Dr. Victoria Wolf



Come join Dr. Wolf as she educates WPC about neurodiversity and neurodivergent children. Dr. Wolf graduated with her doctorate in occupational therapy at The University of St. Augustine's Dallas campus. Prior to that, she received her Bachelor's in Child Development from Texas Woman's University, and later obtained her Early Intervention Specialist license. She began working with children and their families, advocating for neurodivergent support and specializing in sensory education. Victoria continues to focus on neurodivergent education and research, for pediatric and adult populations, to increase visibility and understanding.

Sign up here: <https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/neurodivergent-children-and-church-inclusivity>

WPC Scholarships Awarded in May

If you are a first-year student planning on college or are returning to your studies for the fall term of 2026, the Faith Formation team invites you to apply for a scholarship! You will find the application and more information at www.wpcarlinton.org/scholarships. The deadline is April 1, and the Scholarship Review Committee will hand out scholarships on Grad Sunday, May 24. Contact Pastor Kate, Erin O'Connor, Teresa Sullivan, Brooklyn Richardson, or Reverend Miranda Trussell with any questions.



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Save the Date - VBS 2026!

This year's VERY special VBS will highlight the way we live out our calling as the hands and feet of Christ at WPC. Each night at a special WPC station, our VBS kids will get to engage with a different WPC ministry, like our Earth Cares team. Mark your calendars now, and keep an eye out for registration coming soon! Reach out to Erin O. or Teresa S. if you're ready to volunteer for this fabulous week.

VBS 2026

WPC: Where People...

June 21-24

5:45-8:00 pm

wpcarlinton.org/vbs

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Young Adult Bible Study

Thursdays: April 9, 16, 23, 30
7:00-8:00 pm

Pastor Kate will lead us in a Bible study in conversation with the new book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace* by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. With clarity, compassion, and a touch of humor, we'll name what feels wrong in our world today, rediscover what is right, and live into a gospel that is still good news for all. This is the message to speak loudly in our time: not one of fear and exclusion, but a living, evolving faith that proclaims the wide welcome of God's grace. Whether you're a Bible expert or still learning where Genesis is, this study is for you!

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7:00-8:00 PM

WITH
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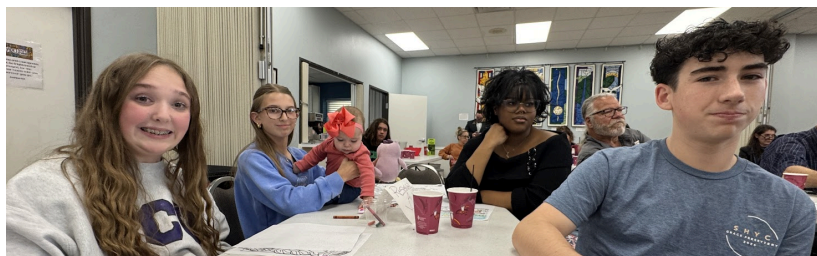
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Crucial Conversations

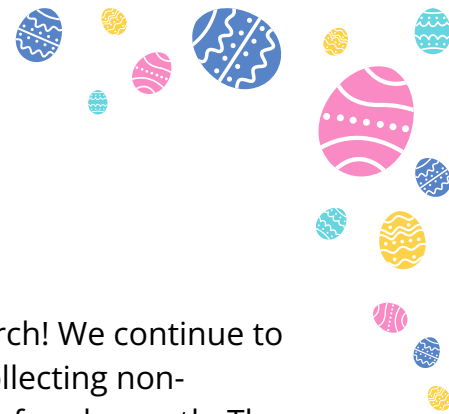
Thank you to everyone who made this third season of Crucial Conversations a wonderful success! Especially thank you to our weekly dinner organizers, our youth, our youth leaders, and anyone else who helped us set up and clean up each week.



"People don't need (...) a constant stream of new clothes; they need to feel others consider them to be attractive, and they need excitement, variety, and beauty. Trying to fill real but non-material needs for identity, community, self-esteem, challenge, love, and joy with material things is to set up an unquenchable appetite for false solutions to never-satisfied longings!"



GIVE



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 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.



Quilters

Monday, April 13 at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM

in Fellowship Hall

Join our Quilters as they continue making quilts for the Salvation Army Family Life Center!



Mobile Food Pantry

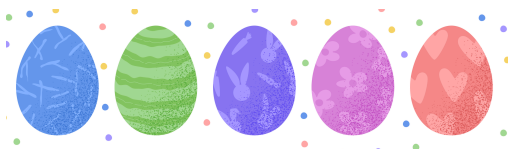
Come be the hands and feet of Christ on Saturday, April 11 @ 8:00 AM at **St. Andrew's UMC (2045 SE Green Oaks)**, by helping prepack bags, load vehicles, and more as we help feed those in need.

Mobile Food Pantry

April 11 @ 8:00 am

St. Andrew's UMC





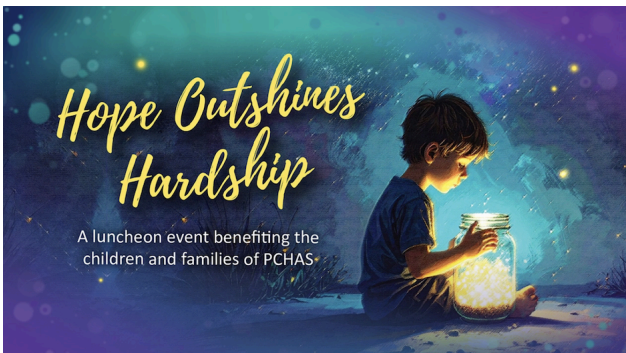
"Hope Outshines Hardship" PCHAS Luncheon

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 12-1 p.m.

Ridglea Country Club

3700 Bernie Anderson Ave, Fort Worth 76116

This is a free luncheon that highlights the work of PCHAS and stories of their families. Please RSVP to the office to join our WPC table!



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March NEW DAY Food Drive

Thank you so much for all your donations to NEW DAY and for being the Good News to hungry AISD students!



Financial Report as of February 28, 2026

Here we are again! Hard to believe that as I write this Spring Break is upon us with Easter right around the corner. Wasn't it just Christmas? Thank you, thank you, thank you for such a great stewardship season! You all keep sending pledge cards in and we have a new total in pledges - \$320,289. I can now say that our pledged amount exceeds our budget of \$320,000. WOW! This does not represent all of our congregation's giving units, but what a great path that we are on. As was mentioned at the congregational meeting, our committees and Session are continuing to dream bigger, while keeping in mind that we need to continue to be good stewards of our resources - you never know when there will be a repair. WPC continues to stay active in the community with our time and money with NEW DAY, Swift Elementary, Arlington Charities and all of our other missions.

Here's a little snippet of what our financials looked like at 1/01/26 - 2/28/26:

Income: \$62,482

Expenses: (\$42,127)

Net income: \$20,355

Michelle Rodriguez, Treasurer



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Bookworms

Wednesday, April 1 @ 2:00 PM on [Zoom](#)



The April selection is *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear. This is book one in a series that spans from just before WWI through WWII in England. When the series begins, Maisie is working as a teenage maid in a large home. While there she is caught reading at night in the family library, she is encouraged to begin working with a private investigator/psychologist. The book traces her training and her time as a nurse during WWI. In addition to a really good story, the novel explores the effects of the war on society, the impact of shell shock on returning military personnel, and serves as an introduction to the other books in the series.

The Bookworms May selection is *The Summer Guests* by Tess Gerritson. This book is the second in the Martini Club series. The Martini Club is a "book group" in Maine that is a front for a group of former spies. Their small town of Purity is interrupted by the arrival of rowdy summer guests and the problem of a missing teenage girl. When one of the members of the Martini Club becomes the prime suspect, the other members go to work to solve the case.

Upcoming books include:

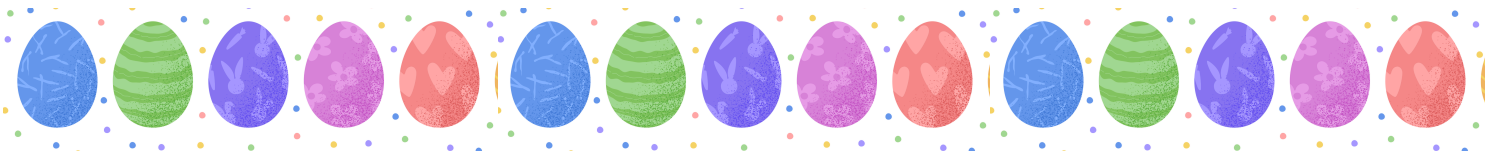
June—*The Truth about the Devlins* by Lisa Scottoline

July—*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

August—*The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare



Please join us for any of all of these on Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.



Ladies' Lunch Out

Wednesday April 8 @ 1:00 PM

Southern Recipes Grill (2715 N Collins St)

15 came out and enjoyed J Gilligan's last month. Come try some wonderful food. Pay your own way, RSVP to Pastor Kate, or just join us!



Beer Tasters

Friday, April 17 @ 7:00 PM

SPRING into Beer Tasters with a special April line-up!

All 21+ friends are welcome to join us. \$5 will get you six beers to taste. Questions? Contact Keith Richardson.



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SPECIAL EASTER EDITION!
First Cup Sunday
 April 5 @ 9:45 am
 in the library

*For all parents of Littles, Kids, & Youth:
 have a cup of coffee and
 enjoy fellowship*

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WPC Kids
(K-6th grade)



KIDQUAKE
2026

THE NEXT
RIGHT THING

Calling all 3rd-6th graders! KidQuake is April 24-26 at Gilmont Camp & Conference Center.

KidQuake is \$170/participant. Find all the details [here!](#)

Remember WPC Scholarships are available for camps: wpcarlington.org/scholarships

!!! Registration deadline is April 8 !!!

Reach out to Ms. Brooklyn to register and/or for more information!



Calling All Graduates!

Do you know of a WPC member graduating from high school or college this year? Did you graduate from college after May 2025? Please let the office know who the graduate is and all the details before April 15.



WPC Youth
(7th-12th grade)





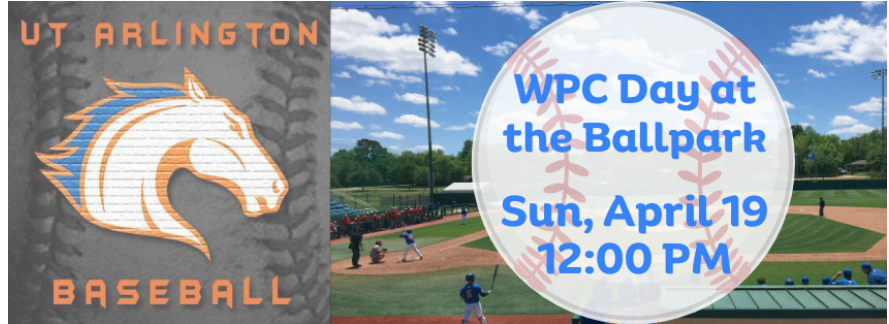
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Young Adults

Sunday, April 19 @ 12:00 PM
UTA Baseball Game

Come see our Young Adult Noah in action!
All church members and friends are welcome to join us. Watch for ticket information!

For all the deets on the latest Young Adult activities, join our [GroupMe!](#)



Ladies' Potluck
Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM

Bring your favorite dish to share!
After dinner, we'll enjoy a special performance by José Andrade, a classical guitarist.
Friends, granddaughters, sisters, aunts, moms - all women of all ages are invited!

March Session Highlights

1. Session approved Jon Crocker for membership.
2. Session examined Callan Kennedy and recommends they move to Candidacy in Grace Presbytery.
3. Commendations included Erin O'Connor, Teresa Sullivan, Brooklyn Richardson, Rev. Miranda Trussell, & David Buckley for their essential behind-the-scenes organizing of Crucial Conversations & the wrangling of youth!





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Second Breakfast!

Craving a little extra fellowship? On Second Sundays, meet your Westie besties (WPC friends) at Jay Jay Cafe (1001 S Bowen Rd) for breakfast before Sunday School! See a Faith Formation elder or Erin B. with questions.

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Second Breakfast
 April 12
 8:30 AM
 Jay Jay Cafe



Just Desserts Club

✦ New for 2026! ✦

Get to know WPC friends
 over sweet treats
 in small groups!

Sign up [here](#) or at church!

Just Desserts

Our first gatherings have been a great success, but our groups are open to new members all year long! Pick up a sign-up form at church, or click on the link in the graphic to sign up.

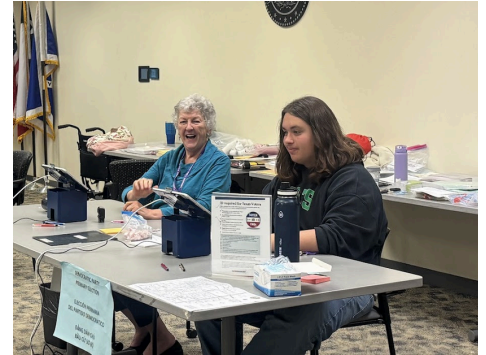




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WPC in the Wild

I spy with my little eye...WPC youth serving as student election clerks!



Mo-Ranch Men's Conference



Men's Conference is a God-filled weekend in the wide-open spaces of the Texas Hill Country along the banks of the Guadalupe River at Mo-Ranch. Conference activities will include keynote presentations, workshops, worship, relaxation, and recreation. All men ages 13 and up are welcome (youth 13-17 require an accompanying adult). This year's conference will take place May 1-3. Interested? See Charles Kennedy.



April 20, 2026

We're excited to share that some familiar faces from our church family will be taking the stage at Arlington Dancing with the Stars!

Sarah McMurrugh and Brittney Garcia-Dumas will be shining as this year's "Stars," and Jodie Cox will be joining the lineup as one of the professional dancers. Sarah will be dancing for the AISD Education Foundation, and Brittney will be dancing for Mission Arlington. This incredible event raises funds for multiple local nonprofits, making a meaningful impact across our community. Be sure to cheer them on as they step out in courage, have some fun, and dance for a great cause!

The More You Know

Did you know... the Hendersons and Baltenspergers hosted over 20 people as we celebrated our new members over the last year? Thank you to those couples for their intentional and radical hospitality!





WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in April



Liturgist

Rob Henderson

April 5 Communion Servers

Erin Baltensperger, Justin Chapa,
Charles Kennedy, Jim Reinartz, Jim Johnson,
Erin O'Connor



Media Team



- 4/2 - Harry Staley, Steve West, Jodie Cox, John Garcia
- 4/3 - Jill Weststrom, Steve West, Jodie Cox, Keith Richardson
- 4/5 - Steve West, Steve Holland, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson
- 4/12 - Kristin Hathaway, Carol Raburn, Jodie Cox, Chris Hatcher
- 4/19 - Steve West, Teri Wardrup, Jodie Cox, John Garcia
- 4/26 - Jill Weststrom, Caitlin Cooke, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson



Greeters

- 4/5 - John & Bonnie Garcia
- 4/12 - Erin O'Connor Daniel Garcia
- 4/19 - Chris & Joy Hatcher
- 4/26 - Pete & Kristin Hathaway



Flowers

- 4/5 - John & Robin Juhler in honor of Ruth Juhler's birthday
- 4/12 - Pete & Kristin Hathaway in memory of Shai Nelson
- 4/19 - Catherine Fritz in honor of God's beautiful creation
- 4/26 - In honor of our wonderful choir



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 Barbara Kennedy, and she will get you connected!



Easter Sunday

April 5

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt

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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, 2026

Turn in all articles & photos to the church office.

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