

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

We have kicked off summer learning in style with Vacation Bible School and summer Sunday School! We had almost 30 kids come learn about the four points of the Gospel and who we are at WPC. We also had 10 youth and 28 other volunteers helping! But we know that numbers don't always tell the whole story. How do you quantify stories like our new friend Evan, who wasn't limited by his wheelchair but instead woke up every morning asking his parents "church camp?!" Or Wells, who claimed our youth Nolie as his best friend? Or Ollie, who delivered a fabulous summary of the Gospel? Or Beck, who washed Nova's feet with tender care? Or Zoe, who chopped up all the cucumbers and helped prepare dinner each night - even as a kid? Or the teamwork between our leaders like Makayla and Stephanie, using their best 'teacher voices' to keep our Littles focused? Or the willingness of our youth to say yes to anything and everything helpful? Thank you for your time, energy, and financial support that make transformative experiences like Vacation Bible School possible!

While July sees WPC slow down a little, there's still lots of ways to worship, learn, give, and connect. Check out the details about two special celebrations: Mario's diaper shower and Ms. Brooklyn's "Hasta Luego" fiesta. Find out where Men's Fellowship is meeting next, and what the Young Adults are up to. Pray for the Youth Mission Trip to Kansas City later this month, and their brave and patient leaders. Come to worship and discover special music with Jackie. And it's not too late to jump into summer Sunday School!

For that's our answer to the Four Points from VBS. The Four Points say: God loves us. We have sinned. Jesus saves us. How will we live? By creating new relationships, choosing to love our neighbor, caring for each other, and celebrating what God's Spirit is doing in our midst!

Grace and peace,

Kate

Pastor Kate



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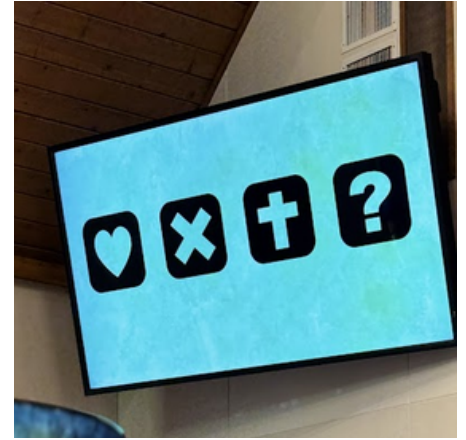
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July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:00 pm Cong. Care/BH 2:00 pm Bookworms/ Zoom	2 2:00 pm Just Desserts Jr. (youth)	3 New Schedule Office Closed	4  Happy Independence Day!
5 Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 am Sunday School & First Cup/Library 11:00 am Worship - Communion	6 6:30 pm Earth Cares Committee/ Zoom	7 6:30 pm Goodtimes Chorus/FH	8 1:00 pm Ladies' Lunch Out/El Ranchito (3517 S Cooper St)	9 2:00 pm Just Desserts Jr. (youth)	10 New Schedule Office Closed	11 8:00 am Mobile Food Pantry)
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June Worship



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Join us for Worship!



Sunday, July 5 @ 11:00 AM - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Communion

Scripture: Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a

Sermon Title: "Me Vs. Myself"

Sunday, July 12 @ 11:00 AM - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - WPC Shirt Sunday

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

Sermon Title: "Good News for Tough Times: Broken Spirits, Broken Bodies"

Sunday, July 19 @ 11:00 AM - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 8:12-25

Sermon Title: "Good News for Tough Times: Labor Pains"

Sunday, July 26 @ 11:00 AM - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Romans 8:26-39

Sermon Title: "Good News for Tough Times: Inseparable"



Choir Rehearsals

We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of the WPC choir! We celebrate them this month by giving them a break from the chancel. Want to join the choir? Talk to Music Minister, Jackie Ancelet. The choir will begin to rehearse again in early August.

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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July Sunday School



K-6th Grade

We're off to the movies! Join us in the Education Wing each week as we spend the "Summer at the Movies." Through favorites like *Toy Story*, *Moana*, and *Cars*, we'll explore our faith and how God calls us to live in the world.

July 5 - *Cars*

July 12 - *Toy Story 4*

July 19 - *Beauty & the Beast*

July 26 - *Moana*



Youth (7th-12th Grade) & Adults

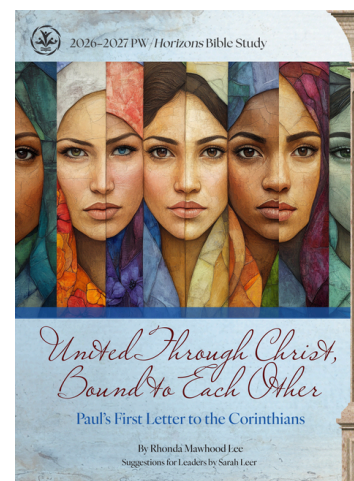


Adults, college students, and youth are joining together this summer to join special guest Pastor Max Brennan with "Discovering God." Some of you may know him as the author of "Friday's Word" in the Star-Telegram for 20 years. Pastor Max is a retired Methodist pastor who has studied religious and near-death experiences for much of his life. His interest began when he prayed a prayer at age 14 - and God answered - audibly. Does God do things like that?

We'll find out in our coming summer study as Pastor Max leads us through material from his upcoming book Discovering God - What We Can Know through Religious and Near-Death Experiences. This is a class about what God does in our lives. Expect to be challenged, uplifted, and encouraged. You may also end up feeling happier, more secure, and more certain that God cares about you. Expect plenty of time for questions, discussion, and sharing of your own experiences of God. (Also expect donuts, coffee, and orange juice.) The class meets at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Circle

Thank you for another wonderful year of Women's Circle! See you in the fall for our next study: *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee on Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. If you would like Pat Staley to order you a study book, please let her know!



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Life Shelter Sandwiches



On May 30, a group of WPC friends gathered in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to prepare 100 bags of sandwiches, chips, fruit, and water for people at the Life Shelter in Arlington. Every month that has 5 Saturdays, people donate things for the bags and then come together to assemble the bags and deliver them to the Life Shelter.

The Life Shelter is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to help individuals and families who are homeless for any number of reasons. The Shelter at 325 West Division in Arlington provides a safe place for people to get immediate help.

To get help at the Shelter, every person must have identification, go through a background check, and have a job or looking for work. The things that are not provided include transportation, groceries, clothing, or money to pay bills or rent. What is provided in addition to a safe place to sleep is assistance for finding a job and financial classes.

The Mission Committee at WPC provides a small part of what is needed at the Life Shelter by providing lunches to be distributed on the weekend. If you are interested in volunteering or donating to the Life Shelter, check out arlingtonlifeshelter.org to see how you can help. If you are interested in helping with the Shelter Sandwich mission of WPC, talk to Maggie or Jennifer Del Angel. Look for the board that goes up outside of the sanctuary for signing up for items to donate. The next time to help will be AUGUST!



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Fill the Grocery Basket!

July 5

Thank you for your generous outpouring of food in June! 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.



Mobile Food Pantry

Come be the hands and feet of Christ on Saturday, July 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.



Quilters

Monday, July 13 at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 PM

in Fellowship Hall

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

Meet the Goodtimes Chorus!

The Session voted in May to welcome the Goodtimes Chorus to our building for their rehearsals. Founded in 1962, they are an All-Voice, A Cappella chorus who sing 4-part close harmony and love sharing the joy of music with audiences and members alike!

We can look forward to them singing on the chancel, August 9!

You can read more about them here: www.goodtimeschorus.org



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Financial Report as of May 31, 2026



Greetings! By the time you read this, we will have finished June and will officially be at the mid-year point. We will have finished Vacation Bible School and showcasing our WPC ministries. And, we will be dealing with the hot Texas summer! While we are in the middle of summer and vacations, don't forget that WPC is still here all summer long. Later on this summer, our youth group will travel on a mission trip to Kansas City, and we'll have a special celebration as Brooklyn transitions out of official ministry. Jackie will have some special music while the choir takes a break. We'll have summer Sunday School with Pastor Max Brennan, and we'll collaborate with some of our connect groups. We'll be here for you and hope that you'll be here for us. Your faithful giving has sustained us for the first half of the year. Keep the momentum going as we continue on through 2026.

A peek at our financials through May 31:

Income: \$164,701

Expenses: \$122,274

Net Income: \$42,427

With Gratitude,
Michelle Rodriguez
Treasurer



Living Waters for the World Update

Our WPC Living Waters Team would like to share with you all that the system they installed in Guatemala this past fall is flourishing! The Canoas School in Guatemala is consistently producing approximately 600 gallons of clean, filtered water, a month. This water is primarily being sold to families who have students attending the school. They plan to expand their efforts to distribute clean water to the greater Canoas community and continue to raise awareness for its benefits.



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Bookworms

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

Our August selection is *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. This is a debut novel about Adunni, a teenage girl in rural Nigeria who dreams of getting an education. She desires to better her life despite being sold into marriage and facing poverty. Using her broken English she uses her voice to share a tale of resilience, hope, and the value of education. Try the audible book of this one!

In September we are reading *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. At her lowest point, Nora Seed finds herself in a magical library where she is offered the chance of living an alternate life based on different choices she could have made. As she explores various choices she discovers that all lives come with their own set of challenges. This is a story of "what ifs" and the realization that there is no perfect life. This *New York Times* bestseller is also a Good Morning America Book Club choice and won the best fiction award from Goodreads.

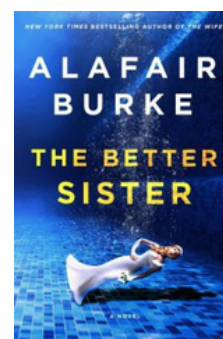
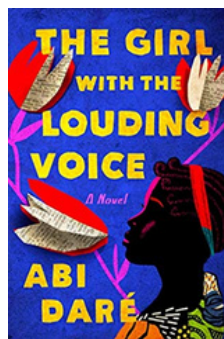
Our future selections include:

October—*The Better Sister* by Alafair Burke

November—*Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverinni

December—*We All Live Here* by Jojo Moyes

Check back for our 2027 selections!



Please join us via [Zoom](#) at 2 p.m on the first Wednesday of each month!!

Ladies' Lunch Out

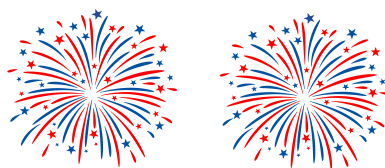
Wednesday July 8 @ 1:00 PM

El Ranchito

(3517 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015)

Our ladies had a great time at Fattoush in June.

Come try some wonderful food. Pay your own way, RSVP to Pastor Kate, or just join us!



Beer Tasters

takes a break for the summer. Thank you for another wonderful year of trying new and old faithfals together! See you September 19.



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WPC Littles
(0-5 yrs)



WPC Kids
(K-6th grade)



WPC Youth
(7th-12th grade)

Popsicles on the Playground

Wednesday, July 15
7:00-8:00 PM

Playground time, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, popsicles, and games!

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¡Fiesta de la Ms. Brooklyn!

¡HASTA LUEGO, BROOKLYN!

BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOODBYE - JUST SEE YOU LATER!

July 26 @ 12:15 PM
Fellowship Hall

She is nacho average ministry leader!
Lettuce taco 'bout how much we love Ms. Brooklyn!

Just Desserts Jr.
with Pastor Kate

All youth going into 7th-12th grade!
Join Pastor Kate at a new sweet spot every week for delicious conversation.

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

Watch the GroupMe for each week's location drop!



Save the Date!

Backpack Blessings
for all students and educators

Sunday, August 9
11:00 am

All are welcome!



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All are welcome to celebrate the impact of the Arlington Ulster Project over the past 31 years, hosting teens from Belfast, Northern Ireland, and working for peace. There will be a closing service, barbecue dinner, and Irish music. Beer and wine will also be provided. There will be door prizes too. No cost to attend.

July 10th Friday

6:00pm

St Vincent De Paul Catholic Church

5819 W Pleasant Ridge Rd

Arlington, TX, 76016

Click [here](#) to RSVP



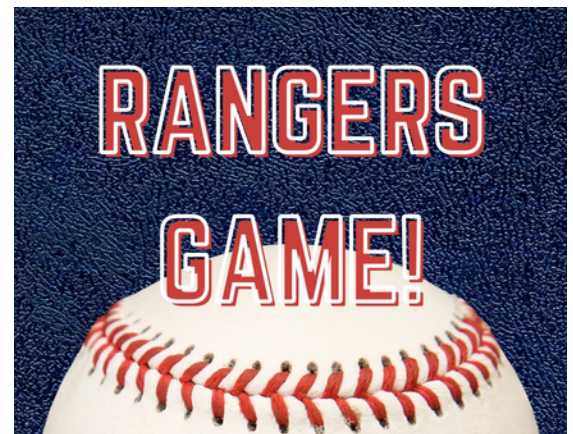
Second Breakfast!

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.

WPC Young Adults Go to the Rangers!

Join other young adults from around the Presbytery as the Rangers take on the Angels on **August 22 at 6:05 pm**. Tickets are \$15, and that comes with a \$25 voucher for inside the stadium!

Click [here](#) to get your ticket, and watch for more details about carpooling from church.



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 second Just Desserts gatherings are underway! Pick up a sign-up form at church, or click on the link in the graphic to sign up. Invitations are always open!

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WPC in the Wild!

We have three WPC friends working at Camp Thurman this summer and their counselor names! We also were so excited to celebrate Phil Oakley's latest book release, *Austin Sunrise*. The Dock Bookshop still has signed copies available!



"Songbird"



"Ruh-Roh"



"Hosanna"



June Session Highlights

1. Session approved Millie's Place to use our building during the school year. (Read more about Millie's Place here: www.milliesplacetx.org)
2. Session approved the replacement of two HVAC units, covering the cost from our Property Permanent Fund, along with some electrical work.
3. VBS volunteers were commended and thanked multiple times!



The More You Know



Did you know...as part of our partnership with the Arlington Music Teachers' Association, we welcomed over 200 students from seven different piano studios to our sanctuary for their recital? Thank you to all our hospitality volunteers who welcomed them into our special space!

WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Liturgist

Chris Hatcher



Serving the Lord in July

July 5 Communion Servers

Barbara Kennedy, Charles Kenendy, Niña Henderson, Jill Rawhouser, Rev. Dr. Jim Reinartz, Walter Osadchuk II



Media Team

7/5 - Kristin Hathaway, Teri Wardrup, Jackie Ancelet, Chris Simpson

7/12 - Jill Wesstrom, Steve Holland, Jackie Ancelet, Chris Simpson

7/19 - Harry Staley, Carol Raburn, Jackie Ancelet, John Garcia

7/26 - Steve West, Caitlin Cooke, Jackie Ancelet, Daniel West



Greeters

7/5 - Gwen Offutt & Michael Smith

7/12 - Walter Osadchuk II

7/19 - Sharon Owens

7/26 - Jimmy & Yleen George



Flower Donations

7/5 - In honor of Bridges' 59th wedding anniversary

7/12 - In honor of NEW DAY

7/19 - In honor the Georges' 59th wedding anniversary

6/28 - In honor of Earlene's grandkid, Ace's birthday

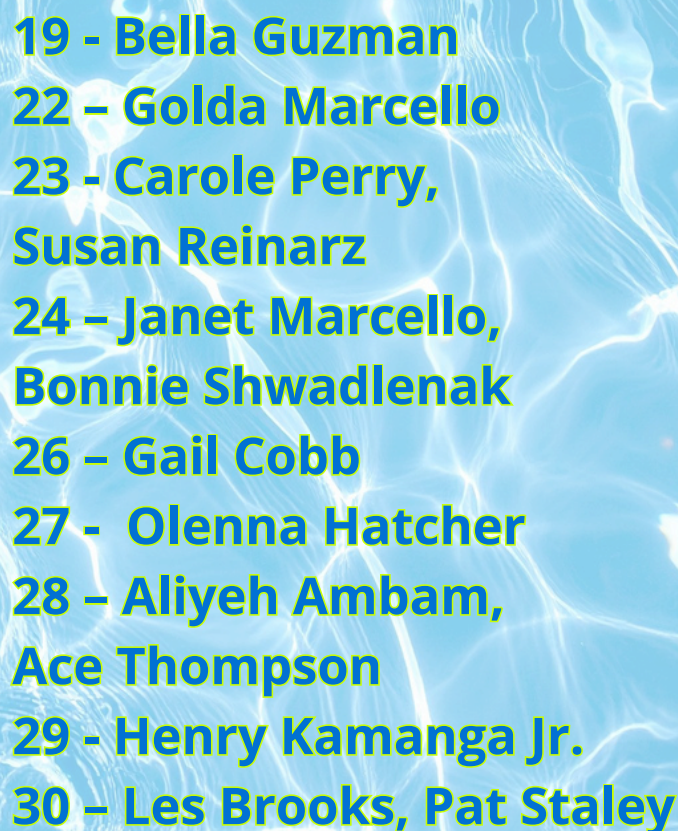


Want to be involved in Worship?

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!

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Celebrating Birthdays in July



19 - Bella Guzman
22 - Golda Marcello
23 - Carole Perry,
Susan Reinarz
24 - Janet Marcello,
Bonnie Shwadlenak
26 - Gail Cobb
27 - Olenna Hatcher
28 - Aliyeh Ambam,
Ace Thompson
29 - Henry Kamanga Jr.
30 - Les Brooks, Pat Staley



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: July 15, 2026

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