

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

We approach Thanksgiving this year with hearts overflowing in abundance. The Quilters are hard at work finishing this year's projects to donate to the Salvation Army Family Life Center. Worship Committee is designing a meaningful Advent and Christmas season. Our Connect groups are in a steady hum, studying the Bible, tasting beer, reading books, learning from and with each other, and praying for and with each other. We continue on track for our best stewardship year ever.

Don't you feel better after reading that paragraph? It is easy today to look around and name everything that is going wrong. It is easy to see what is missing and what is needed. That's exactly why God calls us to not just a day but a lifetime of thanksgiving, a pattern of looking for goodness and godliness in our lives.

I'm not saying that we ignore the problems in our world or that we stop working for justice and righteousness. But there are times we need to lift our heads up: to give thanks for the saints who shape our lives, to give thanks for the new mercies every morning, to see the spark of light in the darkness. Medieval German theologian and mystic Meister Eckhart wrote the *Book of Divine Consolation* to transform our experience of suffering and sorrow, especially through the gift of gratitude. This is reflected in a quote attributed to him: "If the only prayer you ever said in your entire life is 'thank you,' it will be enough." Saying "thank you" to God acknowledges God as the giver of grace, salvation, and all good and beautiful things.

So friends, lift your heads and hearts in an act of defiant gratitude this Thanksgiving. Put food in the Arlington Charities grocery basket, pack those NEW DAY bags, and make Shelter Sandwiches not out of despair but out of gratitude that we have enough to share, and that God is at work through our gifts.

Grace and peace,

Kate
Pastor Kate

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23 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 - 6:00 pm Girl Scouts/Kitchen & FH	24 9:00 am Quilters in FH	25	26 Office Closed 6:00 pm WOW Wednesdays/ FB Live No Choir Rehearsal	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving Harrison Family - Kitchen/FH	28 Office Closed	29 10:00 am Shelter Sandwiches/ Kitchen
30 First Sunday in Advent 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship - Baptism of Ella Clark 12:15 pm Session in FH						

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!



Sunday, November 2 @ 11:00 AM - All Saints' Sunday - Communion

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-23 & Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: "All Means All"

Sunday, November 9 @ 11:00 AM - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 119:137-144 & Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Show-Off Faith"

Sunday, November 16 @ 11:00 AM - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 & Luke 21:5-19

Sermon: "Full Disclosure"

Sunday, November 23 @ 11:00 AM - Christ the King Sunday

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6 & Luke 23:33-43



Sunday, November 30 @ 11:00 AM - First Sunday in Advent - Baptism of Ella Clark

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44 & Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon: "Dream On: Isaiah's Dream"



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!



Christmas Eve Poinsettias

It is time to order poinsettias! They are \$11.00 each. The sign up sheet will be outside Jodie's office beginning Nov. 16. Please indicate on the sheet if you have a special reason for the donation. The deadline for signing up is Dec. 7. The poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary beginning with the morning worship service on Dec. 21. You can take them at the end of the evening service on Christmas Eve. If they are not picked up by the end of the service on Dec. 28, they will be given away or discarded.

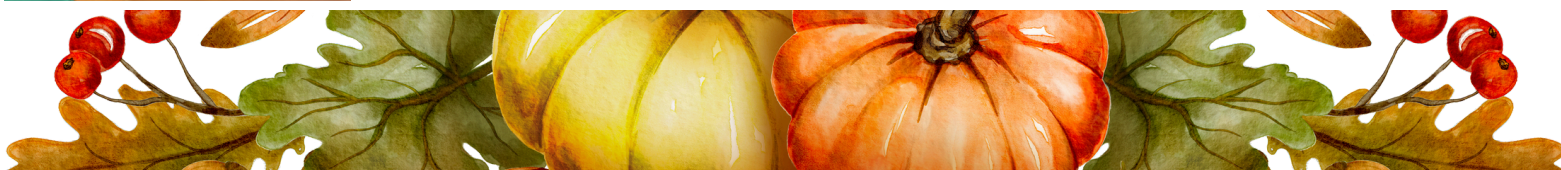
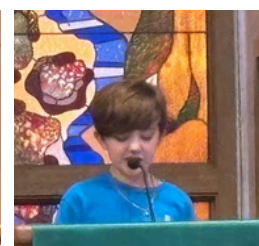
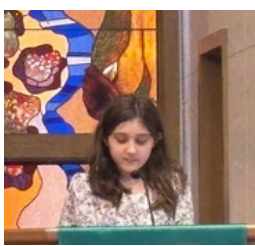
Thank you!

The Worship Committee



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Children's Sunday



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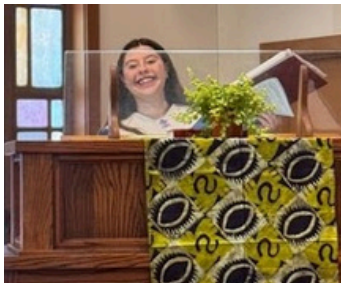


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October Worship



Renewed Grace Updates

Rev. Miranda attended the inaugural Renewed Grace retreat with leaders from the other eight churches. Project Coordinator Ruth Román-Meza brought our sensory library and seed funding for worship practices. Please keep our Renewed Grace team in prayer: Rev. Miranda Trussell, Tia Chisi, Lee McGee, & Kathy Patterson

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 **GRACE**
 at
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 Presbyterian Church



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The Six Great Ends of the Church

On Reformation Sunday, October 26, Pastor Kate preached the six great ends of the church, reflected in the beautiful banners hanging over the chancel. The Great Ends of the Church banners came to WPC from First Presbyterian Church in Grand Prairie which closed earlier this year. The banners were hand-made by a group of ladies at First Presbyterian Church headed by the late Suzanne Maas, and included Diana Stewart, Ann Siden, and Susan Reinarz. Suzanne's husband John Maas and her daughter-in-law Rena Maas are frequent visitors at WPC.

These six banners proclaim the mission and ministry of our denomination and are at the heart of who the church is and what the church is called to do. These great ends of the church are the following:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- The shelter, nature, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- The maintenance of divine worship
- The preservation of the truth
- The promotion of social righteousness
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world



At WPC, the banners will hang in the sanctuary of until the middle of November when they will be moved to Fellowship Hall in time for the All-Church Christmas Party on December 14. At that time, you will be able to see them up close.

We are grateful for the dedication of the people who worked on these banners, for Jim Reinarz who facilitated the gift to WPC, and for the work of Don & Sandra Morris and Lee McGee for getting the banners hung in the sanctuary of WPC. Most of all, we are grateful for the message that these banners have to remind us all of what we as Christians are called to do.



LEARN

November Sunday School

Pre-K & Kindergarten

The ZOO is open! Our new Pre-K and kindergarten class is across the hall from the nursery. Be sure to join us on our WILD Bible adventures!

First - Sixth Grade

Our 1st- 6th graders are working on their biblical literacy, starting in Genesis.



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.

11/2 - Maps - Acts 14:27

11/9 - The New Testament - John 12:50

11/16 - Jesus - Philippians 2:5-7

11/23 - Revelation - Revelation 21:3-4

11/30 - Mentor Sunday

colaborate
Presbyterian Confirmation

Adult One - Bible Study

This adult Sunday School class is a traditional Bible study, with thought-provoking questions as they tackle a book of the Bible. They are been working through an "Immersion" study of Genesis and they look forward to you joining them! 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.

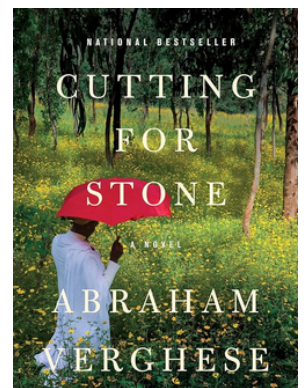
11/2 - *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, ch 35-37

11/9 - *Cutting for Stone*, ch 38-42

11/16 - *Cutting for Stone*, ch 43-46

11/23 - *Cutting for Stone*, ch 47-50

11/30 - *Cutting for Stone*, ch 51-end



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Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, November 18 @ at 9:30 AM (light breakfast)
@ 10:15 AM (study)

Join us as we continue our new 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 Jeannette Powell, at 9:30 AM, followed by our lesson led by Sharon Owens at 10:15 AM in the library.

Lesson Three: Jesus is Tested

Scriptures: Luke 4:1-13

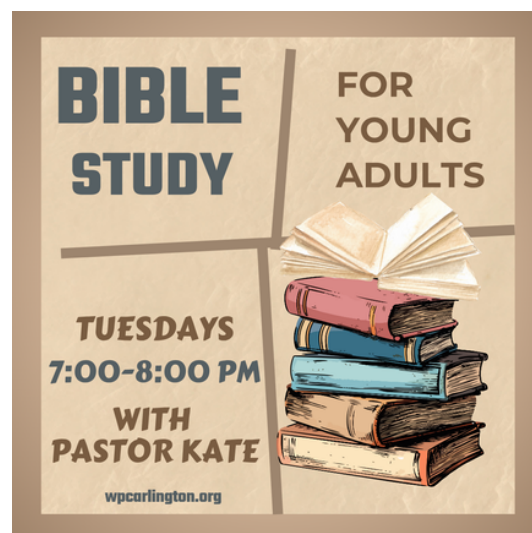
Main Idea: Christ's wilderness experience shows us that when our lives are dangerous and frightening, we are not alone.



Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays: Nov 4, 11, 18

Calling all young adults! Are you in college? Your first career? Are you married with kids? Whatever your life stage, all 20s and 30s are invited to join Pastor Kate for a four week Bible study on **TUESDAY** nights from 7:00-8:00 pm. We'll be wading into "Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers" by Donald McKim. Get a copy and read along, or just drop in with your Bible. Friends, visitors, and members; strong believers, doubters, and still-figuring-it-out; wherever you are, come join us on the journey of faith.



Outdoor Meditation Prayer Garden

The Earth Cares Team is developing an Outdoor Meditation Prayer Garden to be located outside in the courtyard (the walkway between the main Church and the Fellowship Hall).

A pollinator garden is located in the space. Inspirational reflections will be available for contemplation. The Garden will provide a space to spend a quiet moment to renew the spirit, or just be still: "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10) The goal is to dedicate the garden during Earth Day celebrations in April 2026. See Rae Logan with any questions!

GIVE



Living Waters for the World Update: The Time Has Arrived!

WPC and our partner, Grace PC, Temple, TX (GPCT) will be traveling to Guatemala the week of November 9-16 for the planned installation of a clean water system at the Las Canoas school in San Andrés, Solola, Guatemala. See photos below of the school! Our team members are Catherine Fritz, Matt Baltensperger, and Harry Staley. Catherine's role is educating the school team members on the importance and benefits of clean water. Matt will be teaching the school system operators how to install and successfully operate the system. Both Catherine and Matt will have partners from the GPCT team. Harry's role is planning and organizing the joint efforts of the school staff and LWW team from here in Texas.

The water source the school is now using comes from the village and is not safe. The cooks in the cafeteria build wood fires under black kettles in the yard to boil the water for the students. Our plan is to alleviate this problem.

Upon completion, the costs of the system materials, labor costs for the in-country LWW staff, in country transportation, plus any additional system related costs, will be shared equally by WPC and GPCT. All personal costs (lodging, meals, airfare, etc.) will be provided by their church. Fortunately, WPC has adequate funds in the LWW account to cover our costs. When the team returns from the trip, they will be providing the congregation with detailed reports about the event.

Your WPC LWW team appreciates the continued support of everyone. 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.



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Fill the Grocery Basket!

November 2

Thank you for your generous outpouring of food in October! 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

Saturday, November 8

@ 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 feed those in need.

YOUNG ADULTS: Come and help feed others, then Pastor Kate will treat you to lunch afterwards!



Quilters

**Mondays, November 10 & 24
at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall**

Come cut, tie, pin, and more to help our Quilters make a new batch of quilts for the Salvation Army Family Life Center.



Shelter Sandwiches

Saturday, Nov 29

@10:00 AM in the kitchen

Calling all sandwich artists! After your Thanksgiving meal, come help feed other people. Look for the board outside the sanctuary so you can sign up for items needed. Questions? See Maggie & Jennifer Del Angel.



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Adopt-A-Project... the WPC Yard crew needs YOU!

These are small things, often needing only occasional attention throughout the season, but would help reduce the workload of the regular yard crew.

Adopt-A-Hedge: Front of the church. Everyone sees it. Shows We Care. Only needs trimming twice a year. Tools provided.



Adopt-A-Parking Lot: Everyone uses it. Shows We Care. Spray weed killer along the edges (provided) & pull weeds as needed. Usually 4 times a year.



Adopt-A-Sidewalk: Safety First! Shows We Care. This tree drops acorns in the Fall. Usually 4 weeks. We have a blower, broom, shovel, & trash can. Last week it took about 45 mins to clear the sidewalk and parking spaces under the tree. I did it before Sunday school.



Adopt-A-Playground: Pick up sticks, blow the leaves into the yard, pull the occasional seedling the squirrels bury. Spray for wasps. Keeps our kids safe. Shows We Care.

Adopt-A-Fence: The pull of the old West calling? Get on your stick horse (not provided) and ride the backyard fence line. Weed maintenance along the fence line via weed killer (provided.) Saves loads of time for the crews. Looks great & Shows We Care.

Show YOU care. Contact David Ferrell or Walter O to join in.

Thank you W.P.C.

The UTA Wesley students want to thank WPC for serving dinner on Sept. 30 to 43 people. We were happy to visit with James Harris, Pat & Rollin Phipps. A special thank you to Walter O for mowing the lawn at the Wesley Foundation!



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Financial Report as of September 30, 2025



It's hard to believe that it is already November! The end of the year will be here before we know it! Did you know that for every dollar that is given to WPC as tithes and offerings, 1% goes to local mission? Every year the Mission Committee plans out who will receive this part of our local mission. New Day, Presbyterian Pan American School, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Presbyterian Children's Home and Services all benefit from our (YOUR) generosity.

Giving back to our community is so important to WPC. We prepare NEW DAY bags here, we volunteer at Swift Elementary, we make quilts for the Salvation Army Life Center, we are involved with Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, and we are involved with the Wesley Foundation at UTA. As you continue your giving to WPC, think about how blessed we are to be in a church that not only cares about people inside our congregation, but people out in the world that need a helping hand.

With gratitude,

Michelle Rodriguez, Co-Treasurer

WPC Annual Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services Toy Drive



Did you know the PCHAS Toy Drive started 21 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.

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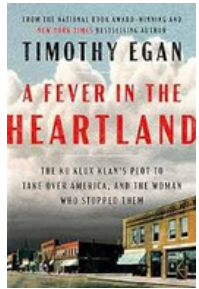
Bookworms

Wednesday, November 5 @ 2:00 PM on [Zoom](#)

A Fever in the Heartland:

The Ku Klux Klan's Plan to Take over America and the Woman Who Stopped Them

by Timothy Egan



This compelling and sometimes disturbing non-fiction book covers the Klan's growing power in the Midwest during the 1920s. The tragic death of Madge Oberholtzer, a Klan victim, and the subsequent trial curtailed the Klan plan to take over local, state, and the national government.

In December we will be discussing *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. This historical fiction novel tells the fictionalized story of Lucrezia de' Medici who was forced into marriage with the Duke of Ferrara. The book explores her life from childhood to her marriage and her fear that she will be killed if she doesn't produce an heir. The book is inspired by a real portrait of Lucrezia and the mystery surrounding her sudden death. It is a story of survival, power, and the constraints placed on women in 16th century Italy.

Upcoming selections are:

January—*The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel

February—*James* by Percival Everett

And we are currently considering options for the rest of 2026 and beyond!! Please consider joining our lively little group which meets via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month.



Ladies' Lunch Out

Wednesday, November 12 @ 1:00 PM

David's Barbecue (2224 W Park Row Dr, 76013)

All WPC women and friends are invited to join us for lunch! Pay your own way.



Beer Tasters

Friday, November 21 @ 7:00 PM

at the Butlers' home (5515 Valparaiso Trail)

Thanks to Jim & Susan Johnson for the delicious sausage & cheese that paired perfectly with our Manhattan Brewing beers! Join us at the Butlers' for more fall tastings. Even if you don't like beer, BYO beverage and join us for relationship-building and prayer partners! Questions? Contact Keith Richardson.

CONNECT



The More You Know

Did you know...we have a number of events coming up that will use the kitchen, refrigerator, and freezer? Please be a good neighbor and take your food items home or label them...otherwise, they might get eaten by hungry, hungry staff!



Connecting from Home

Our homebound member Jakie Spinks recently had a very special day, getting to hold her sweet great-grandbaby. This is four generations of her family in one picture: Jakie; her daughter Paula and husband Marvin; their son Hunter; and his baby Hardin. Thanks be to God for special times like these!



Quilter's Lunch

The Quilters enjoyed a lovely lunch, sharing stories, laughter, and the history and future of WPC Quilters. As new friends gathered around colorful fabrics, they were reminded that quilting is more than needle and thread—it's a cherished tradition that connects hearts across generations.



Turkey Trot

The Arlington Turkey Trot is back! Prepare for Thanksgiving by running a 5k or a mile fun run/walk on November 27 at 8:00 am. Click [here](#) for more information about the Turkey Trot! This year, the run benefits Miracle League DFW.



September Session Highlights

1. Commendations: David Rawhouser for the faith and courage to let go; Michelle Rodriguez for the willingness to take on the job of treasurer; Jill Weststrom for her dedicated service being responsible "for the count"
2. Session approved the baptisms of Chloe Simpson, Bella Guzman, Ella Clark, and Susanna Holland, as well as building usage for a spring wedding.
3. Session approved a bid from Black Hawk Door and Window for new Fellowship Hall doors and a new keycode lock system.



CONNECT





2025-2026

NOV 8	Youth Lockin 5:00 PM SATURDAY – 11 AM SUNDAY
NOV 30	Ella Baptism 1-3:30 PM YOUTH HANGOUT
DEC 12	Youth Christmas Movie 5 PM
JAN 19	MLK Day of Service YOUTH TOGETHER
JAN 30	Senior High Youth Connection HIGH SCHOOL ONLY ** SHERMAN, TEXAS ** JAN 30-FEB 2

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Mission Trip

Save the Date!!

Mark your calendars now to join our youth mission trip on **July 19-25, 2026!**





WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in November

Liturgist

Justin Chapa



October 5 Communion Servers

Matt Baltensperger, Les Brooks,
Rob Henderson, Charles Kennedy,
Rev. Miranda Trussell, Sandra
James



Media Team

- 11/2** - Harry Staley, Steve West, Jodie Cox, Chris Hatcher
- 11/9** - Steve West, Teri Wardrup, Jodie Cox, Keith Richardson
- 11/16** - James Harris, Carol Raburn, Jodie Cox, John Garcia
- 11/23** - Kristin Hathaway, Steve Holland, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson
- 11/30** - Jill Wesstrom, Caitlin Cooke, Jodie Cox, Chris Hatcher



Greeters

- 11/2** - Teri Wardrup
- 11/9** - Teresa Sullivan
- 11/16** - Jill Spencer
- 11/23** - Stephen & Jill Wesstrom
- 11/30** - Robert & Linda Wilson



Flowers

- 11/2** - Jimmy & Yleen George, in thanks for our Westminster family.
- 11/9** - Lindsey, in honor of Sharon Owens' 80th birthday.
- 11/16** - Cheryl Ribble, in loving memory of her husband Harvey.
- 11/23** - Christopher Hatcher, in honor of Joy's birthday
- 11/30** - Catherine Fritz, in memory of Don & Betty Fritz's anniversary



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 Yleen George and she will get you connected!

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Benjamin Chapa & Lloyd Crocker received the Global Seal of Biliteracy, the culmination of 9+ years of bilingual education.

Sympathies: For the family and friends of Susan Johnson's friend Carole Martin

Prayer Requests: Nick Pike; Robbie Trussell; Rollin Phipps; Kate Smith; Janis, Bardin, & Penelope Nelson; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Ed & Linda Frazee; Verna Simpson; Chad Bridges and his friend Kevin Smith; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Christin Wise's father Larry Sweeney; Jackie Spinks' daughter Paula Dixon; Mitchell Blackburn's mother Holly Blackburn; Susan Johnson's friends Monica & Kane; Pattie Marshall's friend Voleen Bailey; Janet Kovatch's friend Rhonda; April Poitras' friends Edie Burquest & John Black; Carrie Leverenz's relatives Tim Shively & Dale Shively; Debra Nelson's cousin Charlie Van Eman; Pat Staley's nephew David Garrison; Sara Molina's mother-in-law Carmen Molina and friend Chris Carmona; Michael Carr's brother Chris; Stephanie West's friend David; Maggie Del Angel's brother Bernie; Linda Wilson's friend Donna Austin; Harry Staley's sister Kate Marymont; Charles Bridges' sister-in-law Linda Bridges; Jim & Susan Johnson's neighbors Val & Alla Karpinska and their family; Earlene Pike's friend Eizabel; Ruth Juhler's friends Cheri Harvey, Diane, & Ryan Hall; Niña and Rob Henderson's friends Rick & Gretchen; James Harris' sister Elizabeth; WPC friend Lynda Andrada

Celebrating Birthdays in November

30 - Billy Thompson

Advent 2025: Dream On...

Isaiah's Dream

Joseph's Dream

God's Dream

Mary's Dream

Christmas Dreams

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.

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