

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

Our youth went on a different sort of mission trip this year - a trip they had been building toward for three years. While there were service activities included, a primary focus was learning about our commitment to justice as Christians - and that means learning a lot about injustice.

Ms. Brooklyn wrote: "We visited Greenwood Rising — a powerful, immersive museum that tells the story of the thriving Black community in Greenwood before and after the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre...The experience was heavy, honest, and deeply moving. Our students did the prework ahead of time to be able to fully grapple with what was to come. However, even then they were not prepared to come face to face with some of the pictures, items and stories. We held space for hard truths and meaningful conversations. These young people are showing incredible wisdom and compassion as they wrestle with the weight of our shared past and what it means to build a more just future."

In worship, Divine connected the story of Jesus and the Canaanite woman with her experience on the trip and her renewed commitment to antiracism. This is the prayer the group brought home: "Lord, hear our prayer. Let our love be louder. Louder than hate. Louder than hurt. Louder than jealousies. Louder than racism. Louder than politics. Louder than those who claim to love in Your name, but do not love others YOU have commanded. Lord, hear our prayer."

This is who we strive to be at WPC as we share the Living Water with all who thirst. May the stories of our mission trip group continue to inspire us in our own faith journeys at home this August - as we bless backpacks, appreciate Sunday School teachers, help the least of these at the Mobile Food Pantry, Back to School Kick-Off, and so much more! Grace and peace,

Kate

Pastor Kate

Backpack Blessings

Bring your backpacks to church
on August 10 at 11:00 aml



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <h1>August 2025</h1> | | | | | 1 | 2 8:00 am -12:00 pm Back to School Kick-Off at AT&T Stadium |
| 3 Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Communion | 4 | 5 | 6 1:00 pm Congregational Care Mtg 2:00 pm Bookworms on Zoom | 7 | 8 | 9 8:00 am Mobile Food Pantry at St. Andrew's UMC |
| 10 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship - Backpack Blessings 12:15 pm Mission Committee in Library 5:00 pm Transit 4 Arlington | 11 7:45 am Prayer Group at Swift Elementary 9:00 am Quilters in Fellowship Hall | 12 | 13 <i>AISD & MISD Back 2 School!</i> 1:00 pm Ladies' Lunch Out at Beirut Grill | 14 | 15 Newsletter Deadline | 16 8-12 pm Church Work Day 2-5:30 pm Private Event in Fellowship Hall & kitchen |
| 17 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 18 7:00 pm Progressive Women Arlington in Fellowship Hall | 19 | 20 1:00 pm Worship Committee 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal resumes! | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship - Sunday School Teacher Appreciation 12:15 pm Session in FH | 25 7:00 pm Earth Cares on Zoom | 26 | 27 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 28 | 29 | 30 10:00 am Shelter Sandwiches in Kitchen |
| 31 9:45 am Sunday School - Breakfast Potluck & Fall Preview 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Confirmation Info Meeting | | | | | | |

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!

Sunday, August 3 @ 11:00 AM - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Communion -
Young Adult & Campus Ministry Sunday
Scripture: Psalm 97, John 17:20-26
Sermon: "Become Completely One"

Sunday, August 10 @ 11:00 AM - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Backpack Blessings
Scripture: Isaiah 1:1,10-20, Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 17 @ 11:00 AM - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7, Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 24 @ 11:00 AM - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6

Sunday, August 31 @ 11:00 AM - Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Potluck Breakfast
Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16



Choir Rehearsal

starts back August 20

You don't have to have perfect timing or perfect pitch to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" by joining the WPC choir. Now is the "perfect time" to join as we are just beginning to learn new songs for the fall and winter. We are a joyful group of people who gather on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 to practice and then joyfully sing on Sunday mornings in worship. Consider this our "perfect pitch" to you to come join us. Please talk to our Minister of Music, Jackie Ancelet if you have questions.

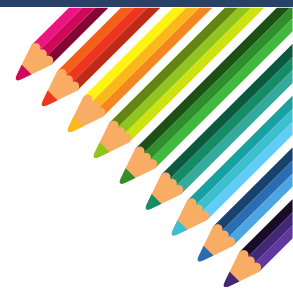
Worship Flower Donations

We still have open Sundays in our 2025 Flower Chart. Open dates: November 2, 9, and 23. **The cost is \$30**, and the flowers are yours to take home after worship. If you are not going to be in worship on your donation date, please let Susan Johnson or the office know.



WORSHIP

July Worship



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August Sunday School

Youth & Adults - Around the World in 90 Days!

Adults, college students, and youth are joining together this summer in Fellowship Hall to travel "Around the World in 90 Days!" At 9:45 am each Sunday, an experienced 'travel guide' will take us to a new country and learn about their culture and what it is like to be a Christian there. Reach out to Erin O'Connor with any questions! Here's this month's schedule:



August 3 – Australia - Rob & Niña Henderson
 August 10 – South Korea - Sally Wright
 August 17 – Cameroon - Lucy Ebini
 August 24 – Togo - Amouh Family
 August 31 - Potluck Breakfast & Fall Sunday School Preview



Potluck Breakfast & Fall Preview August 31 at 9:45 am

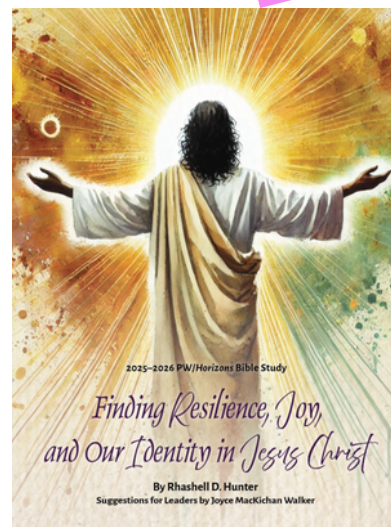
What is on this year's Reading Disciples' booklist? Where will our Bible study take us? What will our children and youth discover this year? Join us to hear about Fall Faith Formation for all ages with a breakfast potluck!



Women's Circle

All women in the church are welcome to join us for our monthly Bible study & breakfast, beginning in September! We are ordering our lesson books for this next year. Our 2025-2026 PW lesson book "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" are \$15 each. Pat Staley will order them soon, so please let her know if you want one. You may pay her directly for the book whenever they are delivered.

This year's author Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter will be speaking at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth on **August 26 at 10:00 am**. Please RSVP to our office by August 15. Pastor Kate will be taking a carpool/ caravan from WPC that morning. Lunch at FPC is \$10.



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Youth Mission Trip



GIVE



Welcome Home Donations

Five years ago, Westminster introduced the Welcome Home Offering to assist our Tarrant County neighbors who struggle with homelessness and finding stable housing. The generosity of our members and friends in this effort has been amazing. Starting in August, we are combining this mission with our ongoing Arlington Charities partnership, and each month, along with our reminder to Fill the Basket with food for Arlington Charities, we will ask for one specific item that they tell us is in particular need. For the month of August, we are requesting bar soap. Questions? See Barbara Kennedy or Rollin Phipps.



Help AISD families kick off the school year right! At the Back to School Kickoff on Saturday, August 2, students receive backpacks, school supplies, eye exams, dental exams, and more! Sign up to volunteer by July 31:

www.aisd.net/family-support/back-to-school-kickoff/



Mobile Food Pantry

August 9 @ 8:00 AM
St. Andrew's UMC



Come be the hands and feet of Christ on **Saturday, August 9 @ 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.



Saturday, August 2
8:00 am - 12:00 pm



Fill the Grocery Basket!

August 3

Thank you for your generous outpouring of food in August! 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, August 11

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.



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Financial Report as of June 30, 2025

As we wrap up a very successful VBS and Youth Mission Trip, we can see part of our mission at work at Westminster. We can look to those attending and those who lead and feel confident that we are reaching out to our community around us. This can only be done with your continued support and encouragement.

Through June, our income has come in slightly ahead of budget at \$152,381. While our expenses are slightly more than anticipated, we have been able to prepay our pledge to Camp Gilmont ahead of schedule and also acknowledge our connectional church commitment with a \$5,000 one-time donation to Grace Presbytery.

We have also continued our support to Living Waters for the World as we continue to supply hope for our friends in Guatemala. We continue to support our neighbors across the street at Swift Elementary. We look forward to beginning another year of food deliveries for NEW DAY. Our quilters are busy preparing for the colder days to come.

There are many ways to do your part of our mission. Greet a friend, smile at your neighbor, mow the yard, etc. What is your mission?

David Rawhouser,
Church Treasurer



Texas Flooding and PDA

As we are sadly aware, catastrophic flooding struck Texas in July, especially in the Hill Country. Thanks to the incredible generosity of WPC members and friends this year, we have an abundant balance in the WPC mission fund. At the July meeting of the Mission Committee, we voted to send **\$10,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**. Thank you to everyone whose continued support makes it possible to be a church Where People Care, at home and far away.



Presbyterian Children's Home School Supplies Drive

THANK YOU for your generosity in providing school supplies for local children in need! This will not only help them start the school year strong, but also can help provide for kids who come into PCHAS care throughout the year.



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WPC Summer Fun in July!

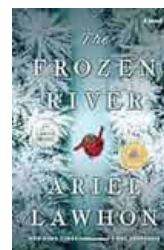


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Bookworms

Wednesday, August 6 @ 2:00 PM on [Zoom](#)

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon



Our August selection is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. This New York Times bestseller takes place in Maine in 1789. When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, midwife and healer Martha Ballard is called upon to examine the body and determine the cause of death. Knowing many of the village's behind closed door secrets, her investigation leads to a trial, her diary leads to scandal and Martha has to decide where her loyalties lie.

In September, we are reading the incredibly popular novel *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. This historical fiction novel tells the story of Frances "Frankie" McGrath, a 20 year old nursing student who joins the Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War. Leaving behind her privileged life in the US, she faces the chaos and destruction of the war. Her challenges are not over after she comes home where she has to face a divided America, war protests, and a country that wants to forget the war. It is "Based on real life" accounts by nurses who served during the Vietnam War, this book has sold millions of copies. We know that many of our WPC members have read this book and invite you to join us on Zoom (Jodie will send the link) on September 3.

October—*The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

November—*A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plan to Take Over America and the Woman Who Stopped Them* by Timothy Egan



Ladies' Lunch Out

Wednesday, August 13 @ 1:00 PM

Beirut Grill, 2410 W Abram St, #126

Please let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend. Many of us are still vacationing so she would like to get a head count. Thanks!

Beer Tasters

Friday, September 19 @ 7:00 PM

in Fellowship Hall

Don't blame me! Beer Tasters is off for the summer! See you all back September 19th for more delicious beer and fellowship. Questions? Contact Keith Richardson.



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The More You Know

Thursday, August 21, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

SABBATH QUEEN

SABBATH QUEEN is a documentary filmed over 21 years, following Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, heir to 38 generations of Orthodox rabbis, as he redefines faith, gender, and tradition. Torn between legacy and liberation, Amichai becomes a drag-queen rebel, queer bio-dad, and founder of Lab/Shul, a radically inclusive, God-optional spiritual community. The film explores his mission to reinvent ritual, challenge religious patriarchy, and fight for peace and justice in Israel/Palestine, raising urgent questions about faith and identity in the 21st century.

Director/Producer Sandi DuBowski will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A.



RSVP Here

ASK QUESTIONS • HEAR FROM EXPERTS
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LGBTQ+
COMMUNITY
FORUM

Sunday, August 17
1pm - 5pm

HELP Center for LGBT
Health & Wellness
1919 8th Ave, Fort
Worth, TX 76110

Join us for panels on:
LGBTQ+ Inclusion & Belonging
Healthcare Resources
Legal & Legislative Landscape
Community Support at Every Life Stage



This event is open to all LGBTQ+
community members and allies.
Refreshments will be provided.

Register for free at
bit.ly/fortworthforum



Guns to Gardens

Saturday, September 6

New Mount Rose Baptist Church

At Guns to Gardens, people can voluntarily and anonymously surrender unwanted guns that will be dismantled on site with a chop saw, then the parts will be turned into garden tools by local blacksmiths. Each person who surrenders a gun will receive a gift card to a grocery store as a sign of gratitude. Watch the next Well for more details! Contact Pastor Kate if you'd like to volunteer with this Presbyterian Peace Fellowship-sponsored event.



HELP Center
for LGBTQ+ Health

THE LGBTQ+ ACTION TEAM OF
**JUSTICE
NETWORK**
OF TARRANT COUNTY

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For LGBTQ+
equality in
Jewish life

WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in August

Liturgist

Erin Baltensperger



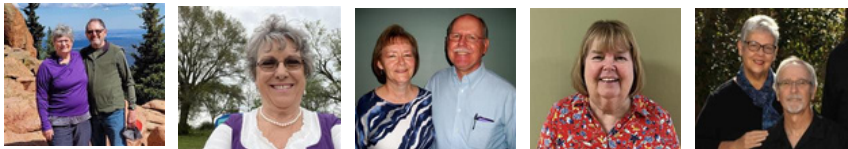
August 3 Communion Servers

Yleen George, Jim Johnson, April Poitras,
David Rawhouser, Jill Rawhouser,
Jill Spencer



Media Team

8/3 - James Harris, Steve Holland, Jodie Cox, Keith Richardson
8/10 - Harry Staley, Steve West, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson
8/17 - Steve West, Carol Raburn, Jodie Cox, John Garcia
8/24 - Jill Wesstrom, Caitlin Cooke, Jodie Cox, Chris Hatcher
8/31 - James Harris, Teri Wardrup, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson



Flowers

Greeters

8/3 - Joe & April Poitras
8/10 - Carol Raburn
8/17 - David and Jill Rawhouser
8/24 - Linda Reed
8/31 - Rev. Dr. Jim & Susan Reinarz

8/3 - The Chisi Family in honor of Tia's birthday
8/10 - Linda Reed & Rae Logan
8/17 - Earlene Pike in honor of her wedding anniversary
8/24 - Ruth Juhler in memory of Bob Juhler
8/31 - Doris Holland in honor of her family



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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Sympathies: Jodie Cox and her family on the death of her aunt Margie Taylor

Prayer Requests: Pete Hathaway; Rollin Phipps; Susan Reinarz; Kate Smith; Catherine Fritz; Pat Staley; Janis, Bardin, & Penelope Nelson; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges and his friend Kevin Smith; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Pattie Marshall's friend Voleen Bailey; Janet Kovatch's friend Rhonda; Catherine Fritz's sister Chris and daughter-in-law Kaycie; April Poitras' friend Edie Burquest; 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; Susan Johnson's friend Carole Martin; 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 friend Cheri Harvey; Niña and Rob Henderson's friends Rick & Gretchen; WPC friend Lynda Andrada

Celebrating Birthdays in August

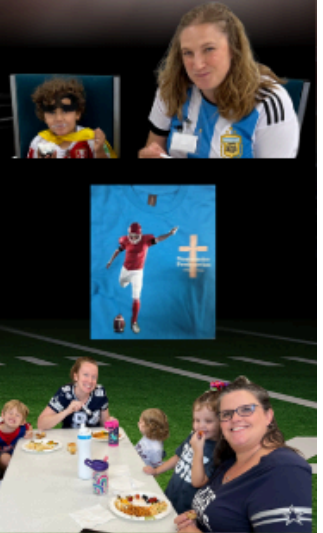
30 – Edward Frazee

Save-the-Date!!

Fall Kick-Off Sunday September 7

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S JERSEY!
9:45 AM: NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS KICK OFF
11:00 AM: FALL KICK-OFF WORSHIP
12:15 PM POTLUCK LUNCH

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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.

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