

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

As I write this, we are in the midst of Vacation Bible School excitement! We had 36 kids attend and 15 youth join in leadership roles. Everyone has had a chance to learn that God is a real, loving, trustworthy friend for everyone! Our VBS leaders put that in practice in an additional way this year, with the creation of a "Yacht Club" for parents and caretakers. While their children were playing and learning, the Yacht Club was a place for parents to relax, recharge, and get to know each other. There were special "shark-cuterie" treats and phone charging stations. It was like we opened up this blank space for people so they could learn more about WPC and see that their family fits with us.

In our over-connected world, it seems like there's endless opportunity to belong. The latest issue *Presbyterian Outlook* even remarked upon the "epidemic of loneliness." Creating these spaces of hospitality in our midst is more important than ever: inviting someone to sit with you at lunch, inviting a neighbor to Sunday School, making room for the teenagers on your pew on Sunday. These are small but powerful ways to show the truth we live out: that we belong to Jesus Christ. The Heidelberg Catechism - a Q&A tool to teach Reformed faith - opens with this question: "What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ."

We may be a smaller church, but that just means it's easier to tell people: you belong with me, you belong to God, you belong at WPC. Let us continue to share the Living Water with all those who are so thirsty for belonging.

Grace and peace,

Kate

Pastor Kate

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 2025		1 9:00 pm Mission trip parent and participant on Zoom	2 1:00 pm Cong. Care in BH 2:00 pm Bookworms on Zoom	3	4 Church Office Closed	5
6 Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12 8:00 am Mobile Food Pantry at St. Andrew's UMC
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13 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Mission Committee in library	14 9:00 am Quilters/FH	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 No Ladies' Lunch 7:00-8:00 pm WPC Family playtime in FH & playground	17	18	19
20 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship - Mission Trip Sunday	21 7:00 pm Progressive Women of Arlington in FH	22	23	24 1:00 pm Worship Committee in BH	25	26
27 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Session Meeting in FH	28 7:00 pm Earth Cares on Zoom	29	30 Staff Retreat	31		

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!



Sunday, July 6 @ 11:00 AM - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Communion -
Mission Trip Commissioning
Scriptures: Galatians 6:7-16 & Luke 10:1-11,16-20
Sermon: "Shake It Off"

Sunday, July 13 @ 11:00 AM - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: Colossians 1:1-14 & Luke 10:25-37
Sermon: "Bad Blood"

Sunday, July 20 @ 11:00 AM - Mission Trip Sunday
Led by the Mission Trip Youth
Sermon: "Fearless"

Sunday, July 27 @ 11:00 AM - Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Scriptures: Colossians 2:6-15 & Luke 11:1-13
Sermon: "Our Song"

Choir Rehearsal

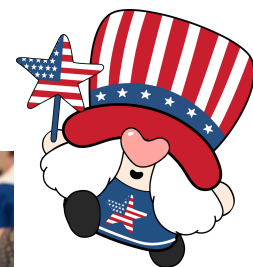
No Choir Rehearsal in July



Our choir is enjoying their well-deserved summer break! See you all back August 20. Questions? See our Minister of Music Jackie Ancelet!

Worship Flower Donations

We still have open Sundays in our 2025 Flower Chart. Open dates: November 2, 9, 23, December 7, & 28. **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.



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July 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:



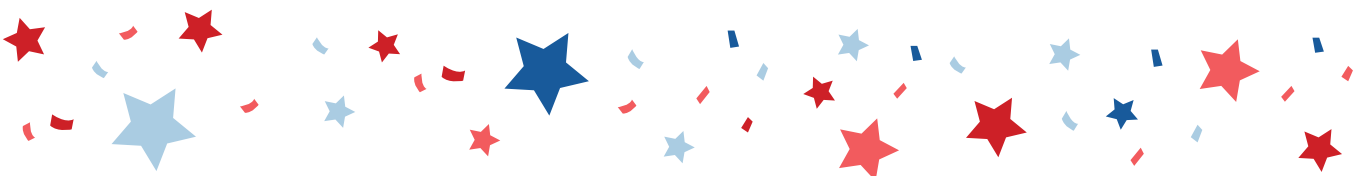
July 6 – Ancient Egypt - Rollin Phipps
 July 13 – England - Lee & Kate McGee
 July 20 – Malawi - Karen Chisi
 July 27 – Brazil - Arne Horton



Thank you all so much for helping us host our underwater VBS adventure! We are celebrating that 36 kids, plus 15 youth, all heard and shared the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We especially thank our registration team: Kathy Patterson & Teri Wardrup; kitchen & yacht club coordinators: Teresa Sullivan, Bonnie Garcia, Earlene Pike, and Cheryl Ribble; yacht club host David Ferrell; crew leaders Barbara & Charles Kennedy and Caitlin Cooke; assistant crew leaders Lemuel Amouh, Mitchell Blackburn, and Lee McGee; floaters Carol Raburn, Les Brooks, Yleen & Jimmy George, Stephanie & Steve West, Pete Hathaway, and Jon Crocker; media team Kristin Hathaway and Rev. Miranda Trussell; Assembly Leader & youth wrangler Brooklyn Richardson; Bible Adventure leader Pastor Kate; Imagination Station leaders April Poitras, Mario Koym-Garza, and Erin Baltensperger; our awesome WPC Youth Group for leading at assembly, groups, and stations; photographer Daniel Garcia; and Erin O'Connor, for filling in every single position! A special shout-out to everyone who stayed late on the last night to reset the church for the service for Jo Schauwecker.

Friends, if you see these people, please tell them THANK YOU! They represented WPC so well to a high number of new families, and we COULD NOT have done it without them! Your financial support also made a big difference, as we were able to feed everyone - kids, youth, volunteers, and parents - a free dinner every single night.



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VBS Day 1



VBS Day 2



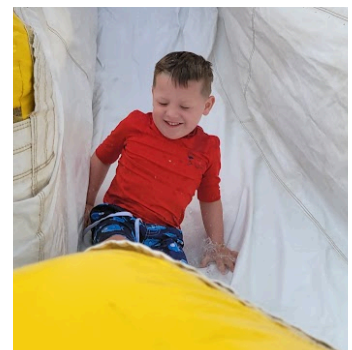
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VBS Day 3



VBS Day 4



GIVE

Presbyterian Children's Home School Supplies

Please help us provide items for "back to school" to be given to foster children. These items include: pens, pencils, crayons, folders, rulers, construction paper, backpacks, index cards, paint sets, and glue sticks. We know all too well that being prepared for school can set the tone for the whole school year! Collection boxes will be at WPC on **July 6** and **July 13**. Thanks for all your help! See Rollin Phipps with any questions.



Welcome Home Donations

The Welcome Home Offering provides basic necessity items to those who are dealing with homelessness and transitioning to stable housing. For the month of July, we are collecting **bathroom tissue and paper towels** for our partners at When We Love (www.whenwelove.com/).

Bring to worship with you any Sunday and place in the marked bin by the entry doors. This goes right here to our neighbors in Tarrant County! Questions? Contact Barbara Kennedy.



Fill the Grocery Basket! July 6

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.



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Quilters

Monday, July 14

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.



Mobile Food Pantry

July 12 @ 8:00 AM
St. Andrew's UMC



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

Thank you!

We appreciate your help and the donation of 300 lbs of food items to assist people in the Oklahoma area.
-Arlington Charities

HAPPY
Independence
Day

Ulsterbration Ticket



Ulsterbration

A Celebration of Ulster Project Arlington!

July 12 - 6:00PM

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (2100 N Davis Dr)

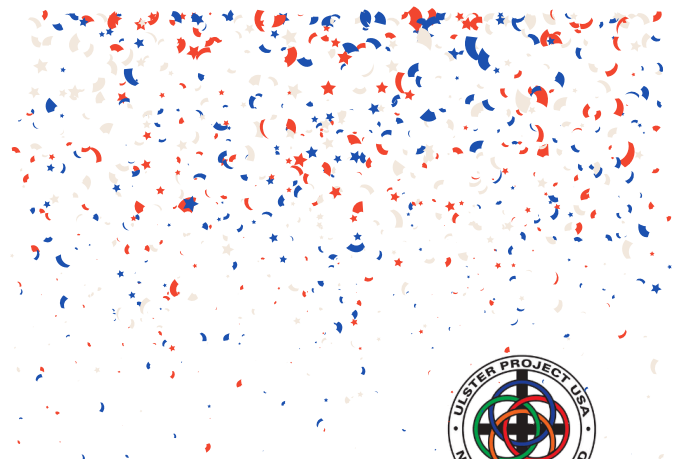
✦ Celtic & Folk Music by Slugger's Rule

✦ Performances from the 2025 Teens (**including our own Asher B!**)

✦ Food

✦ Silent Auction

Please purchase your ticket(s) for \$12.50 each using the QR code or at <http://www.upatx.com>. To ensure plenty of food and seating, we encourage purchasing tickets in advance if possible. Tickets at the door will be \$15 each!



Ulsterbration
A CELEBRATION OF ULSTER PROJECT ARLINGTON

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Financial Report as of May 31, 2025



As we enjoy spring for as long as we can before hitting the hot days of summer, I am pleased to report that as of the end of May, we are in excellent financial position. Donations received toward your 2025 pledges exceeds \$136,000, which is well ahead of normal. Our expenses for the same period are \$130,136.

We know summer months are times when attendance is lower due to summer vacations, mission trips, and other travels; so history tells us donations will be down a little. History also tells us that Fall picks up again and the months of November and December generally are the highest giving months of the year.

You have also been especially generous to support our youth as they travel to Tulsa on their summer mission trip. We have heard past stories of what they saw during those trips and how it has impacted their lives. Thank you for your support as we reach out through our youth to help others in need.

David Rawhouser,
Church Treasurer



NEW DAY Volunteer Appreciation

Thank you, WPC, Where People Care, for your continued support of NEW DAY through the 2024-25 school year. From August through May, 9125 weekend bags of food were packed and delivered to food-insecure AISD students at the 11 schools WPC serves. During the Spring Food Drive, you donated over \$800 worth of food items, and you continue your support through monetary donations, bag donations and prayers.

Thank you to **Dan Stoyak** for ordering our food, Jimmy & Yleen George picking up food from Sam's & shelving it, and to **Walter O.** for meeting the grocery vendor and shelving that food.

Thanks to **Susan Reinarz** and **Linda Bridges** for working as liaisons between school counselors, AISD administration, and WPC Site Coordinators **Don & Sandra Morris**.

Thank you **Earlene Pike, April Poitras, and Nikki Thompson** for representing WPC on the Board of Directors.

And a huge thank you to our faithful volunteers for packing and delivering bags of food every week: **Charles & Linda Bridges, Jimmy & Yleen George, Jim & Susan Johnson, Ruth Juhler, Andrew & Carrie Leverenz, Rae Logan, Don & Sandra Morris, Debra & Elizabeth Nelson, Earlene Pike, David & Jill Rawhouser, Linda Reed, Brooklyn Richardson, Robert & Kathy Riggle, Keri & Doug Rod, Don & Pat Rohloff, Kate Smith, Harry & Pat Staley, Nikki Thompson, Miranda Trussell, and Bob & Linda Wilson.** Crews from two other Arlington churches come in to help us pack, St. Andrew's UMC & Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church, as well as Conner Wright's Scout Troop and the WPC Youth Group.

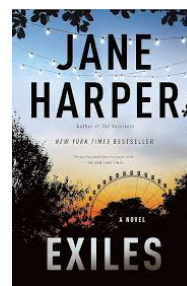


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Bookworms

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

The Exiles by Jane Harper



In **July** we're reading *The Exiles* by Jane Harper. Ms. Harper is an Australian author, and this book is part of a trilogy featuring detective Aaron Falk. While attending a festival, a young mother disappears leaving her six week old daughter alone in a stroller. This case is never solved. A year later, Falk is persuaded to look into the disappearance. In the background of this, a six year old fatal hit and run case, also unsolved, seems to have a connection to the missing mother. Can Detective Falk find the link and solve both crimes?

Our **August** selection is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. This story, set in 18th century Maine, is based on the true story of a pioneering midwife, Martha Ballard. Martha keeps a detailed diary of all of her cases so she knows what goes on behind closed doors. When a body is found in a frozen river, Martha believes the victim is actually a man who committed an assault months before. As the situation unfolds, Martha's diary becomes part of the unfolding scandal, and she is forced to decide where her loyalties lie.

Upcoming books include:

September—*The Women by Kristin Hannah*

October—*The Briar Club by Kate Quinn*

Ladies' Lunch Out

Last month 4 ladies joined us for a delicious lunch at **Al's Hamburgers!** Ladies' Lunch will be taking a break in July - see you August 13 for more delicious food and fellowship.



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

Did you know...the small playground is temporarily CLOSED for surface renovation and drainage improvement? We are in the process of removing all the old mulch/dirt, laying a new weed barrier, improving drainage, and adding new mulch. We hope to have it completed sometime in July (weather permitting.)



A MEAL WITH MEANING

Nestled between Juneteenth and July 4, the Freedom Table is a powerful annual observance that both honors and contemplates the full expanse of American history, with a meal, liturgy, music, table talk & telling our stories.

July 1, 2025
7:00 PM
Broadway
Baptist Church
Fort Worth, TX
freedomtable.org

May Session Highlights

1. The Session approved a motion to officially form a Earth Cares Team under the oversight of Faith Formation Committee.
2. Updates were shared about the proposed keyless entry, as well as replacement doors for Fellowship Hall.
3. Our first Staff Recognition Week was a hit!
4. No Session meeting in June; we will meet again on July 27.



WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Serving the Lord in July

July 6 Communion Servers

Matt Baltensperger, Barbara Kennedy,
Chris McMurrough, Carol Raburn,
Walter Osadchuk, Zeb Wright



Liturgist

Keith Richardson



Media Team

7/6 - Harry Staley, Steve Holland, Jodie Cox, Steve West
7/13 - Jill Wesstrom, Steve West, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson
7/20 - Steve West, Caitlin Cooke, Jodie Cox, John Garcia
7/27 - Jill Wesstrom, Teri Wardrup, Jodie Cox, Chris Hatcher



Flowers

7/6 - Charles & Linda Bridges in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.
7/13 - Earlene Pike in honor of Ace's 16th birthday.
7/20 - Jimmy & Yleen George in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.
7/27 - Harry Staley in honor of Pat Staley's Birthday



Greeters

7/6 - Earlene Pike
7/13 - Kathy Patterson
7/20 - Rollin & Pat Phipps
7/27 - Sharon Owens

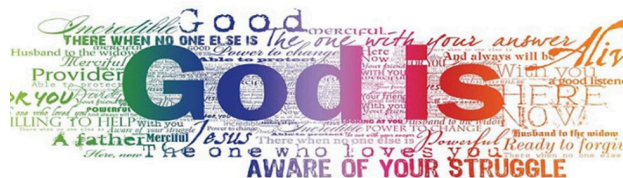


Want to be involved in Worship?

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!



WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Sympathies: Tete Amouh and his family on the death of his father Nestor Amouh in Togo; family and loved ones of Jo Schauwecker on her death; Paul Nelson on the death of his brother John (Benjamin & Daniel Nelson's uncle)

Prayer Requests: Susan Reinarz; Kate Smith; Catherine Fritz; Pat Staley; Sandra James; Janis, Bardin, & Penelope Nelson; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges and his friend Kevin Smith; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Pastor Kate's relative Ken Price; 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; David Ferrell's sister Sally Peveto; 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 Linda Andrada; Phil Oakley's wife Nancy

Celebrating Birthdays in July

1 – Rollin Phipps, Yvonne RoQue

5 – Elizabeth Nelson

8 – Caitlin Cooke

9 – Jeannette Powell

11 – Nicholas Patterson

12 – Pat Hardy, Reagan Hathcock

13 – Jane Kamanga

14 – Jennifer Del Angel

15 – Charles Kennedy

16 – Andrew Leverenz

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 Trip Prayers

Please keep in prayer our students and adults attending the Be the Neighbor Mission Trip in Tulsa, Oklahoma:
Brooklyn, Miranda, Q; Jeffrey, Ben, Audrey, Orine, Lloyd, Amelia, Quinton, Anthony, Nolie, Bella, Divine, Chloe, Sloane, and Ella.
May God be at work beyond our wildest 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.

Deadline for next issue: July 15, 2025

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