

# The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

Happy Easter season! He is risen! He is risen indeed! We enter the season of Easter with hope in our hearts - hope for new life, for resurrection, for rebirth. We enter the season of Easter looking for God to do something now - even now, even here.

During this month, we will be hearing about Camp Gilmont's capital campaign called "Strengthening Roots, Stretching Branches." Executive director the Rev. Kenny Rigoulot will preach on April 14, introducing this campaign and the transformative experience at Gilmont. Then we will continue hearing about the Christ-centered aspects of Gilmont through April, including Youth Sunday on April 21 when our seniors Odessa Baltensperger and Michael McGee will preach, and Adam Patterson will offer a solo.

We have walked with the disciple Peter through exhausting nights fishing; walking on water in a storm; professing his faith; getting rebuked by Jesus; denying Jesus; running to the tomb; and swimming to his resurrected rabbi. Jesus offered abundant nourishment and also a new command: "Feed my sheep." Then he turned to Peter and asked three times, "Do you love me?" It's as if Jesus says, "Here's my heart," which washes over Peter's three denials like a healing balm.

No matter how far we wander, may we know that God is using grace like a fetter to bind us together. No matter how often we get it right or how often we get it wrong, God loves us the same. Let us rest in that Easter joy and hope - that He is risen! He is risen indeed.

Grace, peace, & ALLELUIA!

Pastor Kate



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# APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Weekly: River School Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m./ Education Bldg.</p>	<p>1 <b>Happy April Fool's Day!</b> <b>Easter Monday Church Office Closed</b> <b>Scholarship Deadline</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilters/FH 1-2:00 p.m. Grief Group/library</p> 	2	<p>3 1:00 p.m. Cong. Cmte Mtg/BH 2:00 p.m. Bookworms/Zoom 6:00 p.m. Property Cmte. Mtg./FH</p> 	<p>4 <b>NO</b> Pastoral Care w/Adrian 5:30 p.m. Young Adults @ downtown library 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal</p> 	5	6 
<p>7  Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:15 p.m. - Youth Group</p>	<p>8  <b>Total Solar Eclipse</b> 1-2:00 p.m. Grief Group/library</p>	9	<p>10 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch Out @ Neighborhood Grill</p>	<p>11 10-11 a.m. Pastoral Care w/Adrian/library 5:30 p.m. Young Adults @ downtown library 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal</p> 	12	<p>13 <b>Mobile Food Pantry</b> 8:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry @ St. Andrew's UMC</p>
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<p>21 9:45 a.m. - Inquirers' Class/library 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship - Youth Sunday</p>	<p>22  1-2:00 p.m. Grief Group/library</p>	<p>23 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting/BH 1:00 p.m. Worship Cmte Mtg/BH</p>	24	<p>25 10-11 a.m. Pastoral Care w/Adrian/library 5:30 p.m. Young Adults @ downtown library 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal</p> 	26	27
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# WORSHIP

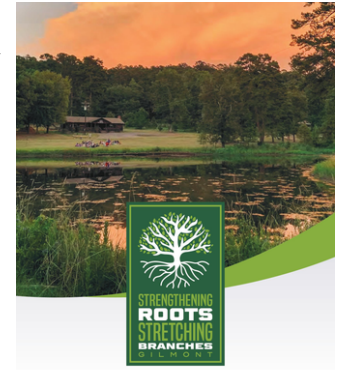
## Join us for Worship!

**Sunday, April 7 @ 11:00 AM** - Second Sunday of Easter - Holy Humor Sunday  
Scripture Readings: Psalm 30; John 21:1-19  
Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: Here's My Heart

**Sunday, April 14 @ 11:00 AM** - Third Sunday of Easter  
Scripture Readings: TBD  
Sermon Topic: Strengthening Roots, Stretching Branches

**Sunday, April 21 @ 11:00 AM** - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Youth Sunday  
Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; John 10:11-18  
Preachers: Odessa Baltensperger & Michael McGee  
Solo: Adam Patterson

**Sunday, April 28 @ 11:00 AM** - Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Scripture Readings: 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8  
Sermon Topic: Abide With Me



**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 21 @ 11:00 AM**  
**PREACHERS: ODESSA BALTENSPERGER & MICHAEL MCGEE**  
**SOLO: ADAM PATTERSON**  
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### Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM



We would love to have you join us for rehearsal and in the choir loft on Sundays. Talk to our Minister of Music, Elizabeth Barney, if you have questions.



### Save the Date!

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 26

Join us as we recognize our high school and college graduates and award scholarships.



### 2024 Flower Donations

There are five spots available to sign up for donating flowers for worship this year. The price is \$30.00 and you get to take them home after worship. The chart & directions are on the board outside the office.

*Interested in joining our family of faith at Westminster?*  
**Inquirers' Classes**  
**April 21 & 28 @ 9:45 am**  
WPC Library



# WORSHIP

## March Worship Highlights



# Palm Sunday Parade

# LEARN

## April Sunday School

### K-Sixth Grade

We are using "Activate Faith" by Sparkhouse for an in-depth study of the Bible.

April 7 - TBD

April 14 - The Great Commander

April 21 - Doubting Thomas

April 28 - The Greatest Commission



### Youth (7th-12th Grade) Sunday School

We continue our Bible overview with "Echo the Story" by Sparkhouse.

April 7 - Youth Sunday Prep

April 14 - Rising Tension

April 21 - Youth Sunday

April 28 - New Promise



### Adult One

Contemporary Issues & Faith - The Wired Word. Have you ever wondered how to process the news? Or what Jesus might say about current events? Join Pastor Kate and other leaders as we relate current events to Scripture to create thought-provoking, stimulating discussions every week.

### Adult Two - Reading Disciples

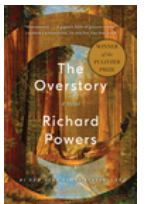
This class reads and discusses various inspiring, insightful and challenging pieces of literature, which present moral questions and explore what it means to live a faithful life. Convened by Erin Baltensperger.

April 7 - *The Overstory* by Richard Powers - pages 91-152 stop at "Neelay Mehta to Trunk"

April 14 - *The Overstory* by Richard Powers - pages 155-204 stop at "Douglas has his day"

April 21 - *The Overstory* by Richard Powers - pages 204-258 stop at "Moses comes"

April 28 - *The Overstory* by Richard Powers - pages 258-309 stop at "From Enlightenment"



## WPC Scholarships to be Awarded in May

If you are a first-year student planning on college or are returning to your studies for the fall term of 2024, the Faith Formation team invites you to apply for a scholarship! Last year we disbursed over \$3000 in scholarships! You will find the application and more information at [www.wpcarlinton.org/scholarship](http://www.wpcarlinton.org/scholarship). The deadline is **April 1**, and the Scholarship Review Committee will announce its decisions by **May 15**. Contact Pastor Kate, Teri Wardrup, Stephanie West, Brooklyn Richardson, or Reverend Miranda Trussell with any questions.



# LEARN

## Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, April 16

@ 9:30 AM light breakfast/Bullock Hall

@ 10:15 AM Bible study/library

Join us as we continue our study, "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts," written by Reverend Olive Mahabir.

Lesson Eight: Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship

Scripture: Acts 16:11-15

Main Idea: Baptism connects us to God and the community of faith.



## VBS 2024

Registration is now open for our VBS Food Truck Party! Join us June 9-12 to go "On a roll with God" through Bible stories, delicious food, sports, crafts, and so much more! See Brooklyn to volunteer in lots of different ways!  
<https://www.wpcarlington.org/vbs>



# GIVE



## Fill the Grocery Basket!

Sunday, April 7

Thank you for your generous outpouring in March! We continue our tradition of helping 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.



## Welcome Home Donations

The Welcome Home Offering provides basic necessity items to those who are dealing with homelessness & transitioning to stable housing. Thank you for your generous donation of dishwasher/laundry pods in March. For the month of April, our partners at When We Love are requesting cleaning and sanitizing wipes. 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.

# GIVE

**Living  
Waters** For the  
**World**



## GOOD NEWS!

Your Living Waters for the World team is going to get busy. We along with Grace Presbyterian Church, Temple, TX, (GPCT) are planning on joining forces to install a new system at the Las Canoas Elementary School in the Lake Atitlan area of Guatemala. We had such success by partnering with FPC Richmond, VA. in Nicaragua, we felt it was important to join with another church to share labor and costs. FPC has had to drop out of the LWW program and Nicaragua is no longer a safe place to travel. GPCT has installed several systems in Nicaragua and Guatemala in the past. We are joining forces with a veteran team. As of today, we have Catherine Fritz and Matt Baltensperger scheduled to represent WPC on this trip.

The in-country LWW staff has completed a "site assessment" of the location, community support, school staff and water & electric supplies. It is their recommendation; this is a viable location for a new system.

We are in the process of obtaining approval of the project from LWW headquarters staff. Upon approval we will begin the process of preparing a joint covenant with the school to outline responsibilities of all parties involved. We are currently considering the need to make an initial (short three day) trip to Guatemala to meet with the school principal, teachers and community leaders to review the process, and get support from all of them to move forward with the project.

Upon approval and signing the covenant we will begin the process of purchasing the system, making arrangements for delivery to Guatemala, working with the in-country LWW staff, determining the date for installation and outlining the responsibilities for everyone. The school is responsible for having a secure building for the system, a dependable water supply, and electricity source. It is also their responsibility to provide staff to operate the system and have a water committee to support and promote the use of water in their community. As of today, there is no definite date scheduled for an installation.

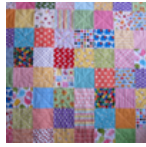
Your WPC LWW team appreciates the continued support of everyone. We feel it is a very meaningful mission for those we provide safe/healthy water for an area where all they have is unclean water and subsequent lingering health issues.

Harry Staley





# GIVE



## Quilters

meet Monday, April 7  
at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

If you can tie a knot and have a couple of hours to spare, we would love to have you join us.



## Mobile Food Pantry

**Mobile Food Pantry**  
 April 13 @ 8:00 am  
 St. Andrew's UMC



Come be the hands and feet of Christ on Saturday, April 13 @ 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.



## SAVE THE DATE! PCHAS Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1  
12-1:00 PM @ Ridglea Country Club  
3700 Bernie Anderson Ave  
Fort Worth, TX 76116  
Theme: Dare to Dream  
RSVP to maria.shupe@pchas.org

# SAVE THE DATE !



## NEW DAY of ARLINGTON

Help to feed Arlington Kids by dining out!

# CHICKEN N PICKLE



OUR ♥S ARE LOCAL

## Get Ready to play!

Join us for Giveback Night!

Tuesday April 16

6 pm - 8 pm

NEW DAY receives 20% of proceeds during this time

2965 S. Hwy 161

Grand Prairie TX 75052

[chickennpickle.com/location/grand-prairie](http://chickennpickle.com/location/grand-prairie)

**April  
16**

**6:00-8:00  
PM**



## Make-a-Wreath Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20, 1:00-2:30 pm

*Spring*  
**MINI WREATH**  
*make and take*

Westminster Presbyterian  
Fellowship Hall

Come learn how to make a mini wreath! No experience needed. All supplies will be provided.

Sign up here: [bit.ly/newdaywreath](http://bit.ly/newdaywreath)

**\$25** per participant

all proceeds will go to New Day Arlington





# CONNECT

## Crucial Conversations

A HUGE thank you to all who made our Crucial Conversations successful, especially to Rev. Miranda, Brooklyn, Yleen, Carol R., Jill W., and our awesome youth group!

See a recap of each week's presurvey and WordCloud at [www.wpcarlington.org/crucial-conversations](http://www.wpcarlington.org/crucial-conversations)



## Flower Bed in Progress

Thanks to our Master Naturalists Bonnie Garcia and Jane Oosterhuis, along with helpers John Garcia and Steve West, for their hard work on the front flower bed. Check out their expansion in progress, as well as the new plantings!





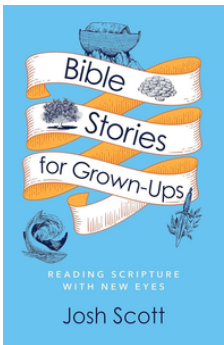
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## Bookworms

meet Wednesday, April 3  
@ 2:00 PM on [Zoom](#)

Join us as we discuss *The Book of Longings*  
by Sue Monk Kidd



## Young Adults

Thursdays, April 4, 11,  
18, & 25 at 5:30 pm -  
*Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*  
at George Hawkes  
Downtown library (100 S  
Center St. #100) - DREAM  
Room



## WPC Youth (7th-12th grade)

**Apr. 7** - Youth Group - join us for lunch and  
activities following worship until 2:00 pm.

**Apr. 21** - Youth Sunday - meet in the sanctuary at  
9:45 am to run through the service one last time!



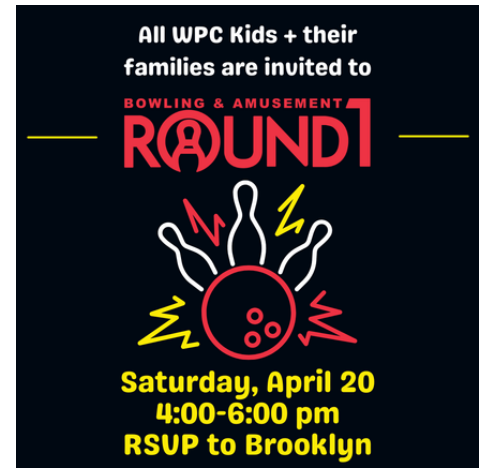
## Beer Tasters

meet Friday, April 19  
@ 7:00 PM  
in Fellowship Hall

We did not meet in March. RSVP to Keith  
Richardson for our April gathering so we  
have enough beer! It's \$5 per person for  
the opportunity to "taste" six beers. All 21+  
are welcome!



## WPC Kids (K-6th grade)



**Sat, April 20 @ 4:00 pm: Spring Fling at  
Round One at the Parks Mall!** Bring your  
family and your bowling skills for some  
knock 'em down fun! WPC will cover bowling  
+ shoe rentals for all WPC Kids.



## Ladies' Lunch Out

meet Wed., April 10 @ 1:00 PM  
at Neighborhood Grill  
(1629 W Arkansas Lane)

Thirteen ladies (and two college students,  
plus four kids on Spring Break!) enjoyed  
our lunch last month at Italy, Pasta, Pizza,  
& Subs. All WPC ladies are invited to join  
us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to  
attend or just come.

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## Spring Reminders!

Glorifying God is the center of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Many things make up our worship service so that all can worship God. Please consider the following:

- **Lord, prepare me:** When coming into the sanctuary, please use the time to prepare for worship by sitting quietly, meditating, and preparing your mind and body for worship. There will be time to visit after the service in Bullock Hall.
- **Meet in the middle:** Please leave the ends of the pews available for late comers, so that they can easily find a seat.
- **Be right back:** Try to tend to personal needs before the service, so that there is less disruption with folks going in and out of the sanctuary during worship. Those with special needs may consider sitting on the outside of the pews in order to get out easily.
- **Reading Rainbow:** For our younger worshippers, stop by the bookcase on your way into worship, and pick out something to read and enhance your faith in worship!
- **Pass it on:** When the offering is collected, please pass the plate down the pew to the other end. By everyone doing this, the procedure goes smoother and helps the ushers do their job.
- **Amen!** Please remember that the choir sings to glorify God and to enhance the scripture and the message. The choir is not performing for the congregation. While calling "Amen" is appropriate, please reconsider clapping.
- **Clean up, clean up:** In worship and any other activities at church, please pick up around you as you leave! Turn out lights behind you, pick up trash, and leave it better than you found it.



## Celebrate Ken Ehrke!

A longtime friend of WPC, the Rev. Ken Ehrke, is retiring on April 30. To help him celebrate over 40 years of ministry, please send him a card! His address is in the Directory - let us know if you need it.



Did you know...anyone can join almost any committee at any time? IF you see a committee meeting on the calendar, you're welcome to join and try it out! We would love to see you use your gifts in service to God and the church.

### Committee Schedule

Wed., April 3 @ 6:00 PM - Property Cmte./FH - RSVP to Carol Raburn or Zeb Wright as they are preparing food.  
 Sun., April 14 @ 9:30 AM - Faith Formation/library  
 1st Wed @ 1:00 PM - Congregational Care Cmte./BH  
 2nd Sun @ 12:15 PM - Mission Committee/library  
 3rd Tues @ 1:00 PM - Worship Committee/BH  
 TBD's - Finance/Stewardship and Nominating/ Personnel

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## 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 2023? Please let the office know who the graduate is and all the details before April 15.



March has been filled with all sorts of green and lucky charms! Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our special students and teacher.



## February Session Highlights

- The session unanimously approved the 2024 budget with a "faith factor" of 17%.
- Benjamin and Audrey Chapa will be baptized on Easter Sunday.
- Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church has donated VBS materials with the theme Food Truck Adventures
- Plans were made to recognize and thank Sandy and James Harris during the annual meeting for their enormous assistance during Elizabeth Barney's sabbatical.
- Carol Raburn, Earlene Pike, and Pastor Kate reported on the joyful Presbyterian meeting.



Bring a salad with you, and we will provide everything else. Creative salads welcome: jello, bean, Greek, Asian, shrimp, taco - surprise us! Bring a friend, neighbor, relative - all are welcome! Entertainment by James & Sandy Harris. Don't forget to invite your female friends, neighbors, & family.



# WHAT'S UP AT WPC



**Joys:** Kamden McGee & Divine Amouh are driving! Jill Rawhouser was recognized with the Spirit of Discover and Imagination award for over 25 years of dedication to the Destination Imagination program!

**Sympathies:** Rob Henderson and the family of his cousin Steve Moreland on the death of his wife Kat; Stephen & Jill Westrom and the family of their longtime neighbor Tom Irwin on his death; Sandy Harris on the death of her cousin Scott Stallman; WPC friend Linda Dozier on the death of her daughter Susan

**Members/friends in need of prayer:** Susan Reinarz; Rollin Phipps; Carole Perry; Marjory McCowen; Charles Bridges; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Scott Johnson; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Penelope Nelson; WPC friend Mike Ragon; Janet Kovatch’s friend David; Ruth Juhler’s great niece Jamie; April Poitras’ friends Barbara & Ralph White; Keith Richardson’s friend Elsie Thornberry; Kate Smith’s brother-in-law Dallas Tate and his wife Ellen; Doris Holland’s relative Debbie Meade; Carrie Leverenz’s friend Annette Bohinski; David Ferrell’s sister Sally Peveto; Jimmy & Yleen George’s relatives Jennifer Rapstine & Karen Richey; Linda Wilson’s friends Ray Davidson & Donna Austin; Harry Staley’s sister Kate & husband Mark Marymont; Catherine Fritz’s friends Jason Johnson & mom Pam; Charles Bridges’ sister-in-law Linda Bridges & cousin Dwayne Crawford; Jim & Susan Johnson’s neighbors Val & Alla Karpinska and their family; Earlene Pike’s brother Bill & sister-in-law Marion Anderau



**Celebrating April Birthdays**

1 - Kathy Riggle	13 - Charles Bridges,
4 - Ruth Juhler	Zeb Wright
7 - David Ferrell	17 - Matthew Nelson,
9 - Afi Amouh	Wesley Harris,
12 - Colleen Wise	Teresa Sullivan
	23 - Henry McMurrough



# WHAT'S UP AT WPC

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Office Help Request:** If you have a few hours available to help answer phones, open doors for deliveries, or fold bulletins on Friday, April 19 or Monday April 29, please contact Catherine Fritz (310-497-2290) or let the office know you're available, which date and time. Our Admin. Asst. Debra Nelson will be out of the office on those dates, and your help is appreciated. As a bonus, Mondays and Fridays are generally the most quiet work days in the office. Debra provides a detailed FAQ sheet on the office activities, contacts, etc. that make filling in a breeze. Thanks



### Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 AM-1:30 PM  
Grace Presbyterian Church, our sister congregation in south Arlington (5500 Mansfield Rd), is having a plant sale. What a great way to get those spring flowers for your garden.



### Serving the Lord in April

#### Liturgist

Stephanie West

#### Media Center

- 4/7 - Jill Westrom, Teri Wardup, & Chris Hatcher
- 4/14 - James Harris, Caitlin Cooke, Carol Raburn, Niña Henderson, & Chris Simpson
- 4/21 - Steve West, Carol Raburn, & John Garcia
- 4/28 - Harry Staley, Kamden McGee, Teri Wardrup, Niña Henderson, & Keith Richardson



#### Greeters

- 4/7 - Regan & Judy Hathcock
- 4/14 - Chris Hatcher & kids
- 4/21 - Rob Henderson
- 4/28 - Sandra James



#### Flowers

- 4/7 - Divine Amouh, in honor of her mother Afi's birthday
- 4/14 - Ruth Juhler, in honor of my birthday and memory of Bob's birthday
- 4/21 - Reverend Miranda Trussell & Brooklyn Richardson, in honor of our amazing youth
- 4/28 - Available - please sign up



# **YOUTH SUNDAY APRIL 21 @ 11:00 AM**

**PREACHERS: ODESSA BALTENSPERGER  
& MICHAEL MCGEE  
SOLO: ADAM PATTERSON**

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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, 2024

Turn in all articles to the church office.

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