

Dear saints,

This Lent we're trying something a little different with our friends from *A Sanctified Art*. We're going to follow the disciple Peter's faith journey. We are following him not because he was a perfect disciple or always had he right answer. Instead, like us, Peter has a wandering heart. Like us, Peter was figuring out how to follow Jesus. Like us, at times he was steadfast, and at others he was unsteady. Like us, he was a dear friend to Jesus and then denied even knowing him. Like us, Peter kept searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes.

Through Peter's eyes we will draw closer to God and seek to understand the faithful presence of Jesus: offering Peter abundance, catching Peter when he begins to sink, challenging Peter when he stands in the way, washing Peter's feet, predicting Peter's betrayal, and offering Peter redemptive love. With the lyrics of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and Peter' stories, we will hope to bind our wandering hearts to Thee.

There will be other ways to tend to our wandering hearts, especially with two special educational opportunities. The Rev. William Heard will teach a special Sunday School on African American spirituals on February 11. Then, on Wednesday nights during Lent, we will engage in "Crucial Conversations," looking at complex contemporary issues through the eyes of the cross. Deputy Chief Kris Caldwell will kick things off on February 21 at 7:00 pm on "Procedural Justice." See the full list of topics in this newsletter!

As we wander through winter, let us *tune our hearts to sing God's grace*. May we rest in *streams of mercy, never ceasing*, as we worship, learn, give, and connect at WPC.

Grace and peace, Pastor Kate

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FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Monday-Thu	Weekly: Riv ersday 8:30 a.m	er School 2:30 p.m./Education	Bldg.	7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal	2	3
Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 a.m Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m Worship - Communion - Scout Sunday	9:00 a.m. Quilters/FH	6	7 1:00 p.m. Cong. Cate Mtg/BH 2:00 p.m. Bookworms/ Zoom	7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal	9	10 Mobile Food Pantry 8:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry @ St. Andrew's UMC 2:00 p.m. Reverend Alan Farquhar Memorial
9:30 a.m Combined Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m Sunday school for K-12 11:00 a.m Worship - Souper Bowl of Caring 12:15 p.m Child Protection Training/FH	6:30 p.m. PWA Cmte./ FH	Shrove Tuesday/ Mardi Gras	Ash Wednesday 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch Out @ Juniors Grill 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Beer Tasters/FH	7 a.m2 p.m. Schutte Parking Lot Garage Sale
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WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!

Sunday, February 4 @ 11:00 AM - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - Communion - Scout Sunday Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39





Sunday, February 11 @ 11:00 AM - Transfiguration Sunday - Souper Bowl of Caring Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday

Worship - Communion

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:1-17

Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: Tune My Heart

Sunday, February 18 @ 11:00 AM - First Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 5:1-11 Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: Jesus Sought Me

Sunday, February 25 @ 11:00 AM - Second Sunday in Lent Scripture Readings: Psalm 22:23-31; Matthew 14:22-23 Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: Rescue Me From Danger









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Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

www.wpcarlington.org



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.



Palm Sunday: March 24 at II:00 am



Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 7:00 pm, with communion

Good Friday:March 29 7 at 7:00 pm, featuring our Westminster Choir

WORSHIP

January Worship Highlights

Ordination & Installation of Ruling Elders John Garcia, Zeb Wright, Kate Smith, Carol Raburn, & Yleen George









Opening Doors with our Pledge Cards







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February Sunday School

K-Sixth Grade

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

Feb. 4 - Woman at the Well

Feb. 11 - A Storm

Feb. 18 - The Centurion's Statement

Feb. 25 - Jesus Blesses the Children

Youth (7th-12th Grade) Sunday School

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

Feb. 4 - lesus' Followers

Feb. 11 - Hope & Healing (Souper Bowl Sunday)

Feb. 18 - Miracles

Feb. 25 - Kingdom Ways



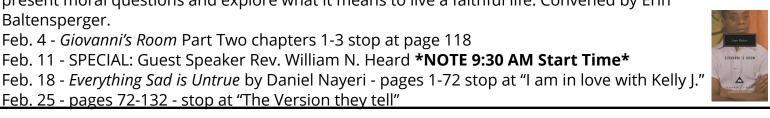


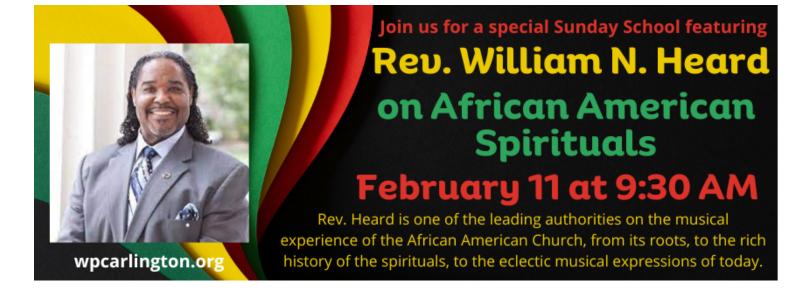
Adult One

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 guestions and explore what it means to live a faithful life. Convened by Erin Baltensperger.





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Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, February 20 @ 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 Six: A Person with a Physical Disability

Encounters Jesus Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

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Main Idea: God calls us to affirm that each person is a child of God who should be treated with dignity and

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equity.



"Crucial" comes from the Latin *crux*, meaning cross. The cross demands that Christians pay attention to the broken world around us and compels us to work for justice and righteousness. Join us for these important conversations with new guest speakers each week, moderated by Pastor Kate.



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GIVE

Finance Report - as of 12/31/2023

During 2023, you and your friends in Christ at WPC donated \$289,700 toward the mission of Westminster. Of that, \$19,258 was designated toward the donors' 2024 pledges. Meaning over \$270,000 was donated toward your 2023 pledges. As the session's 2023 budget was set last February at \$269,085, we met and exceeded our goal for the year and already have a substantial head start toward our 2024 budget.

Last year, we received pledges of \$243,225 which meant the Session had to go out on faith that the remaining 11% would mysteriously appear, just as it has in the past. Historically, Westminster receives between 10% to 15% above what is pledged. But not knowing puts stress on the session members as they support their committee's work throughout the year.

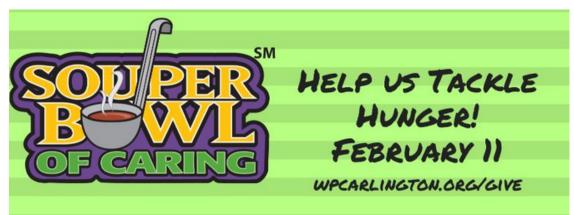
If you have been hesitant in the past to make a commitment with a pledge, know that no one will come knocking at your door if "life events" happen, and you are unable to complete your pledge. Our pledges just allow the Session to plan for the year. No attempt is made to compare pledges with giving.

I encourage you to submit a pledge card this year to commit your time, talents, and resources so that Westminster can continue to fulfill the mission of Westminster.

Later this month, you will be receiving your annual "Giving Statement" showing your gifts to WPC. Please review it closely with your records and let me know if there is anything wrong. Just email me your concerns at "treasurer@wpcarlington.org" and I will response as soon as I can.

David Rawhouser Church Treasurer





Special Offerings for 2024

The first special offering will be collected on Sunday, February 11 and is known as the "Souper Bowl of Caring." This name is appropriate because that day is also the National Football League's Super Bowl Game and festivities. Since 1990, over \$175 million has been donated to local food charities across all fifty states. Help our WPC Youth "Tackle Hunger" as they will be at the sanctuary doors after worship services for your donations. Put your donation in a pot to predict the Big Game winner: Chiefs or 49ers?!

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Fill the Grocery Basket!

Sunday, February 4

Thank you for your generous outpouring in January! 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 and transitioning to stable housing. For the month of February, our partners at When We Love are requesting paper towels and toilet paper. 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.











Quilters

meet Monday, February 5 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

Feb. 10 @ 8:00 am St. Andrew's UMC



Mobile Food Pantry

Come be the hands and feet of Christ on Saturday, February 10 @ 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.

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1564. That's the number of children who received Angel Tree gifts this year through Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. **You** made Christmas happen for 1564 children. We are so grateful for all your work, generosity, thoughtfulness, and help!

Working with you and your congregation on Angel Tree is one of my favorite projects. **And you are amazing!** Your church held toy drives, receiving gift cards and fun toys to make sure that no one went wanting. It touches my heart, and make Christmas so special for our children and our families. Thank you!

In Fort Worth, Keller, Itasca, Wichita Falls, Abilene, and Lubbock, you joined 30 congregations and businesses to provide gifts for nearly 200 children. And since a picture is worth 1000 words, here are some photos of all you made possible.

Thank you! Thank you for being our partner in ministry! We can't do it without you! May your new year be filled with

blessings!

Grace and Peace, Maria Shupe Development Officer













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SALE HOURS:

MARCH 6-10, 2024

WEDNESDAY 3/6 12:00-6:00PM FFAPL MEMBER PREVIEW SALE* THURSDAY 3/7 1:00-6:00PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY 3/8 9:00AM-5:00PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SATURDAY 3/9 9:00AM-5:00PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SUNDAY 3/10 10:00AM-4:00PM HALF PRICE DAY FOR ALL SUNDAY 3/10 4:15-5:30PM TEACHER & NON-PROFIT SALE

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WPC Kids (K-6th grade)

Feb 4 - Scout Sunday

If your kid is in Boy or Girl Scouts, wear their uniforms this Sunday!





Bookworms

meet Wednesday, February 7

@ 2:00 PM on Zoom

Join us as we discuss *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan



Ladies' Lunch Out

meets Wed. Feb 14 @ 1:00 PM Jr's Grill, 2406 W. Park Row Dr



20 ladies enjoyed our lunch last month at Chop House. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend or just come.





WPC Youth (7th-12th grade)



Feb. 4 - Wear your Girl and Boy Scout best, and stay after worship to host our Scouts for lunch! **Feb. 11 -** Get ready to hold the soup pots to collect money to fight hunger! Then stay after worship for lunch + youth group meeting until 2:00 pm.

Save the Date: MISSION TRIP 2024: JUNE 24-29 Calling all 6th-12th graders!!

We will be headed to Austin with "Be the Neighbor" to build on last year's experience. A \$100 deposit by Feb 28 secures your spot. Questions? See Brooklyn or Miranda!









Beer Tasters

meet Friday, Feb. 16 @ 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

January had a wild assortment of tasting - from the dark to the raspberry. RSVP to Keith Richardson for our February gathering so we have enough beer! It's \$5 per person for the opportunity to "taste" six beers. All 21+ are welcome!

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Thanks to John Garcia for helping us rock out last month in his class on rock guitar! This month, we will meet off-campus at Zeb Wright's home to talk about gun safety. Contact David F or Zeb W for address and directions!





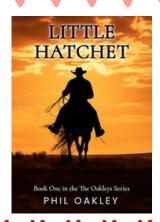






Friday, February 23 @ 7:00 PM Pantego Books (2910 W Pioneer Pkwy)

Please join our very own WPC member Phil Oakley as he offers a brief reading from his newest book, Little Hatchet. There will be a reception and book signing immediately after! You can pre-order the book now through Pantego Books at (682) 323-7297.











The boys are loving their unit on the Arctic - just like the weather we've had! They had a hands-on experiment with ice and multi-sensory engagement to help them learn.



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Did you know...we have incredibly talented youth in our church?
Thanks to the WPC family who come out to support our younger members in all their endeavors!
(pictured: Divine A. at her musical *Mean Girls*; Kamden M. after his All-Region concert)















December Session Highlights

- Pastor Kate is helping organize an MLK Ecumenical worship service at 6 o'clock on Jan 14, at Trinity United Methodist church.
- We sustained the examination of our new elders. Installation and Ordination of elders will be held Jan 21st during worship
- Vacation Bible School will be held June 9-12 location to be decided.

WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Celebrating February Birthdays 7 - Carter Dennis 21 - Kelly Canterbury 8 - Grace Sullivan 22 - Walter Osadchuk, II 10 - Matt Baltensperger 23 - John Garcia, 11 - Morgan Dennis Betty Makileni, 12 - Jimmy George, Jo Schauwecker Sarah McMurrough 27 - Anna Anderson, 15 - Odessa Baltensperger Bardin Nelson 17 - Judy Hart 28 - Pattie Hardin-Marshall 19 - Benjamin Nelson, Harvey Ribble

WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Joys: Reverend Dr. Jim Reinarz is in remission from Guillain-Barre' Syndrome! Golda Marcella made the 2024 Texas All-State Choir; Dani was born Jan. 3 to Patrick & Laura Rawhouser, grandparents David & Jill are planning many trips to see her.

Sympathy Prayers: Family and friends of Pastor Emeritus Reverend Alan Farquhar on his death; Winston Barney and family on the death of his cousin Fred Barney.

Members/friends in need of prayer: David Rawhouser; Carole Perry; Marjory McCowen; Susan & Mark Grimes; Charles Bridges; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Scott Johnson; Rollin Phipps; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Penelope Nelson; Phil Oakley's wife Nancy; Sandy Harris' cousin Scott Stallman; Carrie Leverenz's friend Annette Bohinski; WPC friend Linda Dozier; David Ferrell's sister Sally Peveto; Stephanie West's friend Laura & baby Scarlett; Yleen George's friends Karen Richey & Nghia Phan; Odessa Baltensperger's boyfriend Dean Gomez; Linda Wilson's friends Ray Davidson & Donna Austin; Maggie Del Angel's brother Bernie; 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







Serving the Lord in February

Liturgist

Jim Johnson

February 4 Communion Servers

Rob & Niña Henderson, Chris McMurrough, David & Jill Rawhouser, and Jill Spencer

Media Center

- 2/4 Steve West, Caitlin Cooke, Jill Rawhouser, Niña Henderson, & Keith Richardson
- 2/11 Jill Wesstrom, Kamden McGee, Teri Wardrup, & Carol Raburn
- 2/14 Steve West, Teri Wardrup, Niña Henderson, & Kamden McGee
- 2/18 Harry Staley, Jill Rawhouser, Chris Hatcher, & John Garcia
- 2/25 Jill Wesstrom, Carol Raburn, Niña Henderson, & Chris Simpson





Greeters

2/4 - Maggie & Jennifer Del Angel

2/11 - Caitlin Cooke

2/18 - David Ferrell

2/25 - Ed & Linda Frazee



Flowers

2/4 - Teresa Sullivan in honor of her daughter Gracie's birthday

2/11 - Robin & John Juhler, in honor of Valentine's Day

2/18 - The Baltenspergers, in honor of Odessa & Matt's birthdays

2/25 - April Poitras, in memory of Adrian & Marge Poitras



Don't forget to turn in your pledge cards! You can find our whole stewardship packet and our online giving form at wpcarlington.org/stewardship.

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: February 15, 2024 Turn in all articles to the church office. wpc_arl@sbcglobal.net 817-460-3841

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