

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

Our summer kicks off with some amazing travel around the world and under the sea - without ever leaving Arlington as we worship, learn, give, and connect.

In worship on June 1, we'll celebrate our graduates who are headed off to places near and far, as well as our scholarship recipients for the good work they are doing in higher education. In our special summer Sunday School, we're headed around the world in 90 days, as experienced travel guides teach us about living as a Christian in different parts of the world.

Then, head under the sea as we dive into friendship with God at our SCUBA Vacation Bible School from June 22-25! Kids will be immersed into an underwater adventure, where they will meet different ocean creatures and learn that God is a real, loving, trustworthy friend forever and for everyone. There are opportunities for children, youth, and adults to dive deep! Register your children at wpcarlington.org/vbs, and see Erin O'Connor or Teresa Sullivan with any questions. Be sure to check out our new hospitality lounge for parents and guardians!

As you plan your own travels this summer, remember that you can always catch up with WPC on YouTube: youtube.com/wpctx. Find our latest live streams by clicking the tab that says "live"! My travels will take me down to Austin for my fourth Doctorate of Ministry class at the beginning of June. I'm really looking forward to being back with my cohort and learning about "Wonder and the Body: Living Justly" with Rev. Dr. Phil Hesel. Thank you for all your prayerful support on this journey! I'm blessed to be a part of WPC: Where People Care.

Grace and peace,

Kate

Pastor Kate



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June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship with Communion - Grad Sunday 12:15 pm Grad Reception/FH 12:30 pm Child Protection Policy Training/FH	2	3	4 NO Congregational Care Mtg 2:00 pm Bookworms on Zoom 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship - Pentecost 12:15 pm Pentecost Pancakes 12:30 pm Mission Committee & Faith Formation Committee 4:00 pm Child Protection Training/Zoom	9 9:00 am Quilters/FH	10	11 1:00 pm Ladies' Lunch 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 8:00 am Mobile Food Pantry/St. Andrew's UMC
15 Newsletter Deadline Father's Day 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	16 7:00 pm Progressive Women of Arlington/FH	17	18 7:00 pm Choir Party	19	20	21 1:00-4:00 pm Youth Group
22 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:15-7:15 pm Vacation Bible School	23 5:15-7:15 pm Vacation Bible School	24 5:15-7:15 pm Vacation Bible School	25 No Choir 5:15-7:15 pm Vacation Bible School	26	27 7:00 pm Ulster Project Opening Worship (First UMC)	28 10:00 am Shelter Sandwiches/ kitchen
29 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship - VBS Sunday	30					

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!

Sunday, June 1 @ 11:00 AM - Seventh Sunday of Easter - Communion - Grad Sunday

Scriptures: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97

Sermon: An Ironic Escape

Sunday, June 8 @ 11:00 AM - Pentecost - Wear Red!

Scriptures: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ken Ehrke



Sunday, June 15 @ 11:00 AM - First Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Mario Koym-Garza

Sunday, June 22 @ 11:00 AM - Second Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 42; Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 29 @ 11:00 AM - VBS Sunday

Scriptures: Jonah 1-3 (selected); Mark 4: 10-12 & 33-41

Guest Preacher: Rev. Miranda Trussell

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, June 4 & 11 at 7:00 PM



Choir just has a few more gatherings before taking their summer break! Questions? See our Minister of Music Jackie Ancelet!

Worship Flower Donations

We still have open Sundays in our 2025 Flower Chart. Open dates: September 21, 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.



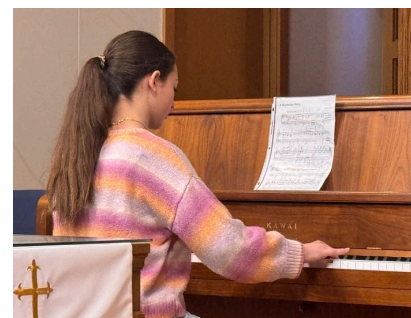
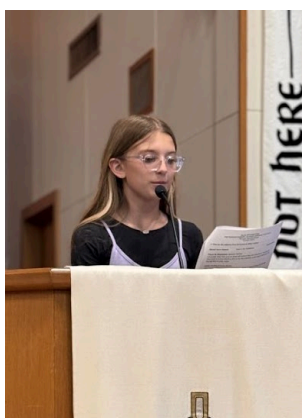
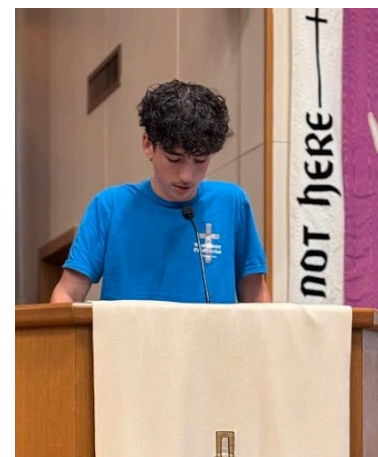
New Worship Banner Closet!

Thank you so much to James Harris for completing our new, accessible worship closet!



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May Worship



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June Sunday School

K-Sixth Grade

K-6th Grade Sunday School is taking a break over the summer. However, that doesn't mean we will not have times for connection. Ms. Brooklyn will be sharing dates to look forward to: swimming, picnic lunches, and maybe even a fun family date!



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 the June schedule:



June 1 - Intro with Pastor Kate
 June 8 - Peru with Daniel Garcia
 June 15 - TBD
 June 22 - TBD
 June 29 - TBD

Child Protection Training - June 1

If you (or your youth) have been working or plan to work with children and/or youth at WPC - this includes VBS, Sunday School, Youth Group hangouts, Student retreats, or nursery - please plan on joining a short Child Protection Training after the service on June 1. This is important to our community that all who will interact with children have completed this training. Please reach out to the WPC office or Brooklyn directly with any questions.



Vacation Bible School June 22-25 @ WPC 5:15-7:15 pm

Registration is now open to dive in with God at VBS SCUBA! Join us for Bible stories, delicious food, sports, crafts, and so much more! See Ms. Brooklyn to volunteer in lots of different ways!
www.wpcarlinton.org/vbs



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Women's Circle

Thank you for another wonderful year of Women's Circle!
See you in the fall for our next study: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter



Now Recruiting: Earth Care Team



The Earth Cares Congregation is a designation started by our national Presbyterian church to help congregations care for our church property in a respectful way toward the planet, as well as educate our members and friends about environmental justice. Our Earth Cares team is acquiring points in the areas of worship, facilities, education, and outreach. Our Earth Cares team is always growing as well! There is no age requirement, and we'd love to have some youth join our team (this also might qualify for some of the service hours needed in your school)! If you'd like more information or you'd like to join the Earth Cares team, please contact Catherine Fritz.



Household Hazardous Waste - What Do I Do?

Leftover household products that are corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or potentially hazardous are classified as HHW (Household Hazardous Waste). Paints, cleaners, oils, pesticides, and batteries are NOT collected at the curb. There's two options to safely get rid of HHW: 1. Take to Ft Worth Environmental Collection Center located at 6400 Bridge Street - Once per month 2. Arlington HHW Collection - These events are first-come, served. Storage capacity is limited, so arrive early. Must provide current driver's license or water bill as proof of residency, and businesses/contractors will not be accepted. Events are from 8:30 to 11 am (or until trailer is full), and they are cancelled in bad weather.



June 14 - Woodland West Park, 3200 Norwood Drive
July 19 - Meadowbrook Park, 1300 Dugan St
August 16 - Veterans Park 3600 W Arkansas Ln
September 20 - Cliff Nelson Park 4600 W Bardin Road
October 18 - Vandergriff Park 2800 S Center Street
November 15 - Craven Park 400 Cravens Park Drive



See more at www.arlingtontx.gov/City-Services/Garbage-Recycling

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"Waves of Change" PCHAS Luncheon

WPC was represented well at our annual Fort Worth luncheon!



Here's a glimpse into the difference that PCHAS can make:

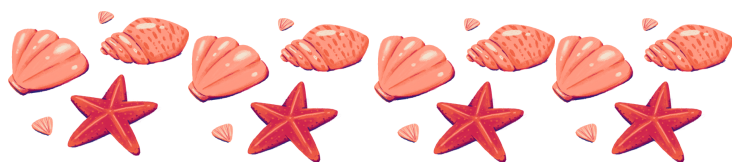
At just 13, Paige entered foster care with her younger siblings and carried the weight of keeping them grounded. After aging out of the system, she felt lost until she received an unexpected email from a PCHAS staff member helped her see a different future. With support and guidance, Paige enrolled in college and began working toward her dream of becoming a kindergarten teacher.

This May, Paige will proudly graduate with her associate's degree in early childhood education and plans to transfer to a four-year university to earn her bachelor's degree. Thank you for your continued support of PCHAS!



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 June, we are collecting sunscreen and insect repellent 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! June 1

Thank you for your generous outpouring of food in May! We continue to help Arlington Charities provide for those in need by collecting non-perishables 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, June 9

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

June 14 @ 8:00 AM
St. Andrew's UMC



Come be the hands and feet of Christ on **Saturday, June 14 @ 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.



Shelter Sandwiches

Saturday, June 28

@ 10:00 AM in the kitchen



At the beginning of June, you'll find the board outside in the hall so you can sign up for items needed. Questions? See Maggie & Jennifer Del Angel.



Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help on our yard crews for one Saturday morning each month during March - November, depending on the weather. Each shift is about 2-3 hours. In the summer we start early to beat the heat!

Yard crews are responsible for mowing, weed eating, edging, picking up trash and limbs, etc. Tools are provided.

Join us to help keep our church grounds looking their best! Contact David Ferrell or Walter O.



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Financial Report as of April 30, 2025

What a wonderful spring it has been. Hopefully you have been able to enjoy some of this spring weather knowing summer is just around the corner. Like the weather, WPC has financially enjoyed a pleasant "spring" through April. The Finance Committee looks over the financial reports in more detail while the Session takes a higher level approach to its review at Session Meetings. However, each session committee is tasked with the responsibility of review their portion of the detailed reports in their committee meeting. As treasurer, I try to highlight for them any significant variation from their budget. So we have many eyes looking over our financial position.

As of April 30, WPC has collected over \$110,700 toward the 2025 pledges. Our expenses are about \$104,800. I am pleased with our financial position, but I also know things change, and we need to keep our eyes on what we are supposed to be doing. And that is further the mission of the church.

If you are interested in finding out more, we encourage you to join the Finance/Stewardship Committee or ask questions of myself or any other member of the Finance Committee: Rob Henderson - Chair, Jill Westrom, Steve Westrom, Mario Koym-Garza, David Ferrell, Charles Bridges, and Michelle Rodriguez.

David Rawhouser,
Church Treasurer

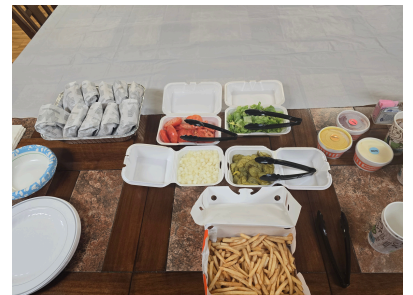
Staff Appreciation Week

To our wonderful Westminster family,

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who showed us love and appreciation during Staff Appreciation Week. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, prayers, and acts of generosity were deeply meaningful and reminded us of the incredible church family we're blessed to serve. It is a true joy and honor to be part of this community, and your encouragement strengthens and uplifts us more than you know.

Thank you for making us feel so valued and supported.

With gratitude and love, WPC Staff



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NEW DAY Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has been eating, drinking, playing pickleball, and shopping for NEW DAY so far in 2025! Your efforts have generated over \$1500 for hungry kids in AISD.

In June, come grab lunch or dinner at Pei Wei outside of the Parks Mall on Saturday, June 7 to keep feeding hungry kids!

We proudly support
New Day

Present this flyer when you order and
WE'LL DONATE 25% OF SALES
to the organization during our fundraiser event!*

6/7/2025 from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
4133 S Cooper St Suite 307 | Arlington, TX | (817) 466-4545

peiwei.com

*Pre-tax, Excluding beer and wine.



NEW DAY Volunteer Appreciation

Over 40 NEW DAY volunteers came for a rainy ice cream social so that the Board could say **THANK YOU** for all the packing, delivering, and coordinating that they do!



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Living Waters for the World

Clean Water for Canoas Altas: A Community's Commitment to Health and Hope

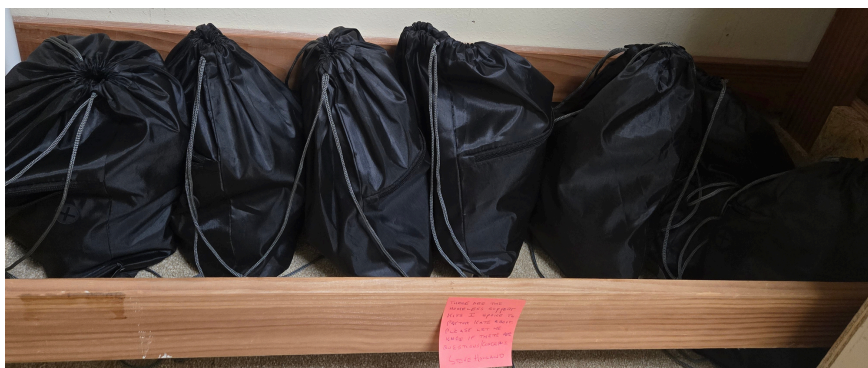
The Instituto Mixto in Aldea Canoas Altas, San Andrés Semetabaj, Sololá, serves as a beacon of education and community involvement in rural Guatemala. Like many schools in remote areas, it faces a critical health challenge: access to clean water. Students benefit from purified water during school hours, but inconsistent access at home leaves families vulnerable. The school's leadership team, under Director Profe. Erik Giovani Locón Yac, along with dedicated faculty teachers, have stepped forward to address this issue not only for their students but for the wider community.

Through a recent planning meeting with the Living Waters for the World Guatemala Network, school leaders collaborated with mission teams from Westminster Presbyterian Church (Arlington, TX) and Grace Presbyterian Church (Temple, TX) to craft a sustainable solution. Instituto Mixto's staff proposed extending water access year-round by keeping administrative and water system operations active even when classes are not in session. They also committed to implementing a family-focused distribution model, offering clean water to student households at an affordable rate—priced below the prevailing market—and exploring delivery options through local tuk-tuk drivers to overcome distribution barriers.

To support this vision, both partner churches have pledged to fund the construction of a dedicated water purification room, a departure from LWW's standard model but a necessary step given the school's limited financial resources. With the support of LWW in country Network Coordinator, Pablo Perez, LWW Technician Luis Rodas, and oversight by team leaders Harry Staley and Ed Seeger, the new facility will be built adjacent to the school's kitchen in time for a water filtration system installation this November. As the Instituto Mixto staff prepares to lead community health and water education efforts, this project reflects not only a physical transformation but a shared moral commitment: that every child—and every family—in Canoas Altas deserves clean water and the dignity it brings.

Blessing Bags

If you encounter someone at WPC who is experiencing homelessness, there are now "Blessing Bags" in a closet in the hallway just outside the sanctuary! Thanks to Steve Holland for this very generous donation.

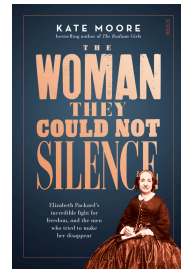


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Bookworms

Wednesday, June 4 @ 2:00 PM on [Zoom](#)

The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate H. Moore



This award-winning book relates the story of Elizabeth Packard, housewife and mother of six, whose husband, fearful of her independent spirit, decides to have her committed to an insane asylum. In the Illinois State Hospital, Elizabeth learns that she is not the only sane woman incarcerated there. Elizabeth's fight for freedom exposes the abuse of those women and leads to human rights reforms. This book is based upon a true story.

In July we will be reading *The Exiles* by Jane Harper. Set in Australia, investigator Aaron Falk discovers a year old mystery about the disappearance of a young mother. What would lead a mother to abandon her child? What happened to missing Kim Gillespie? Falk can't leave the case alone and discovers dark questions as the truth emerges.

Upcoming books include:

August—*The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

September—*The Women* by Kristen Hannah

October—*The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn



Ladies' Lunch Out

Wednesday, June 11 @ 1:00 PM

at Al's Hamburgers (1275 N Fielder Rd)

Last month 11 ladies joined us for a delicious lunch at the **Taste Project!** This month, we're gathering at Al's Hamburgers. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! RSVP to Ruth Juhler or just show up!



Beer Tasters

takes a break for the summer. Thank you for another wonderful year of trying new and old faithfuls together! See you September 19.



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WPC Littles
(0-5 yrs)



WPC Kids
(K-6th grade)



WPC Youth
(7th-12th grade)

Coming Soon:

We are in the works of having a GroupMe for our younger families. This will allow for easier direct communication. Pictures from your kids, updates on activities, events and surveys so Ms. Brooklyn can try to plan around the most available will all be shared and coordinated by implementing this new tool for communication. If you want to make sure you are included please email Brooklyn: brooklyn@wpcarlington.org



Youth Hangouts

Sat, May 31: 12:00-3:00 pm: Bring \$15 (and additional spending money for a bookstore for shopping) for our field trip! Meet at WPC.

Sat, June 1: 12:30 - 1:00pm: Child Protection Training in Fellowship Hall

Sat, June 8: 9:30am - 1:30pm: Pentecost Pancakes - Youth will be preparing, cooking, serving and doing the cleanup as a fundraiser for all upcoming activities. Plus, have you ever had Pentecost Pancakes? They are FIRE!!

Sat, June 21: 1 - 4pm in the youth room at WPC. More details to come

Sun - Wednesday 22 - 25: 5:15 - 7:30pm: VBS - we need group leaders, station helpers, actors and more!

Tue, July 1: 9 - 9:30pm: Zoom Meeting for Mission trip and all final details

****As always see GroupMe for full details, updates, changes and RSVP****

Soft Drink/Water Concession

As most of you know, there is soda and water for sale in the Fellowship Hall kitchen refrigerator. This concession was originally started by the Youth Group for their benefit and I am pleased to say that the group has grown in size to where we are going to, once again, dedicate these funds to support them. Thank you for your past support, and if you have any questions, please see Jill Wesstrom.



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The More You Know

Did you know...our WPC Littles are growing strawberries and learning all about God's gift of creation?



April Session Highlights

1. The Session examined and approved two new members.
2. The Session approved a Harassment Policy.
3. The Session approved a bid from Walter O. to replace the mulch on the small playground.

Ulster Project Opening Worship

Join us as we kick off the 31st year of the Arlington Ulster Project, where Northern Irish teens and American teens, Protestants and Catholics, come together to work for peace by piece. The opening ecumenical worship service is at **First United Methodist Church (313 N Center Street) on Friday, June 27 at 7:00 pm**. Everyone is invited to come and meet our teens to start the project with a Texas welcome! **We're especially excited this year because our own Asher Baltensperger is a participant, hosting a Northern Irish teen, and Pastor Kate (UP '99) is preaching at the opening service!**



Welcome New Members

We welcomed new members Marty McGee & Wayne Ogle during worship on May 11. Marty is an Airbnb host, with four precious cats. Wayne is a banker for Chase, who enjoys travel, writing, story telling, ministry, and politics.



WPC Day at UTA Baseball

Thank you UTA Mavericks for hosting us at the Clay Gould Ballpark! We had a great time cheering on the Mavericks as they won not only one but both double-headers against Utah State! Our PCHAS families enjoyed a wonderful lunch and outside play before the big game.



WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in June

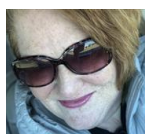
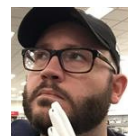
Liturgist

Joy Hatcher



June 1 Communion Servers

Mario Koym-Garza, Rollin Phipps, Earlene Pike, David Rawhouser, Chris Simpson, Teri Wardrup



Media Team

6/1 - Jill Wesstrom, Steve West, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson
 6/8 - Steve West, Carol Raburn, Jodie Cox, Keith Richardson
 6/15 - James Harris, Steve West, Jodie Cox, John Garcia
 6/22 - Harry Staley, Caitlin Cooke, Jodie Cox, Chris Hatcher
 6/29 - Steve West, Teri Wardrup, Jodie Cox, Chris Simpson



Flowers

6/1 - Harry & Pat Staley's 65th anniversary
 6/8 - Rob Henderson in honor of Niña's Birthday
 6/15 - Jim & Susan Reinarz's 52nd anniversary
 6/22 - Karen Chisi in honor of Orine's 15th birthday
 6/29 - Jim Johnson in honor of Susan's birthday



Greeters

6/1 - Shirley Lewis & Michelle Rodriguez
 6/8 - Walter Osadchuk
 6/15 - Chris & Sarah McMurrough
 6/22 - Don & Sandra Morris
 6/29 - Wayne Ogle & Marty McGee



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



Joys: Hayden Canterbury on his engagement to Kaitlyn Byers!

Sympathies: Family and loved ones of Joy Hatcher on the death of her uncle Glenn Poteet; Family and loved ones of Jodie Cox on the death of her mother-in-law Jeannie Cox.

Members/friends in need of prayer: Kate Smith; Catherine Fritz; Carol Raburn; Jo Schauwecker; Pat Staley; Sandra James; Penelope Nelson; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jakie Spinks; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; 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 & daughter in law Kaycie; April Poitras' friend Edie Burquest; Carrie Leverenz's relatives Tim Shively & Dale Shively; Debra Nelson's sister Misty Savoy & cousins Charlie Van Eman & Jack Duckworth; 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 & their family; Earlene Pike's friend Eizabel; Cheryl Ribble's friend Jeff; 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 June

1 - Beckett Wise

2 - Reverend Kate McGee

4 - Paul Nelson,
Niña Henderson,
Nolie Richardson

7 - Judy Hathcock

9 - Steve Grenzow

10 - Winston Barney,
Margarita Del Angel,
Adrian Dennis, Aubrey
Dennis

11 - Dan Stoyak

14 - Emily Majumder,
Barbara Kennedy

22 - Robyn Hurd

25 - Alexis Harrison

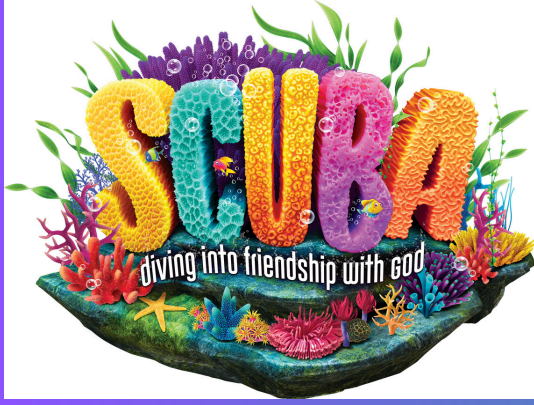
26 - Michelle Rodriguez

27 - Victoria Chikaoneka

28 - Orine Chisi-Moruri

29 - Susan Johnson,
Peter Hathaway

30 - Trevor Kantunda



Vacation Bible School

June 22-25 @ WPC

5:15-7:15 pm

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crafts, and so much more!

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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: June 15, 2025

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