

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

Like the sandals on the walls in the sanctuary, we are in the midst of our Lenten journey walking with Peter, reflecting on the ways our hearts wander from the path God intends. Yet even in that lament, we find the joy in that God doesn't wander from us - that God is with us every step of the way.

Starting in March, we will have a new friend join us on our journey for a bit. To complete certain requirements for ordained ministry, Adrian Rodriguez will be joining us in ministry for six months. He will be specifically working on pastoral care: hospital visits, home communion, and home visits. Adrian is working on this part-time while serving as the Youth Director at First Presbyterian just down the road. It's a mutual blessing: he will assist me with pastoral care needs, and you all get to "teach" him through visits and relationships. So please don't hesitate to reach out to him, or to pick up the phone when he calls. His information has been added to the Instant Church Directory!

Our Lenten journey leads us through sorrow to joy, through despair to hope. We will walk with Peter to the Last Supper and to the cross in a special Maundy Thursday worship in Fellowship Hall. Our choir will lead us through a meaningful Good Friday service. While we wait on Holy Saturday, come put your hands to work through Shelter Sandwiches and help feed hungry neighbors in Arlington. Then bring your Easter basket and Easter best and celebrate that He is risen! on March 31. May God continue to bless our journey together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kate



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MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Weekly: River School Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m./Education Bldg.				1 6-8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts/ library	2 7:00 p.m. Young Adults @ Dallas Stars Game
3  <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> Fill the Grocery Basket! 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship - Communion 12:15 p.m. - Annual Mtg. 12:30 p.m. - Youth Group	4  9:00 a.m. Quilters/FH	5	6 1:00 p.m. Cong. Cmte Mtg/BH 2:00 p.m. Bookworms/ Zoom 6:30 p.m. Light Supper/FH 7:00 p.m. Crucial Conversations/FH 	7  7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal	8	9  8:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry @ St. Andrew's UMC 8:00 a.m. Young Adults @ MFP - lunch afterwards
10 2 AM Daylight Saving Time begins - spring forward <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:15 p.m. - Mission Cmte Mtg/library 	11 AISD/MISD/River School Spring Break - March 11-15	12	13 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch Out @ Italy Pasta Pizza & Subs 6:30 p.m. Light Supper/FH 7:00 p.m. Crucial Conversations/FH	14  7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  7:00 p.m. Beer Tasters/FH	16
17  <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship - Mr. Rogers Day 12:15 p.m. - Youth Group	18 7:00 p.m. PWA/FH	19  9:30 a.m. Women's Circle Breakfast/BH 10:15 a.m. Women's Circle/ library 1:00 p.m. Worship Cmte Mtg/BH	20 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting/BH 6:30 p.m. Light Supper/FH 7:00 p.m. Crucial Conversations/FH	21  7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal	22 6-8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts/ library	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:15 p.m. - Session/FH 5:00 p.m. - Purim Celebration 	25	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship - Communion/FH 	29  7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship	30 10:00 a.m. Shelter Sandwich Making/kitchen 
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:45 a.m. - Sunday school for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Worship - Communion - One Great Hour Of Sharing - Baptisms 12:30 p.m. - Baptism Reception/FH 12:30 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt/Church grounds 	April 1 EASTER MONDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED					

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship!

Sunday, March 3 @ 11:00 AM - Third Sunday in Lent - Communion

Scripture Readings: Psalm 19:7-14; Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount

Sunday, March 10 @ 11:00 AM - Fourth Sunday in Lent

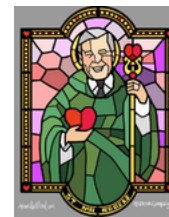
Scripture Readings: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Matthew 16:21-23

Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It

Sunday, March 17 @ 11:00 AM - Fifth Sunday in Lent - Mr. Rogers Sunday

Scripture Readings: Psalm 119:9-16; Matthew 18:15-22

Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: Teach Me



Mr. Rogers Sunday Sunday, March 17

Wear your cardigan and tennis shoes!

"Everyone longs to be loved. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving."

-Rev. Fred Rogers

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Sunday, March 24 @ 11:00 AM - Palm Sunday

Scripture Readings: John 12:12-16

Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise



Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Worship - Communion

The Way of Sorrows: Prayer Stations of Peter (in Fellowship Hall)



Friday, March 29 @ 7:00 PM - Good Friday Worship

Choir-led Cantata



Sunday, March 31 @ 11:00 AM - Easter Sunday Worship - Communion - One Great

Hour of Sharing - Baptisms of Benjamin & Audrey Chapa

Scripture Readings: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon Topic: Wandering Heart: And I Hope



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.

Thank You

Susan Fuchs, organ and WPC members James (directing) & Sandy Harris (piano) for leading us in music while our Minister of Music was on sabbatical.





WORSHIP

February Worship Highlights

Feb 4 - Scout Sunday



Feb 11 -
Transfiguration
with Rev. William
Heard



Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday



Feb 18 -
Dr. Jeff Reid
(aka Brooklyn's
dad) led worship



Feb 25 -
Trust
Fall





LEARN

March Sunday School

K-Sixth Grade

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

March 3 - Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

March 10 - The Sower

March 17 - Jesus Feeds 5000

March 24 - Holy Week

March 31 - The Empty Tomb



Youth (7th-12th Grade) Sunday School

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

March 3 - Parables

March 10 - Kingdom Treasures

March 17 - Jesus' Encounters

March 24 - Death-to-Life

March 31 - Easter - Youth hide Easter Eggs/Mini Lesson



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.

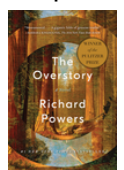
March 3 - *Everything Sad is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri - pages 132-195 stop at "That was the Poop story"

March 10 - pages 195-265 - stop at "When breakfast was over"

March 17 - pages 265-the end

March 24 - Begin *Overstory* by Richard Powers - pages 1-46

March 31 - pages 47-90 - Adam Appich to Neelay Mehta



"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.

RSVP on sign-up sheet in hall for light supper.

LEARN

Women's Circle

meets Tuesday, March 19

@ 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 Seven: An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Main Idea: The Word of God is an essential tool for expanding the reign of God.



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.wpcarlington.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.



GIVE



Fill the Grocery Basket!

Sunday, March 3

Thank you for your generous outpouring in February! 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. For the month of March, our partners at When We Love are requesting laundry & dishwasher pods. 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.

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Finance Report

Due to our treasurer's recent knee surgery, there will not be a detailed financial report this month. David assures us things are excellent through the first six weeks of 2024. More details should be available at the **Annual Meeting on March 3.**



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 14-March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA): works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. Receives 32% of funds.

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP): Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systematic causes of poverty so all may be fed. Receives 36% of funds.

Self-Development of People (SDOP): Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. Receives 32% of funds.

Thank you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, an Offering that responds directly to the needs God has called us to fulfill in Isaiah 58. Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports programs in over 100 countries.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

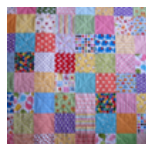
GIVE



Thank you! We raised \$681.28 for Mission Arlington and correctly predicted the Super Bowl winner - the Kansas City Chiefs! The real winners are the clients served by Mission Arlington.



Quilters



meet Monday, March 4
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

March 9 @ 8:00 am
St. Andrew's UMC



Come be the hands and feet of Christ on Saturday, March 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. Thanks Walter O., Elizabeth, & Debra for helping in the cold & pouring rain last month.

Shelter Sandwiches



takes place Saturday, March 30
@ 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen

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



Caught in action: Michael and Odessa packed food for hungry people at SHYC...just like we do here at WPC!

CONNECT



Young Adults

- **Sat, Mar 2 at 7:00 pm** - Dallas Stars with Grace Presbytery! Sign up at <https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/dallas-stars-young-adults>; tickets are \$15 - that gets you admittance to the game + \$25 food/beverage voucher
- **Sat, Mar 9 at 8:00 am** - Mobile Food Pantry with lunch after!
- **Sun, Mar 24 at 5:00 pm** - Purim Celebration - The Next Queen of Persia! Show and dinner - \$18/person; show only \$10; hosted by Mekom Shelanu Congregation. RSVP to Pastor Kate



WPC Youth (7th-12th grade)

Mar. 3 - After the annual meeting, meet for lunch and friendship bracelets! Pick up is at 2:00 pm.

Mar. 17 - Meet for lunch and a movie-based study! Pick up at 2:30 pm.

Mar. 31 - Come help the Easter Bunny hide the eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt!

Wednesdays in March - Be at church at 6:15 pm to serve and clean up at Crucial Conversations and raise money for our mission trip! See your email for more details.



Bookworms

meet Wednesday, March 6

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

Join us as we discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus



Daylight Saving Time begins
at **2 AM Sunday, March 10**



Ladies' Lunch Out



meets Wed. March 13 @ 1:00 PM
Italy Pasta, Pizza, & Subs
(2221 Browning Drive)

Sixteen ladies enjoyed our lunch last month at Jr's Grill. All WPC ladies are invited to join us! Let Ruth Juhler know if you plan to attend or just come.

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Beer Tasters

meet Friday, March 15
@ 7:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall



We did not meet in February. RSVP to Keith Richardson for our March 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)

March 31 - Easter

Don't forget to bring your basket for our Easter Egg hunt after worship!



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Men's Masterclass

MARCH 2024

CONTACT DAVID FERRELL FOR INFO

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Thanks to Zeb Wright for teaching us about gun safety. Contact David Ferrell for March info.



Join us for a Fabulous Musical Purim Celebration: The Next Queen Of Persia: A Purim Extravaganza!



Starring
Local Drag Sensation
Salem Moon
as Esther

Sunday, March 24, 5:00pm
show followed by dinner

Hosted By: Makom
Shelanu Congregation



Members: Dinner and Show - \$12/person
Nonmembers: Dinner and Show - \$18/person
Show Only - \$10/person

RSVP REQUIRED BY MARCH 20
for reservation and location information
makomshelanufw@gmail.com

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Meet Adrian!

As part of his journey to ordained ministry, Adrian Rodriguez will be serving as a pastoral care intern from March 5 through August 31. He is the Director of Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church Arlington. He grew up as the eldest of three children in a military family. At the age of 14 his family relocated to Arlington, Texas where Adrian accepted Christ and discovered his passion for youth ministry. He enjoys sharing Christ's love and faithfulness with others and has led youth ministries for over 10 years. He is a graduate of Sam Houston High, The University of Texas at Arlington, and in 2023 he graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with his Master of Divinity degree. Adrian is married to his high school sweetheart, Alecia and they have two daughters, Aileigh and Addileigh. He enjoys spending time with family and watching sports in his spare time. Reach Adrian at adrian@firstprestexas.org.



2024 WPC Session

Congregational Care - Kate Smith

Faith Formation - Teri Wardrup & Stephanie West

Finance/Stewardship - John Garcia

Mission - Dan Stoyak

Nominating & Personnel - Catherine Fritz

Property - Carol Raburn & Zeb Wright

Worship/Assistant Clerk - Yleen George



Did you know...that Sandra Morris made all the sandals in the sanctuary and Don Morris hung them? Thanks Sandra and Don for always creatively enhancing our worship!



NEW Collaboration - Faith Formation

Hello WPC members and friends. We want to let you know about a new committee at WPC and invite you to become a part of our work to help people grow in their faith! The new committee is called Faith Formation and it combines Evangelism and Christian Education. Combining these two groups allows us to develop and create new exciting opportunities for all the members of WPC and friends as we work together to strengthen our faith. Our first venture is coordinating dinners for the Lent series so that we may grow our knowledge and have fellowship together at the same time. We hope that you all will invite people to come to the Lent series where their minds and their hearts will grow in the love of Jesus Christ. We are excited to step out in faith in 2024 as we offer Jesus' love to all we meet.

Brooklyn Richardson, Rev. Miranda Trussell, Teri Wardrup, and Stephanie West

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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.



From special puppy visits to making pizza dough from scratch, this has been a fun February for our River School boys! Both boys continue to make wonderful social and academic progress.



January Session Highlights

- Pastor Kate led officer training for all our new and returning elders.
- A motion was approved to welcome the Rev. Bill Brewer to officiate at Rev. Alan Farquhar's funeral at WPC.
- A motion was approved to allow the Schutte family to use our parking lot for a garage sale to benefit a Cinderella candidate raising money for Tarrant County Boys and Girls Club.



We had a wonderful time at Phil Oakley's book signing on Feb 23 & can't wait to read his newest book *Little Hatchet*. More signed copies are available at Pantego Books!



Women's Salad Supper

Save the Date!

Wednesday, May 1
@ 6:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

WHAT'S UP AT WPC



Joys: Kamden McGee got a 1 on his UIL ensemble; Reid Richardson and the Corey Cubs got first place at Destination Imagination; Joy Hatcher has been named Teacher of the Year for Workman Jr High; Asher Baltensperger got a USA Hockey hat trick patch.

Members/friends in need of prayer: Rollin Phipps; David Rawhouser; Carole Perry; Marjory McCowen; Susan & Mark Grimes; Charles Bridges; Elizabeth & Winston Barney; Jackie Spinks; Scott Johnson; Ed & Linda Frazee; Chad Bridges; Layne & Anne Cooke; Kathy Anderson; Penelope Nelson; Doris Holland's relative Debbie Meade; Debra Nelson's friend Vicky Ellis; Sandy Harris' cousin Scott Stallman; Carrie Leverenz's friend Annette Bohinski; David Ferrell's sister Sally Peveto; Stephanie West's friend Laura & baby Scarlett; Yleen George's friends Karen Richey & Nghia Phan; 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



Celebrating March Birthdays

1 - Maddie West	11 - Ross Allmon
3 - Conner Wright	17 - Rebecca RoQue
5 - Wendy Hale,	18 - Dante Blunt
Mary Montague,	26 - Linda Wilson
Pat Phipps	27 - Adrienne Johnson
6 - Michael Carr	



WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in March

Liturgist

Linda Bridges

March 3 Communion Servers

Sandra James, Charles Kennedy, April Poitras, Dan Stoyak, Jill Weststrom, & Stephanie West

March 31 Communion Servers

Dane Argentini, David Ferrell, Catherine Fritz, Walter Osadchuk II, Teri Wardrup, & Stephen Weststrom



Media Center

3/3 - Steve West, Caitlin Cooke, Teri Wardrup, Niña Henderson, & Chris Hatcher
 3/10 - Harry Staley, Kamden McGee, Carol Raburn, Niña Henderson, Steve West, & Chris Simpson
 3/17 - Jill Weststrom, Teri Wardrup, Steve West, & John Garcia
 3/24 - Steve West, Carol Raburn, Chris Hatcher, & Keith Richardson
 3/28 - James Harris, Kamden McGee, Teri Wardrup, Niña Henderson, & Chris Simpson
 3/29 - Steve West, Teri Wardrup, Niña Henderson, & Chris Hatcher
 3/31 - Harry Staley, Carol Raburn, Niña Henderson, & Keith Richardson

Greeters



3/3 - Catherine Fritz
 3/10 - John & Bonnie Garcia
 3/17 - Daniel & Erin O'Connor Garcia
 3/24 - Jimmy & Yleen George
 3/31 - James & Sandy Harris

Princesses
WELCOME



Flowers

3/3 - Jo Schauwecker - in honor of her 96th birthday
 3/10 - Sally Wright, in honor of Conner's birthday
 3/17 - Kara Jean & John Hawthorne, in memory of Dr. John Porter
 3/24 - Jim & Susan Johnson, in memory of Sandra Argentini
 3/31 - Worship Committee - Easter Sunday



Holy Week at WPC



Palm Sunday: March 24 at 11:00 am



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



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

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Easter Sunday March 31

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt



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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: March 15, 2024

Turn in all articles to the church office.

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