

OCTOBER 2026

The Well

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear saints,

After building up our team, we are ready to take on some opponents: the enemies of gratitude. In October, we'll confront these stumbling blocks that get in the way of giving thanks to God that God deserves. These enemies of gratitude aren't always obvious, and sometimes they worm their way unnoticed into our spiritual life. So let's huddle and come up with plays to tackle these enemies of gratitude, including nostalgia, worry, entitlement, greed, and disappointment. Each week we will also take a moment to share our thanksgiving to God!

In Psalm 136, the psalmist underscores why God is so deserving of our gratitude: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, / for his steadfast love endures forever." That second line repeats in every single one of the 26 verses: "for his steadfast love endures forever!" What is the response to what God has done for us, is doing for us, and will do for us but gratitude? Even as we face polarizing elections and hard times, we will not let that divide us but instead further unify our team in praise and thanksgiving.

There is so much to be thankful to God for this fall at WPC and all the ways we get to be the hands and feet of Christ. Whether we're deepening our faith in a Sunday School class, packing Library Lunches, jumping into Church Work Day, blessing the animals. going to Alley Cats with the youth group, fulfilling our pledge, or enjoying sweet fellowship with tasty desserts, all of it is a gift from God - all of it, majestic and mundane - is worthy of praise.

So put on your attitude of gratitude, and get off the bench and into the game! We aren't complete without you. Let's show the world that WPC is Where People Care...and give thanks.

Grace and peace,

Kate

Pastor Kate



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October 2026

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4 **World Communion** **9:45 am** Sunday School & First Cup **11:00 am** Worship - Communion **12:30 pm** Youth Group **12:30 pm** Library Lunches/FH **3:00-5:00 pm** Mustang Cheer/FH	5 Millie's Place: Monday–Thursday, 8am–3:30pm/Edu. Bldg	6 **6:30 pm** GoodTimes Chorus/FH **7:00 pm** Young Adult Bible Study/ Library	7 **1:00 pm** Congregational Care/BH **2:00 pm** Bookworms/ Zoom **7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal	8 **9:00 am** Presbytery Meeting @ First Pres Granbury	9	10 **9:00 am – 1:00pm** WPC Work Day!
11 **Faith & Blue Sunday** **8:30 am** Second Breakfast **9:45 am** Sunday School **11:00 am** Worship **12:15 pm** Faith & Blue Reception/FH Mission Cmte/Library **3:00-5:00 pm** Mustang Cheer/FH **4:00 pm** Blessing of the Animals **6:00 pm** Youth Group	12 **9:00 am** Quilters/FH	13 Millie's Place: Tuesday–Friday, 8am–3:30pm/Edu. Bldg **2:00 pm** Worship Cmte/BH **5:00 pm** Earth Cares Cmte/Zoom **6:30 pm** GoodTimes Chorus/FH **7:00 pm** Young Adult Bible Study/ Library	14 **1:00 pm** Ladies' Lunch @ David's BBQ (2224 W Park Row, Pantego) **7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal	15 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** **7:00 pm** Men's Group/FH	16 **7:00 pm** Beer Tasters/FH	17
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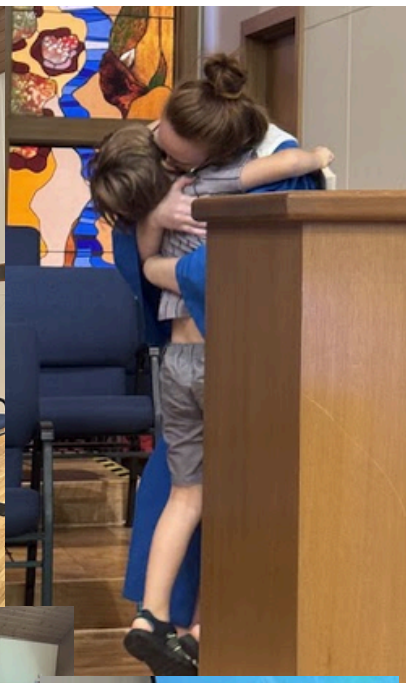
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September Worship































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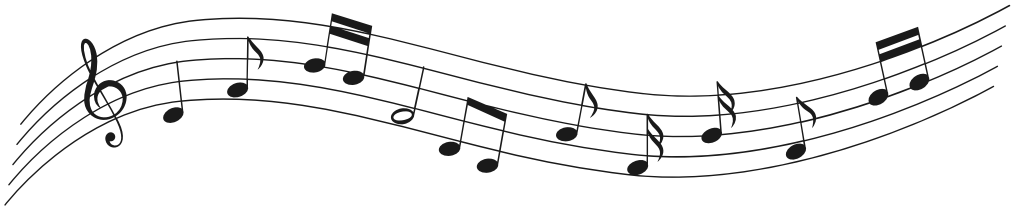
Sunday, October 4 @ 11:00 AM - World Communion
Scripture: Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1–9
Sermon Title: “Enemies of Gratitude: Worry”

Sunday, October 11 @ 11:00 AM - Faith & Blue Sunday
Scripture: Psalm 106:1–5,19–23; Matthew 22:1–14
Sermon Title: “Enemies of Gratitude: Entitlement”



Sunday, October 18 @ 11:00 AM - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Psalm 96:1–9; Matthew 22:15–22
Sermon Title: “Enemies of Gratitude: Greed”

Sunday, October 25 @ 11:00 AM - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Matthew 22:34–46; Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Sermon Title: “Enemies of Gratitude: Disappointment”





Choir Rehearsals

We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of the WPC choir. The choral season officially began August 30th, but newcomers are welcome all the time! Please reach out to Music Minister Jackie Ancelet if you have any questions.



LEARN

October Sunday School Kids & Youth

Kindergarten - 5th grade

meets in the Education Wing



Our elementary Sunday School class will study *Spark: Activate Faith,* a Bible-centered Sunday school to learn our essential faith lessons.

October 4 - "Isaac's Blessing"
October 11 - "Free From Slavery"
October 18 - "The Red Sea"
October 25 - "The Ten Commandments"

6th-8th Grade

meets in the Youth Room

Our Junior High students will study *Professing Our Faith.* We will explore the meaning of their baptism and participation at the Lord's Supper, stewardship, spiritual practices and more!



October 4 - "Take a Stand (Building a Foundation of Faith)"
October 11 - "FAQs (Sharing the Christian Faith)"
October 18 - "Awesome God"
October 25 - "Something Comes From Nothing (We Have a Place in God's World)"

9th-12th Grade

meets in the Zoo room

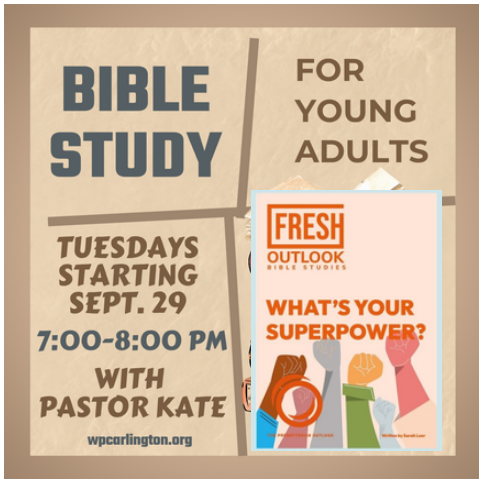
This year, Senior High are studying *Can I Ask That?,* part of the *Sticky Faith* curriculum. Taking their faith journey further, they'll get to talk about tough questions regarding God, the Bible, and Christianity.



October 4 - "Can I Trust the Bible?"
October 11 - "Can I Trust the Bible?"
October 18 - "Can I Trust the Bible?"
October 25 - "Does the Bible Contradict Itself?"

Fall Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 7–8pm

All in their 20s and 30s are invited to join Pastor Kate for a Bible study on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm. This fall, we'll wonder together: ***What's Your Superpower?*** We live in a world where it is easy to be overwhelmed by evil systems and actions. Yet, we have great God-given power. These four sessions explore the power granted to us through God in the Holy Spirit and how these gifts can translate to making a difference in our day-to-day lives. As it has been said, with great power comes great responsibility! Friends, visitors, and members; strong believers, doubters, and still-figuring-it-out; wherever you are, come join us on the journey of faith.



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October Sunday School Adults

Adult One - Bible Study

This adult Sunday School class is a traditional Bible study, with thought-provoking questions through the study of Adam Hamilton's *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why.* Reach out to Stephanie West if you would like to be on the email list for this class.



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.

October 4 - *The Name of the Rose* by Umberto Eco - Fourth Day
October 11 - *The Name of the Rose* - Fifth Day
October 18 - *The Name of the Rose* - Sixth Day
October 25 - *The Name of the Rose* - Seventh Day (finish the book)

Adult Three - Discovering God

Pastor Max leads this class about what God does in our lives, especially through religious and near-death experiences. Expect to be challenged, uplifted, and encouraged. Expect plenty of time for questions, discussion, and sharing of your own experiences of God.

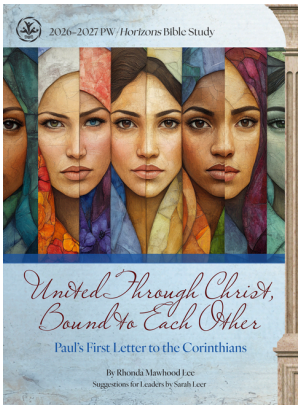




Women's Circle

Thursday, October 1 @ 7:00 PM on Zoom
OR
Tuesday, October 20 @ at 9:30 AM (light breakfast) @ 10:15 AM (study)





Join us as we begin our new study, "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" by Rev. Dr. Rhonda Mawhood Lee on 1 Corinthians. We will begin with a light breakfast hosted by **Shirley Lewis** and fellowship at 9:30 AM, followed by our lesson led by **Sharon Owens** at 10:15 AM in the library. Study books for Day or Night Circle are $15 payable to Pat Staley & available for pick up.

Lesson Two: Connected in Christ
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 3–4
Main Idea: Through our baptism in Christ, we have all the gifts we need to live well, grow spiritually, resolve conflicts, and care for each other as members of one family.

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Grace Presbytery Event: Resisting Islamaphobia

THURSDAY
OCT 22
from 6:00 to 8:30 PM
Preston Hollow
Presbyterian Church

Resisting Islamophobia

An Evening of Conversation and Shared Witness



Thursday, October 22, 2026
from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church
9800 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX

register through the QR code or this link:
bit.ly/4xq9qHF

REGISTER HERE

The Social Justice Public Witness Committee of Grace Presbytery presents Resisting Islamophobia:

- to strengthen connections between the North Texas Presbyterian and Muslim communities so folks feel less isolated and alone;
- to educate and inform on the current issues facing Muslims in North Texas;
- and to provide action items so we can stand as a public witness against hate.

ALL are welcome! A halal dinner is included with your $10 registration fee. In-person space is limited.



SPEAKER: Mustafaa Carroll is a Community Servant and Activist. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas Office of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR-TX, DFW).



SPEAKER: Dr. Aminah Iftikhar Chowdhry holds a PhD in Religion and Philosophy and serves as Outreach Lead at East Plano Islamic Center. She is committed to making a positive difference through faith, education, and service.



SPEAKER: Dr. Hind Jarrah is one of the founders of The Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, a nonprofit organization established in 2005 in the aftermath of September 11 and dedicated to the empowerment of all women. TMWF programs included education, interfaith and outreach, philanthropy, and social services.



SPEAKER: Dr. Todd Green is the Executive Director of America Indivisible, a coalition effort to address rising bigotry against members of Muslim communities. He is a prominent scholar of Islamophobia, and has authored books including *The Fear of Islam: An Introduction to Islamophobia in the West* and *Presumed Guilty: Why We Shouldn't Ask Muslims to Condemn Terrorism.*

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Library Lunches

Join us on October 4 at 12:30 PM to pack the next set of lunches. Hear from Yleen George how the first Delivery & Packing went!



Thank you so much to Cheryl, Susan and Jim, Barbara, Janet, and Sandra for your contributions to sandwich packing!

When we arrived at the library, Harriet Willis met us and introduced us to the people at the Recovery Center where the food is distributed. They were all very appreciative of the gift. Harriet wants to meet with us at church in October so that she can express her thanks in person. By the way, the people getting the lunches were overwhelmed with our generosity!

We did get to see some of the people who get DRC services. They are unsheltered at this time but are going through the process of getting help. Harriet shared that before that can happen, they need a social security card, a Texas driver's license, and a birth certificate. That sounds easy to us but just think about it – what if you were homeless!

Dylan Wood is in charge of this program. He spends a lot of his time on the streets looking for homeless people. When you see someone, he asks that you call him and he will find them and hopefully get them in the program. Right now there are about 300 homeless in Arlington.

Making these lunches with you, bagging them, and delivering them and seeing the impact has been a gift to Jimmy and to me. Thank you for being a part of this mission!

Fill the Grocery Basket!

October 4



Thank you for your generous outpouring of food in September! 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.



Quilters

Monday, October 12 at 9:00 AM
Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall
Join our Quilters as they continue making quilts for the Salvation Army Family Life Center!

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Presbyterian Children's Home & Services

A celebration was held at the Waxahachie PCHAS campus on September 19, honoring 65 years of helping foster children. Volunteers, staff members, and house parents were recognized at the event. Over these last sixty-five years, hundreds of young people have been assisted.

The home at Itasca (founded in 1903) will continue to function as well as a new support facility in Hillsboro. Westminster was recently recognized for our contribution of toys and school supplies to assist the more than 200 young people who are aided in this program.

Swift Hotdog Howdy

WPC donated 350 hot dogs to the annual Swift Elementary Hot Dog Howdy back to school event. Many families attended and WPC set out flyers encouraging students to use our little free library! Pictured are WPC volunteers Teresa Sullivan and Bonnie Garcia and Swift Family Engagement Liaison Rosie Prieto Borrego.



Save-the-Date

The next **Guns to Garden event** in Tarrant County is **Sunday, October 18 from 2–5pm at New Mt Rose Baptist Church** (2864 Mississippi Ave, Fort Worth, 76104). At this event, our community can safely turn in firearms, which will be destroyed and forged into garden tools. Volunteers are needed to assist with event setup/cleanup, greeting guests and other tasks.

Guns to Gardens



Details:

"Specials" teachers needed for a small microschool serving students with diverse learning needs. Max 4 students.

- $45/per hour
- 1-2 hours a week (depending on availability)
- Draft & lead lessons in music therapy/dance, art therapy, or adaptive PE

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682-553-0787

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WPC Financial Report



October. Wow. That means that it's less than 100 days until Christmas. Less than 100 days to the end of 2026. We've accomplished a lot in 2026 and we'll accomplish more before the end of the year! Some of what we've done was noticeable, some was behind the scenes. We've had the trees trimmed, we've replaced two air conditioners, and we've replaced the toilets in the ladies' room in the education wing. We've added wiring and additional security cameras. We also had a successful Vacation Bible School, started some new Connect Groups (Maker's Table and Just Desserts), and the Youth went on another successful mission trip. New staff with familiar faces - Jackie "2Hats" Ancelet and David & Makayla Buckley - have joined our staff as Administrative Assistant and Directors of Children & Youth. We have added night groups to our robust fellowships, Women's Circle and our Quilting Group. All of this would not be possible without your faithful support of WPC. Your giving allows us to continue do the things that everyone can see as well as do the things that are behind the scenes.

A reminder - 3rd quarter giving statements will be sent out sometime in mid to late October. When you get them, please check them to make sure what we have received in relation to what giving makes sense to you.

Financials as of 8/31/26
Income: $238,734
Disbursements: $214,970
Net Income: $23,764

With Gratitude,
Michelle Rodriguez
Treasurer



Living Waters for the World Update

Our Living Waters of the World (LWW) team is taking significant steps forward to expand our clean water mission, equip our members, and build long-term sustainability for our church's international mission projects. This September, two of our water mission team members attended Clean Water U for specialized instruction:

Daniel Garcia underwent Educator Training to prepare community education strategies for health and hygiene. Matthew Baltensperger completed the Project Management Training to oversee site logistics, construction, and system implementation.

In the coming months, Catherine Fritz and Matthew Baltensperger will travel to San Andrés, Guatemala. This trip is a follow-up visit with our existing local partners to ensure water system performance and sustainability. It will also allow our team to evaluate potential sites for future water purification system installations in the region.

Looking ahead to spring, Charles Kennedy and up to two additional team members plan to attend the April session of Clean Water U. Expanding our cohort of trained team members ensures our church maintains deep expertise and leadership across all technical, educational, and operational disciplines.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and support as our mission team prepares for these training sessions and international deployments.

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WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

Sunday, October 4

In the 8th century before Christ, the humble prophet Micah was deeply in touch with the plight of the people. He envisioned a world where everyone would be free to live into the fullness of the life God intended. Yet the society and the culture in Micah's day did not match his visions of God's reign — there was no justice, kindness or humble living. The World Communion Offering is a re-envisioned way for Presbyterians to "love kindness" expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this Offering. The prophet Micah is clear: our love of God moves us to faithful action through justice, kindness and humble living. Participating in the Churchwide Special Offerings is one way Presbyterians show their love for God and help all God's children live into the fullness of Micah's prophecy.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet. We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God's mission of welcome, justice and hope. We step beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood and into the life of the worldwide church, learning to see God's image more clearly in one another. Let's be a global, connected church, shaped by God's endless love. Thank you for your support of these vital ministries with the World Communion Offering. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

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Beer Tasters



Friday October 16 @ 7 PM

Beer Tasters is BACK, baby! See you October 16 for more delicious beer and fellowship.





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Bookworms

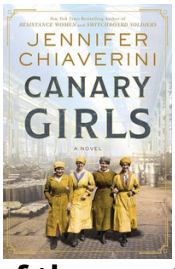
Wednesday, October 7 @ 2:00 PM on Zoom

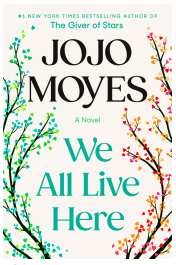
On October 7 Bookworms will be discussing *The Better Sister* by Alafair Burke. As reported in the last newsletter this is a novel which has been made into a Prime movie. This is a psychological suspense novel involving two sisters, Chloe and Nicky, who must reunite after lawyer Adam MacIntosh is murdered at the family's beach house. Complicating the situation is the fact that each sister was married to Adam at one point and Nicky is the mother of Ethan, her son with Adam. Ethan is the prime suspect in the crime and the sisters must put together an end to old resentments and family secrets to protect him.

Our November read is *Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverinni. This historic fiction book tells the story of British women who worked in munitions factories during World War I. The novel follows three women from different social classes whose lives connect during the war. These women handled TNT explosives with little protective gear which caused their skin to turn a bright yellow color and resulted in health issues. The themes of this novel include sacrifice and danger, camaraderie, and female empowerment.

In December we are reading *We All Live Here* by popular author Jojo Moyes. This novel follows the story of Lila Kennedy, an overwhelmed mother juggling a chaotic family life and career. More information will come in the next edition of The Well.







Upcoming books include:
January—*The Doorman* by Chris Pavone
February—*The Phoenix Pencil Company* by Allison King
March—*All Fours* by Miranda July

If you haven't joined us by Zoom at 2:00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month, it's never too late!! Come for one meeting or come for all!!



Ladies' Lunch Out

Wednesday October 14 @ 1 PM
David's BBQ (2224 W Park Row Dr H)

Our ladies had a great time at El Chico's Mexican Restaurant in September. Come try some wonderful food. Pay your own way, RSVP to Pastor Kate, or just join us!



Men's Group

Thursday, October 15 @ 7:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall
Come put the 'fella' back in fellowship this fall!
Reach out to Charles Kennedy with questions.

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WPC Littles (0-5 yrs)

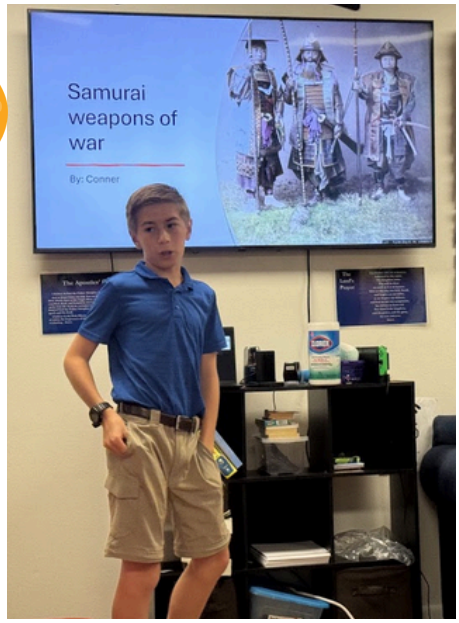
WPC Kids (K-6th grade)

Save the Date!



WPC Youth (7th-12th grade)





OCT 4TH	Make Pet Treats for Blessing of the Pets Lunch Provided 12:30-3:00PM
OCT 11TH	Youth After Dark Dinner & Snacks Provided 6:00PM-12:00AM *Feel Free to Leave Earlier*
OCT 18TH	Bowling or Putt-Putt (weather dependent) @ Alley Cats Arlington Lunch Provided Pick up @ 2008 W Pleasant Ridge Rd Arlington TX, 76015 12:30-3:00PM
OCT 25TH	Halloween Party Lunch Provided 12:30-3:00PM



For more details or questions about these events, please email us at families@wpcarlington.org

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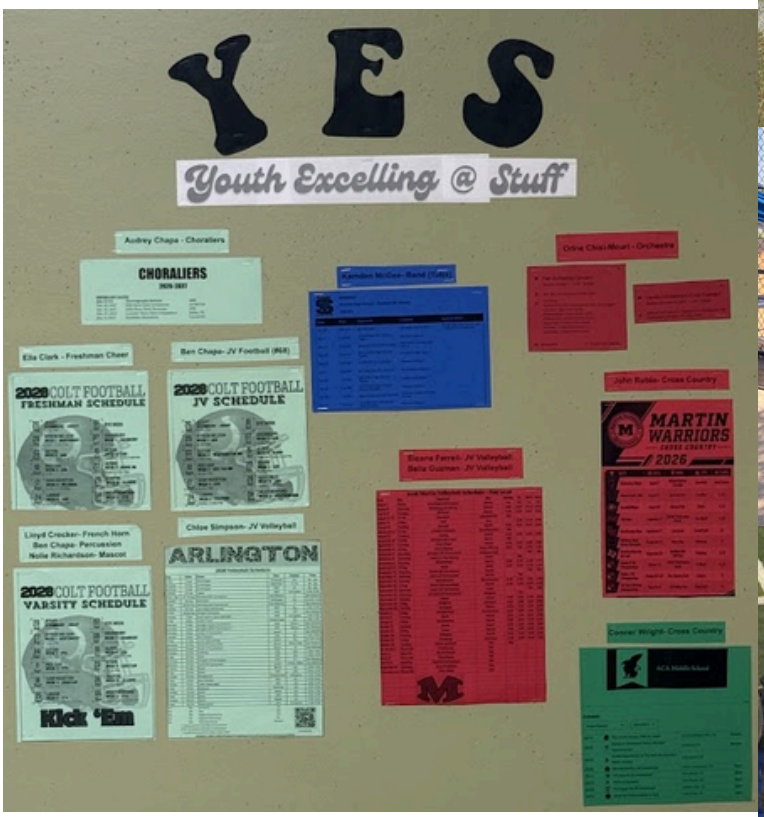
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Upcoming Events

Check out the awesome Y.E.S. board in Bullock Hall next time you're in the church! There are so many different activities that our youth and children do every week. Reach out to David & Makayla at families@wpcarlington.org to find out about even more fellowship opportunities. Come out and support our WPC Y&C!!



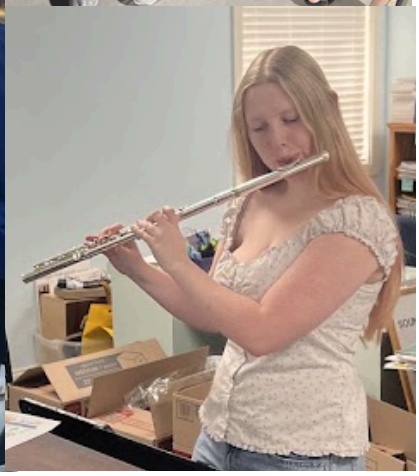












In the last full week of September, the Buckleys hit a personal record of attending seven different events, supporting fifteen of WPC's Youth & Children!

If you want the Buckleys and church family to come to your events, please reach out to them to add your schedule to the YES Board!

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Fellowship Opportunities



Second Breakfast

Craving a little extra fellowship? On Second Sundays, meet your Westie besties (WPC friends) at Jay Jay Cafe (1001 S Bowen Rd) for breakfast before Sunday School! See a Faith Formation elder or Erin B. with questions.









Just Desserts

Our second Just Desserts gatherings are finished! Want to join in the third round? Pick up a sign-up form at church, or click on the link in the graphic to sign up. Invitations are always open!



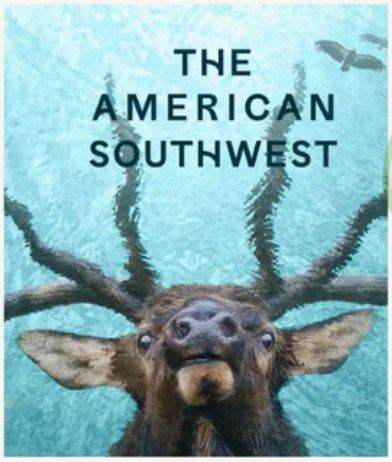
EARTH CARES CONGREGATION
INAUGURAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Earth Cares Committee at WPC is hosting our first film festival this fall highlighting three award-winning films that will inform, entertain, and impress you with their creative and diverse approaches to highlighting issues around environmental justice. The movies will occur over three weeks in late October to early November, held in WPC's Sanctuary. Light refreshments and optional discussion will follow in our Fellowship Hall. Please join us for the following amazing films:

THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

Saturday, October 24

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



Follow the nearly 1,500-mile path of the Colorado River from the Rocky Mountains down to the Gulf of California. It highlights regional animals like beavers, bull elk, condors, rattlesnakes, and jaguars and addresses water overuse, the impact of dams, and the ongoing climate crisis, acting as a call to action for conservation.

FLOW

Sunday, November 1

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Flow follows a courageous cat after his home is devastated by a great flood. Teaming up with a capybara, a lemur, a bird, and a dog to navigate a boat in search of dry land, they must rely on trust, courage, and wits to survive the perils of a newly aquatic planet. This film is a profound meditation on the fragility of the environment & the spirit of friendship and community.

OUR MOVEMENT STARTS HERE

Saturday, November 7

4:00 PM --6:00 PM



A powerful documentary about grassroots activism and environmental justice in the American South. The film centers the story of a rural community in North Carolina who articulated the concept of environmental racism in 1982 by fighting the state's toxic landfill. This landmark action brought together civil rights activists and environmentalists to fight for a common goal.

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Save the Date



CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10,
9:00 AM–1:00 PM

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Legacy Sunday November 15

Worship & Luncheon

Everyone leaves a legacy.
What kind will you leave?
A legacy of love? A legacy of purpose?
You can do both by supporting the mission of WPC to impact generations to come.



Maker's Table

Saturday, December 5
10:00 am–11:30 am

Bring a plate of cookies for a Pittsburgh-style cookie exchange with Carrie, and make a snowflake with Rev. Miranda!

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Gilmont Fall Programs

Young Adult Retreat at Gilmont
Friday, October 16 - Sunday, October 18

Come immerse yourself in creation and embrace wonder-filled play! Activities throughout the weekend include canoeing, axe throwing, crate stacking, hiking, group games, and more.
Craft supplies and prayer stations will be available.
There will be plenty of time to relax and rest among creation.
Register today with just a $75 deposit -- the first 30 people to register will receive up to $100 off their registration via a grant from the Grace Presbytery's Generational Leadership Development Committee. Click **here** for more information and registration!



North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage #56
October 23-25 @ Camp Gilmont

During the three days of a Pilgrimage weekend, participants form a small Christian community. They worship, study and share with one another while gaining a personal awareness of their faith and the joys and responsibilities that are a result of that faith. The purpose of Pilgrimage is for the participants to discover a new and exciting relationship with Christ and to encourage them to take this new-found relationship back to their home. It challenges and equips each local church member for Christian action in their local church, in their home, in their place of work and in their community. Questions? Reach out to Harry Staley, Barbara & Charles Kennedy, Earlene Pike, or Pastor Kate. Scholarships are available. Check out a short video about Pilgrimage and register at ntpp.org.

Cozy Craft Camp for Adults
Friday, November 13 - Sunday, November 15

Come to Gilmont for an adults-only weekend retreat designed for slowing down, getting creative, and enjoying good company. From Friday evening to Sunday, it's all about cozy vibes, creating crafts, and doing exactly as much (or as little) as you want. We'll have a guided group workshop, self-led craft stations, and the option to bring a project from home to work on. The schedule is intentionally low-key, so you have the freedom to follow whatever sounds fun in the moment. There's plenty to enjoy beyond crafting including board games, puzzles, video games, and quiet spaces for reading, stretching, or just relaxing. Hoodies and sweatpants are encouraged. The cost of Cozy Craft Camp includes a Supply Fee so all specialty items needed for the crafts will be provided for you! Click **here** for more information & registration.

CONNECT Mo-Ranch Fall Programs



Come spend a special weekend getaway at Mo with your daughter(s) of all ages! Get away from the busyness of life and all of its distractions to spend time together having fun outdoors. There will be tons of activities, and plenty of time to laugh, to have fun and to celebrate the special bond that mothers and daughters share. Click here for more information & registration.

Holiday Craft Weekend
Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8

Come to Mo-Ranch for a fun, art-filled weekend before the holiday season gets too busy! This is the perfect opportunity for you to make some creative Christmas gifts and holiday decorations. The retreat leadership will guide you through hands-on Christmas craft workshop courses. There is something at this retreat for everyone, regardless of artistic skill or ability. All supplies will be provided. Click here for more information & registration.

A Safe Place: Retreat for Bereaved Parents
Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8

This is a retreat where parents who have lost a child can come together to navigate their grief. It will be led by grief support leaders who have experienced grief themselves. This weekend will include sacred stories, presentations on the nature and dynamics of grief, small group discussions, and spiritual practices designed to promote comfort on your grief journey.
Mo-Ranch and Faith & Grief Ministries are combining their respective gifts to make this retreat available, provinding you with a safe venue to wrestle with the dynamics of grief and to experience significant measures of hope and encouragement. Click here for more information & registration.

Make your reservation now for Thanksgiving at Mo-Ranch! Here is a link to the menu. Call 800.460.4401 to make your reservation for any of the times offered: 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM.



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W.P.C. in the Wild!







September Session Highlights

1. Session approved the funding for Matt Baltensperger and Catherine Fritz to return to Guatemala for a sustainability and feasability trip in November for Living Waters for the World.
2. Session approved a building use request for MidCities Destination Imagination training team managers in October.
3. The Buckleys were commended for their hard work in multiple areas for our youth and children. They also shared a report outlining their vision and foundation for their ministry.

A Thank You from the Bridges



We cannot express our deep appreciation and thanks for all the love, cards, emails, phone calls, and especially prayers that we received from WPC before, during, and after Charles's shoulder replacement surgery. This has truly been a lengthy experience which you all made much easier for us. Because of you we went into the surgery confident of the outcome, and as the good wishes continued afterward, many difficult days were made much brighter. You truly put the CARE in WPC and we are so grateful to all of you.

In Grace & Gratitude,
Charles & Linda Bridges



The More You Know

Did you know...Pastor Kate's sabbath is on Monday? Sunday has been the day of rest for Christians since its earliest beginnings, but what about those whose vocation is to lead other Christians through their faith journey? You pick another day! Rest can be just as holy as prayer. How is one to have an overflowing cup to share if their own cup is depleted? So, let us be good stewards of our church and its wonderful pastor, and let her rest on Mondays!

WHAT'S UP AT WPC

Serving the Lord in October



October 4 Communion Servers

Les Brooks, Justin Chapa, David Ferrell, Rob Henderson, Charles Kennedy, Rollin Phipps





Liturgist

Les Brooks

Media Team

10/4 - Steve West, Caitlin Cooke, Jackie Ancelet, Keith Richardson
10/11 - Jill Wesstrom, Teri Wardrup, Jackie Ancelet, Chris Simpson
10/18 - Kristin Hathaway, Carol Raburn, Jackie Ancelet, John Garcia
10/25 - Harry Staley, Steve West, Jackie Ancelet, Chris Hatcher





Greeters

10/4 - Shirley Lewis & Michelle Rodriguez
10/11 - Bonnie Shwadlenak
10/18 - Jill Spencer
10/25 - Dan Stoyak



Flower Donations

10/4 - In memory of Janet Kovatch's mother
10/11 - In honor of the Wesstroms' birthdays: Jill, Stephen, and Erin
10/18 - In honor of Sally & Zeb Wright's 14th wedding anniversary
10/25 - In honor of Ruth Juhler's children, Robin & John



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 Barbara Kennedy, and she will get you connected!

WHAT'S UP AT WPC



WPC Prayer Focus

10/4 - Women's Circle
10/11 - Young Adult Ministry
10/18 - Youth Group
10/25 - Arlington Charities

Presbytery Prayer Focus

10/4 - Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dallas
10/11 - Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, Denison
10/18 - First Presbyterian Church, Denton
10/25 - St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Denton

Prayer Requests: Charles Bridges; Michael Smith; Alexis Harrison; Linda Wilson; Nick Pike; Rollin Phipps; Kate Smith; Anne Cooke; Jakie Spinks; Janis & Bardin Nelson; Elizabeth Barney; Ed & Linda Frazee; Ruth Juhler's son John; the Baltenspergers' family Magi & Joe Bissonnette; Jim Dugan's son Marty Jerome; Bob & Linda Wilson's friends Dale & Joe Bergeron; Jackie Ancelet's friend Fr. Mike Maroney; Carrie Leverenz's friend Annette Bohinski; Ben Chapa's friends Sam Soto & Sta'Shaun Wesley; Chad Bridges & his friend Kevin Smith; David Ferrell's fiancée Julie Buckner; Stephanie West's daughter Maddie; Sally Wright's cousin Emily and her family; Pattie Marshall's friend Voleen Bailey; Janet Kovatch's friends Judy & Rhonda; Debra Nelson's uncle Travis Williams; Michael Carr's brother Chris; Maggie Del Angel's brother Bernie & mother Lela; 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 friends Eizabel & Judy Fragua

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

1 - KEITH RICHARDSON
2 – SANDRA MORRIS
3 – JILL WESSTROM
4 – STEPHEN WESSTROM
5 - DORIS HOLLAND, REV. DR. JIM REINARZ
9 - CHI AMBAM
10 - REID RICHARDSON
11 - CHRIS MCMURROUGH
14 – ERIN BALTENSPERGER, MORGAN LEVERENZ
15 - DIVINE AMOUH
18 – RILEY CANTERBURY, SCOTT JOHNSON
20 - SANDY HARRIS
22 - LAURA WESTERLAGE
24 - CLARIBEL AMBAM
25 - TRISTAN GRECU
27 – NIKKI THOMPSON
28 - PATRICK MARCELLO



CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

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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.

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