

I have always loved the words of Lewis Carroll, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." It is a truth I think all of us can appreciate. If we don't have a plan, if we don't have a goal, if we don't have a sense of what truly matters to us together with the determination to pursue it, we are destined to wander aimlessly wherever the chance experiences of life may happen to lead us.

Now all of us, of course, are unique individuals who have our own particular ways of going at life. We follow different dreams. We choose different goals. We walk different paths. But, as Christians it is vital for us to ask, "What role does our faith have in establishing the dreams that we chase?" If we reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus I believe it is clear that he was calling us to "Seek first the kingdom of God." We are invited to share the privilege of working with God in a process which ultimately will bring all of creation to the fulfillment of God's vision. In practical terms what this means for us is that the plans we make, the goals we pursue, the dreams we cherish, ought to finally reflect the vision of God as we see and understand it in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

This, of course, is an ongoing process. Life is complicated. It changes. We are confronted with new challenges and new opportunities. We change, as well, as the years unfold. To borrow another truth from Lewis Carroll, "I can't go back to yesterday, because I was a different person then." Therefore it is important for all of us to continually assess our approach to life in the light of our faith. What is God calling us to do, to be, to support, to believe in, to act upon, in this moment. Perhaps it will be something new, or a way of living or serving that we never thought of before.

What applies to individuals is equally true for us together as the body of Christ. During this month our Session will hold a retreat to reflect upon our understanding of how we can best serve our Lord as a church. What are the specific things we should be focusing on as a family of faith at this particular time in our history? This is a unique moment. The world changes and we change. We are in a time of transition. We need to seek clarity in our understanding of where God is leading us so that we will be able to choose the right roads to take. This is important work and it is also exciting work. God is with us. Please keep the Session in your prayers. If you have thoughts or suggestions that you would like to share please take a few moments to speak with one of our elders. You can also send me an email and I will be happy to pass it along.

At all times, as individuals and together as a church, let us welcome this work to which we have been called. Let us pray that in various ways whether they be great or small, by the grace of God his kingdom will come through us.

God bless you all!



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Ę				Library Open 9am-Noon Caregiver Support Group	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	SATURDAT S
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SUNDAY 4	MONDAY 5	TUESDAY 6	WEDNESDAY 7	THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 9	SATURDAY 10
Communion Worship Service 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303	Library Open 9am-Noon Communion at Westminster WP		
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am	Book Club 7pm, Rm 303			11am Committee Night		
Library Open 9:30am-Noon PNC Meeting	7pm, km 505			6:30pm Chairs 7pm Prayer Svc 7:30pm Meetings		
Noon, Rm 317						
SUNDAY 11	MONDAY 12	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16	SATURDAY 17
Blessing of the Backpacks @ the 10:30 Service	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Board Meeting 10am, Rm 303 Worship Mtg.	Library Open 9am-Noon Deacon Meeting	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH	
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary	11:30am, FH		4pm, Rm 303 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	7pm, Rm 301		
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am						
Library Open 9:30am-Noon						
PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317						
SUNDAY 18	MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21	THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23	SATURDAY 24
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Ladies' Game Night	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen	Library Open 9am-Noon Coalition	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen	
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am	6pm-Dinner 7pm-Games, Rm 317		Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303	Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen	Sort Toiletries 10am/Kitchen	
Library Open 9:30am-Noon			Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Session Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH	
PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317					Serve the Meal 4:30pm/FH-gather	
<b>Youth Group</b> 5pm, Rm 204					5:30pm Depart	
SUNDAY 25	MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 30	SATURDAY 31
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary	<b>Library Open</b> 9am-Noon <b>Tai Chi</b>	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers	<b>Library Open</b> 9am-Noon	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH	
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am	11:30am, FH		6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir			
Library Open 9:30am-Noon PNC Meeting			7:15pm, Sanctuary			
Noon, Rm 317 Youth Group						
5pm, Rm 204						





# JACKET AND SUPPLY DRIVE FOR STUDENTS IN NEED AT:

## ALOMA, BROOKSHIRE, AND KILLARNEY ELEMENTARY

# DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED JULY 14TH - AUGUST 11TH

LOOK FOR THE BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL LABELED "BACK TO SCHOOL JACKET AND SUPPLY DRIVE"

# ITEMS NEEDED

# **GENTLY USED OR NEW BACKPACKS**

Lined Paper • Spiral Notebooks (Wide Ruled) Composition Notebooks (Wide Ruled) Folders with Pockets • #2 Pencils Cap Erasers • Pink Erasers • Pencil Pouch Glue Sticks • Elmer's Glue • Safety Scissors Washable Markers • Colored Pencils • Crayons Boxed Facial Tissue • Hand Sanitizer Expo Dry Erase Markers

Lightweight Jackets for Youth Sizes S, M, L & XL

Everyone is invited to help fill the backpacks after the 10:30 service on August 11th in the Fellowship Hall.

The compassion committee thanks you for your support of this local Mission.



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Parents' Night Out is an opportunity for parents to enjoy a date night or fellowship with other young adults while their children get together for games, movies, pizza, and more!

Parents' Night Out is held monthly on the first Friday of each month from 5:30-8:30 pm. The cost is \$5/per child.

Contact the front office to reserve your child's spot today!



TEACHER

NEEDED

# ATTENTION: **ALL 9TH GRADERS AND ABOVE!**

Starting in Fall of 2019, WPPC will have a Confirmation Class for all unconfirmed 9th and 10th graders, as well as anyone older who has not been confirmed.

Please contact the office to be sure you are on the list to be contacted for updates concerning Confirmation!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Please contact Pastor Emily it you are interested in giving your time on sunday mornings to be a Teacher's Aide.

Teacher's Aides are not responsible for curriculum or activity planning. They assist sunday school teachers with crafts, readings, and supervision.

R in A Sunday School 9:15—10:15 AM Room 301



#### August 4—The Holy Land Revealed: Samaria and the Northern Kingdom of Israel

After the 10 northern tribes broke away from Judah and formed their own kingdom, eventually Samaria became its capital, only 35 miles from Jerusalem. Tremendous tension and rivalry developed between them. Join us as Professor Jodi Magness describes this period from the Hebrew Bible in Lesson 6 from the series. Gene Pickler will lead this discussion.

#### August 11—Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Bill Beardall will discuss the future of the DACA program for immigrant children and The American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 currently languishing in Congress. Bill, son of WPPC member Mary Beardall, is a professor at the University of Texas School of Law and the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Center, a non-profit employment justice and civil rights organization with offices in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Houston. Please see his bio below.

#### August 18– Spiritual Conversation Series

Continuing with the *Spiritual Conversation Series* of the Relationships in Action Sunday School Class, Matt Straub will have a surprise guest that will present his/her take on life. The *Conversation Series* invites people to share formative ideas and events which have helped shape their beliefs.

#### August 25—Stave Churches of Norway

These churches were built from 1120 to 1350 in the Medieval Period and have become Norway's most important contribution to the world's architectural heritage. Reta Jackson, who has just returned from Norway, will share her pictures and information on the history and the construction of such a unique church that has become an icon, representing the cultural heritage of a nation. We will also understand why of the thousand Stave Churches built, only 28 remain today.

#### Bill Beardall—August 11th Speaker in R in A Sunday School Class



Bill Beardall grew up in Central Florida and is the son of WPPC member Mary Beardall. He is currently a professor at the University of Texas School of Law and the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Center, a non-profit employment justice and civil rights organization with offices in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston.

The Equal Justice Center empowers immigrant and low-wage working people to enforce their fundamental employment rights - even in this era when the rights of immigrants and workers are under widespread attack. More than \$11.5 million total has been recovered in wage cases for low-wage working men and women, since EJC began its wage justice work with a small staff back in 2003. These wage recoveries have come in cases brought by landscapers, restaurant workers, construction laborers,

asbestos removal workers, agricultural and food processing workers, and cleaning service workers, among others. Their claims typically challenge employers' complete non-payment of any wages; failure to pay workers for all of their work hours; or violations of laws requiring payment of minimum wage, overtime, or prevailing wage laws. The EJC clients who have brought and won these cases include U.S. citizens, authorized immigrants, and undocumented immigrants. EJC provides legal assistance to working people regardless of their immigration status.

In addition, The Equal Justice Center is taking vigorous action in two separate but parallel campaigns to provide greater protections for vulnerable immigrants in Texas. Equal Justice Center staff is working overtime to help as many young undocumented Dreamers as possible renew their DACA work permits and protections against deportation. Over the last six years the EJC has helped secure DACA protections for more than three thousand young undocumented Dreamers who have grown up in the U.S., completed their educations, and are now productive contributors to our society and economy. The EJC staff provides both individual legal assistance and large-scale community clinics that help Dreamers renew their DACA authorization and sustain their dreams, while pushing at the same time for a permanent solution through Congressional enactment of a Dream Act recognizing Dreamers as full and permanent contributors to our society.

In a second and equally important ongoing campaign, the EJC staff has been conducting large day-long legal clinics to help eligible immigrants successfully apply to become naturalized U.S. citizens. A growing number of lawful permanent resident immigrants are seeking to apply for full citizenship. By becoming citizens they not only gain greater legal security for themselves and their families, they also gain the right to vote and, thereby, a stronger voice in shaping the policies that vitally affect them and their communities. Over the last year, and continuing on into the coming year, the EJC is organizing and conducting dozens of large-scale citizenship clinics where upwards of 50 immigrants in a day are able to get free professional legal assistance completing their citizenship applications. EJC typically conducts these citizenship clinics at schools, churches, union halls, or community organizations, drawing on the legal expertise and organizing skill of EJC staff combined with volunteer participation from pro bono attorneys, law students, and community volunteers.



The parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of a wounded man who is helped by the person who is least expected to help. Dr. Eckard's recent sermon on this passage from Luke reminded us of the times in which Jesus lived: Jews and Samaritans didn't like each other. Today we have the perspective of all the lessons of the New Testament and as Christians we are taught from an early age to love one another, and from that love, to help one another, whether we know the other person or not.

Have you ever been in an accident on the highway? Did someone stop to help you? Did you know one another? Probably not, so why would the stranger waste his time, rather than continue on the way to his destination? You can call 911 anywhere in the United States and tell the emergency call center about the accident and keep driving.

In the spring of 1974 there was a shortage of oil in the United States caused by the OPEC embargo. This created long lines at gas stations and early closings of many stations. Four college classmates were driving from Durham, North Carolina to Nashville, Tennessee to attend a Model United Nations conference at Vanderbilt University. The rental car ran out of gas just outside Asheville, North Carolina at 11:00 o'clock at night, and as they sat in the car on the side of the road, they discussed how to handle the situation. Then they saw headlights coming from behind them and really began to worry. A knock on the window revealed a middle aged man, who asked what the problem was. He gave them his name and said that he had just finished work at a local hospital and was on his way home. He said that he could give them all a lift to the nearest gas station he knew would be open so that they could get enough fuel to drive the car back and fill up the tank. And that is exactly what happened. The students never saw the man again, but they thanked God for this Good Samaritan. They were able to continue their journey and arrived in Nashville in time for the start of the conference.

Business people say that time is money. The Church teaches us that giving of our "gifts" includes time, talent, and money. Some people can give one or two of those gifts; others can give all three. The important message is to give whatever we can when we see a need. Does someone need a ride to a doctor's appointment (or the bank, post office, or grocery store)? Does someone need help cleaning their house because they have been too ill to do it? Have you ever helped a friend move their household or clean out a closet?

Good Samaritans come in all shapes and sizes and fill all kinds of needs.



The Worship Committee would like to introduce you to our new pew envelope!

The envelope lists several offering opportunities for you. Most often you will mark the box for *General Offering*. During the year we will have opportunities to give to *Special Offerings*. If you wish, mark the box for that particular offering choice. The blank box/line allows you to further customize your offering.





### **Church Fellowship Opportunities**

Friendship Club: The Friendship Club is taking a break and will meet again on October 4th.

The Friendship Club started out years ago as a social group for retired members. In the last ten years it has broadened to members and friends who are free for lunch each month. Our main purpose is offering members a chance to know each other better and having fun along the way.

Lunch is usually on the first Friday of the month (but check the church calendar—<u>www.winppc.org/calendar</u> to confirm). We typically meet for lunch, fellowship and a program, starting at 11:30 am and ending about 1:30 pm. Programs vary from entertaining to informative.

Each meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. with a served lunch. Reservations (407-647-1467) for lunch are necessary and must be made by Wednesday noon prior to the Friday meeting. Lunch is only \$5.

ATTN Westminster Winter Park and Mayflower residents: If you need church bus transportation, be sure to request it when you call the church office to RSVP.

The programs begin about 12:15 p.m. If you wish to attend JUST the program, WITHOUT eating, you don't need to make a reservation.



Book Club: The next Book Club meeting is August 5th

The WPPC Book Club (aka The Abibliophobes [those that are afraid of running out of reading material]) generally meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in Room 303 of the church. The books, which include a wide variety of new fiction, classics, and non-fiction, are selected by the participants for several months in advance. Upcoming books are: 8/5—A Prayer for Owen Meany (John Irving); 9/3—Little Women (Louisa May Alcott). Newcomers are welcome at any time to enjoy the discussion and to experience the fellowship. For more information contact Drew Byrne—<u>drewbyrne26@qmail.com</u>.



Hannah Circle: The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 PM in room 301. Their next scheduled meeting is September 9th.



**Elizabeth Bible Study:** The Elizabeth Study Group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. They will resume meeting on November 12th.



Ladies Game Night: Next Game Night is August 19th

All Winter Park Presbyterian Church women are invited to join us at our monthly game night. We usually play Hand and Foot and Bridge, but feel free to come and introduce your favorite game. We typically meet the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7:00 PM in room 317, but check the church calendar—<u>www.winppc.org/calendar</u> for changes.

Better yet, come at 6:00 p.m. and build a salad. One lady brings greens and everyone else brings a cup of something to go into the salad such as onions, beets, chopped eggs, beans, corn, cheese, or anything of your choosing. Bring your own drink and favorite salad dressing and, if you would like, a snack/munchie for later. Come alone or bring a friend! Contact the church office for more information.



## 🗞 This Child Here 🐔

Below is an update from Robert Gamble, Executive Director of *This Child Here*. *This Child Here* is one of the missions supported by WPPC through the Compassion Committee. For more information go to <u>https://www.thischildhere.org/</u>.

These images come from the Peace Camp near Odessa, Ukraine, designed, directed and funded by "This Child Here." Participating families are internally displaced persons who live not far from the war in eastern Ukraine.





We started four years ago with the idea of helping kids, then decided if we were to help kids, we needed to help the families. These photos give you a snapshot into the activities of this camp. Above: teens jump at sunset near the Black Sea, and a boy makes a candle and gives it to his mom with a kiss.

Camp was held at the site of an old Soviet Sanatorium (you think "nuthouse") but really these were places those with money would come to relax in the summers. These sanatoriums have mostly been remodeled to serve families and a host of children's camps for sports and crafts and learning.

Below you see candle making and other crafts, dance classes, games for kids and games for adults. Our plan with camps is to offer these families who live near the war time away, time to strengthen their own family and meet others. They come to me all through it to say, Thank You. I tell them thanks needs to go to the churches and individuals in the USA who support the work of "This Child Here."

Grace and Peace, Robert Gamble



# **Bible Quiz**

During the dramatic experience when God called Isaiah to be a prophet, who or what filled the temple?

- A. 144,000 worshipers
- B. The bottom of God's robe
- C. Smoke
- D. Priests offering sacrifices

Answer: B and C (See Isaiah 6:1-8.)



Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions



Draw lines to connect the biblical figures with the locations associated with them.



Answers: Abraham – Ur, Amos – Tekoa, Ananias – Damascus, Cornelius – Caesarea, Daniel – Babylon, Dorcas – Joppa, Esther – Persia, Jesus – Nazareth, Jonah – Nineveh, Joshua – Canaan, Lydia – Philippi, Martha – Bethany, Moses – Egypt, Naaman – Aram, Ruth – Moab, Saul – Tarsus, Zacchaeus – Jericho







### **COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS** - Here's How to Help

We are delighted to be serving in the new Men's Service Center which has brought many positive changes. Now 250 "residents" are housed there; the "residents" and the folks coming in from the outside "community," are served separately. We are asking volunteer servers to please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office. Volunteers are limited to 15.

What	When		
Bake brownies & mix PB&J (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 8/21 9:00-11:00 AM		
Prepare meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 8/22 9:30-11:30 AM		
Bag brownies ; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 8/23 9:00-10:00 AM		
<b>Donate</b> unopened travel-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors), Handi-Wipes & quart Zip-Lock bags to hold them. The folks also appreciate environmentally-friendly tote bags, and plastic grocery bags to carry toiletries and PB&J sandwiches. <b>NO CLOTHING PLEASE</b> . Contact Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903)	All month: Place in COALTION giant storage box located in Fellowship Hall		
<b>Reading Donations:</b> Magazines for men (sports, cars, National Geographic, news), religious magazines/booklets, paperback books.			
Sort and bag toiletries & reading donations (Marilyn Bryant 407-252-7499)	Fri 8/23 10:00-11:00 AM		
<b>Prepare</b> to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 8/23 4:30-5:15 PM		
<b>Serve</b> the Meal. Please join us in the WPPC Kitchen for departure to the Coalition for the Homeless at 5:30 pm and return by 8:00 PM. Volunteers please wear closed toed shoes to the Homeless Coalition. It is a violation of the health code to wear flip-flops. Please call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 8/23 5:30-8:00 PM NOTE: THE CHURCH VAN IS RESERVED FOR THIS FUNCTION.		
<b>Cleanup kitchen</b> - wash, sanitize items used; store supplies (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 8/23 8:00-8:30 pm		
<b>Financial Donation</b> : Make check out to WPPC. Note on the memo line "Coalition for the Homeless" - mail to WPPC or bring to the church office.	Any Time		

#### HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 50 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide a wonderful meal and a bag of toiletries to our guests at the Coalition. We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent:

- Sort/bag toiletries at church (1 hr/mo)
- Make PB&J sandwiches (seated) at church (1 hr/mo)

If you could help out with this special mission, please call or email Nancy Galyean (info below).



Any of the above gifts, or your time, are so appreciated! To help in any way, please contact: Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903 or nangalyean@embarqmail.com



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Jim Ocque LaRue Ott	<b>2</b> Tom Simmons Rich Vinci	<b>3</b> Ernestine Beattie
4	<b>5</b> Marilyn Kieffner	<b>6</b> Bette Jumper	7 Brad Hurd	<b>8</b> Laurie Grizzard Emily Kent Carol Pickler	9	10
<b>11</b> Robbie Dreasher Carol Howell	<b>12</b> Ensley Ashton	<b>13</b> Steve Bryant	14 Cheryl Darcy Malcolm MacDiarmid Justin Marzlock Hilda Shaw	<b>15</b> Mary Beardall	16	<b>17</b> Harper Erb
18	<b>19</b> Sallie Phillips	20	<b>21</b> Bianca Anderson Jean Carolan Isidoro dePaula	22	23	24 Nancy Hamlin
<b>25</b> Sandy Matrick	<b>26</b> Larry Seel Ann Tebbetts	<b>27</b> Ann MacDiarmid	<b>28</b> Susan Price	29	<b>30</b> Donna Ettinger	<b>31</b> Marilyn Simmons



The Rev. Dr. Robert Eckard, Interim Pastor The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant Justin Chase, Director of Music Penny Walsh, Organist Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music Kenny Lovelace, Sexton Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton

#### SESSION

2019 Will Lawrence Will McCurdy Rachel Myers Dail Pribil Doug Reece Debby Tallungan 2020 Doris Anguish Marilyn Bryant Rick Davis Steve House Larry Seel Bob White

2021 Phillip Anderson Lisa Dreasher Jayne Leach Shaheed Mohammed Peter Rice Nelson Roe

#### DIACONATE 2019 2020 2021 Nancy Appich Ardyth Austin Mike Galyean Barbara Edwards Caroline James Reta Jackson Bonnie Gaughan Julie Kent Jim McKinney Fran Morrissey Ellenorr Osterhaus Curtis Koon Cynthia Nants Dennis Schmalstig Sara Van Arsdel **Eileen Silvers** Matt Straub Jeanne Vinci

#### MISSIONARIES

Rev. Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell - Brazil Jenny Bent - Dominican Republic Mark Hare - Haiti Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar