



The Covenanter

August 2023



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Meet our New Preschool Director!

We would like to welcome our newest staff member to Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Ms. Nicole Fye is joining us as our new Director of Preschool Programs. She is a 2021 graduate of the University of Central Florida, receiving a Masters in Educational Leadership. She also received her Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication in 2012 from SCAD and an Associate Degree in General Education in 2010 from Seminole State College. Ms. Fye also holds Certificates in Child Care Center Management Specialization, Early Childhood Education, Preschool Specialization and Early Childhood Education Infant/Toddler Specialization, and Florida Department of Children and Families Director’s Credentials.

She is described by those who know her best as “ambitious, responsible, and organized.” Nicole is “creative, caring, and makes time for others.” She describes herself as a “problem solver, detail oriented, and one who isn’t afraid of a challenge.”

We thank you for your patience during a time of transition. Winter Park Presbyterian Church is committed to providing excellence in childcare, preschool programming, and spiritual encouragement for your children. Our church staff, teachers, and our new director are here should you need anything. We look ahead to a bright future – desiring to serve, sharing the Good News found in Jesus Christ and providing a place where children of all ages may come, learn, worship, and live lives reflective of God’s grace, mercy, and peace.

-WPPC Personnel Committee

August 9th
Welcome Ms. Fye / 9:30-10am in Fellowship Hall
Meet the Teacher Day / 10:00-11:30am

August 10th
First Day of School

September 4th
Labor Day / No School



		TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4	SATURDAY 5
			Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Coalition Mix & Bake Brownies 9am/Kitchen	Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Serve the Meal 3:30pm/FH-gather 4:00pm/Depart
SUNDAY 6	MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11	SATURDAY 12
Communion Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301		Communion Svc at Westminster 11am	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 13	MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18	SATURDAY 19
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30 Service	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Board Mtg 10:30am, Rm 301	Deacon Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 20	MONDAY 21	TUESDAY 22	WEDNESDAY 23	THURSDAY 24	FRIDAY 25	SATURDAY 26
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30 Service	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301		Session Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 27	MONDAY 28	TUESDAY 29	WEDNESDAY 30	THURSDAY 31		
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church During 10:30 Service Bible Recap Group 11:30am, Rom 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301				

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HUMOR

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...

... an ice cream man? Sundae school

... a giant? High school

... a surfer? Boarding school

... King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

Student: In jail!



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

JULY 2ND—AUGUST 6TH

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR FOR BOYS AND GIRLS SIZES SMALL (4-5) TO XXL (16-18)

For many years, we have supported Aloma and Killarney Elementary Schools in their efforts to properly supply their students for a successful school year. This year BOTH schools have expressed what they really need is **children's underwear for boys and girls in sizes small (4-5) to XXL (16-18)**.

Please join the Compassion Committee in supporting these two schools by purchasing a pack of unopened underwear. We will have red donation bins in the narthex and foyer for these items.



WPPC NEWS & INFO

RALLY DAY IS RETURNING!

Please save the date: Sunday, August 27. We will have the commissioning of our Preschool and Sunday School teachers, as well as the *Blessing of the Backpacks*, where our students can be recognized and given a blessing for the upcoming school year. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Stay tuned for more details!

RELATIONSHIP IN ACTION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The RinA class will not meet in August. The class will resume September 10th.

DONATIONS OF TOILETRY BAGS A HUGE SUCCESS

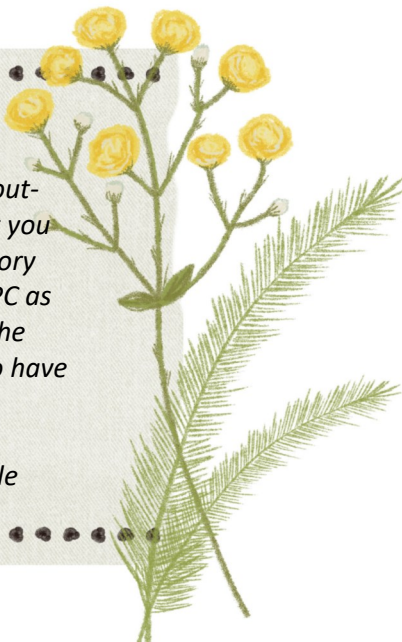


The congregation's generous donations of toiletries were bagged on May 28th after the 10:30am service. Those who participated put soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, razors, lotion, shampoo, and conditioner into quart Ziplock bags along with a WPPC message card. 248 bags were made and taken to *The Plymouth*, a Winter Park Housing Authority property for low-income residents 62+. Tarena Grant, resource coordinator for the WPHA, was delighted to receive the bags and looks forward to distributing them to the residents. Big Thanks to all who donated items and helped fill the bags. These little gifts are sure to bring a lot of smiles!

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE IRWIN FAMILY

Thank you so much for the out-pouring of love and comfort you have given us. Dana's life story cannot be told without WPPC as more than just a chapter...she was, and we are, grateful to have you as family.

*Peace & Love to you all,
Terry Irwin and Carolyn Boyle*



THE POWER OF PRAYER



DEACON'S DEN
DEBBIE PAUZAR,
DEACON

The elderly widow leaned back on the hard seat, holding on as best she could as the constant jarring motion, the frequent stopping and starting of the bus, made her weary bones ache. She wanted to close her eyes and try to rest before her stop, before she would have to walk home... she was so tired, but her mind would not be still. Silently she prayed. "Lord,

thank You for providing a home for me with my son, his wife and 3 grandsons. Thank you for the job you provided for me so that I can contribute to their household. *Times are hard right now, but you always know what we need.* I am so grateful that this horrible war is finally over. Thank You for the hope that we are feeling in Your victory over Germany and Japan. Lord, may there never again be another World War.

Lord. ...I know You hear our prayers...yet...sometimes I worry that I am not trusting enough in You by praying every day and night for my grandsons. But then, I remember the comforting truth in the parable You told right after teaching Your disciples how to pray. You told them about the man who needed bread for a visitor. The neighbor kept refusing his request, *but the man persistently keep asking, And that is what I am doing Lord. I am deeply worried about my grandsons. My heart Is breaking. You see Lord...You see...the 2 teenage boys are rebellious, going out at night...doing things they ought not to do. May their younger brother not follow in their footsteps.*

The widow's silent prayer continued as she got off the bus and walked home. After helping with dinner, she went to her room that was right next to the bedroom her 3 grandsons shared. And as she did each night, she knelt down on the floor in front of the side of her bed, praying with all the love and strength she had for her grandsons, calling out their names loudly as she raised her hands to the Lord, "Rich-ie, Gary-y, My Sweet little Louis."

At night, the older boys would come home late from God knows where, and they would hear her calling their names as she prayed, asking God to save them as they walked by her room. The boys could also see her kneeling in prayer through the small opening in the door. Since the walls of the house were paper thin, all of the boys couldn't help but hear her praying.

For a long time, it seemed as if her prayers were not being answered, yet she never stopped praying, day and night, because of her *faith in the power of prayer, faith in the Lord she loved so deeply, the One who sustained her as she waited for His answer to her prayer.* This story has a happy ending! God answered the elderly widow's prayers in His perfect time. During the 2 older grandsons' college years, He called them to be His Chosen! All three young men became ministers, and throughout their lives they stayed close to the Lord and continued in the ministry. They loved their wives and children and ministered God's truth unfailingly.

This is a true story. Today as I write this, the oldest of her grandsons, Pastor Richard, who is in his later 80s, still preaches right here in Orlando! Richard, the eldest brother, attended U of Florida and became an electrical engineer. Pastor Richard was a chip off the old block. Even though his father was a Pastor, he was also a shoemaker. And though times were very hard, money very scarce, he used his shoemaking income to supplement the needs of his church, a wonderful living example for his sons to witness and follow in their lives. Pastor Gary works in Merritt Island. Recently the youngest grandson Louis passed away but is joyfully waiting for rest of his family to join him in paradise.

My dear church family, never forget the power of persistent prayer for those we love, our prodigals. Remember that sweet grandmother who never gave up on her prodigals, **trusting in the ONE who hears our prayers, knowing that nothing is impossible with Him!**



Art by Phyllis Woods



ORPHAN
ASSISTANCE
FOUNDATION
www.transitionsoaf.org

July 5, 2023

Dear Friends,

Two summers ago, our dream to build two new houses for our foster families began. Our vision was to have all of our houses and cottages for older orphans in close proximity. Miraculously, we found two perfect plots of land for purchase. Our building project fundraiser was a rousing success, and we were blessed with the funds, through your generosity, to begin the project. We had high hopes for the families to be in the homes in less than a year.

However, the outbreak of war more than 16 months ago, put the brakes on the project. Women and children left Ukraine for safer havens. Men and older male orphans were prohibited from leaving, but our younger male orphans who were still wards of the state were transported to other countries for safety. Amidst the uncertainty, construction stopped completely for several months while we regrouped. When it became evident that finishing these houses was not just doable, but also a very real symbol of hope for our families, we resumed construction despite the fact that war was still waging all around with no real hope for resolution in the short term.

Life in Odesa has become a bit more precarious in recent months. Odesa has been the target of many more drone and missile attacks than ever before. Our folks need your thoughts, prayers, and support more than ever and are grateful for all that you offer. Despite that sad bit, we have good news to share! The construction of our two new homes is at the finish line! Your building project donations have been used to the fullest and have now been exhausted, but despite war and resulting inflated prices, we were able to accomplish what we set out to do: provide comfortable, safe living spaces for two families of ten (parents plus eight children) in each house.



Now we are ready to make these houses into homes, and we are offering you the opportunity to help again. While the houses are complete, they are not furnished. In Ukraine, the builder includes bathrooms with fixtures, but not kitchens beyond the four walls. So, before our families can move in, we need to complete the kitchens, including appliances, which will amount to about \$6000 for each kitchen. Additionally, we need to furnish the homes completely, from beds and dressers, to tables, chairs, couches and other essentials. In short, we still need to purchase all the things that make a house a home. If you would like to participate in this House-to-Home Fundraiser for Furnishings, please find donation information at the end of this letter.

We SO appreciate all you have done and all you continue to do for our families and children in Odesa! Your kindness and generosity do not go unnoticed.

With gratitude and love,

Audrey Santiago, Director

Donation Information

Checks may be written to:

Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, Inc.

541 Evening Sky Drive
Oviedo, FL 32765


-or 3530 Diamond Leaf Lane
Oviedo, FL 32765

Online options to donate can be found on our website: www.transitionsoaf.org

Bible Quiz


The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



Answer: B (See Revelation 2-3.)

PUZZLE



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)
 ○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)
 _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)
 _ ○ _ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)
 ○ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)
 _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)
 _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)
 _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
 the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, hosts, govern, offsprings, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

Part of a stove used for baking

Color made by red and yellow

A present

Clothing a girl wears

Something you open to go into a room

Opposite of soft (sound)

To take a long walk

A high body temperature

Items used to build or fix things

Edge of the sea

Home for a bee

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV



"You know you're in trouble when you stop praying for the answers and start begging."



COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help



Winter Park Presbyterian Church has been involved in a feeding ministry even before the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless was created in 1987. We serve on the 1st Friday of each month. If you would like to donate your time to prepare the food during the week before the 1st Friday, please review the information below and contact the Team Leader listed. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office, or contact Anna Caparis at 707-889-4768/annafromal@yahoo.com.

What	When
Bake brownies / Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565	Wed 8/2 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal / Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Thurs 8/3 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies / Joann Robertson 407-678-8254	Fri 8/4 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines for men, women, & children (news, cars, sports, National Geographic, religious magazines/booklets, paperback books)	All month: Place in COALITION giant storage box in Fellowship Hall.
Prepare to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Fri 8/4 3:30-4:00 PM
Serve the Meal. Join us in the WPPC kitchen for departure to Coalition at 4:00 PM and return by 7:00PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway <u>and</u> call Anna Caparis (707-889-4768) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve. The Coalition requires each volunteer to register.	Fri 8/4 4:00-7:00 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 8/4 7:00-7:30 PM
Financial Donation: Make check out to WPPC; note on the memo line "Coalition for the Homeless" - mail to WPPC or bring to the church office.	Anytime

HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 40 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide and serve a wonderful meal to our guests at the Coalition.

We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent.

Any of the above gifts, or your time, are so appreciated!

**To help in any way, please contact: Anna Caparis
707-889-4768 or annafromal@yahoo.com**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> <i>Stan Halterman Jim Ocque Esther Shott</i>	<u>2</u> <i>Mary Hollifield Tom Simmons</i>	<u>3</u> <i>Ernestine Beattie</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <i>Marilyn Kieffner</i>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <i>Brad Hurd</i>	<u>8</u> <i>Laurie Grizzard Emily Elizabeth Kent Carol Pickler</i>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <i>Robbie Dreasher</i>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> <i>Steve Bryant</i>	<u>14</u> <i>Cheryl Darcy Malcolm MacDiarmid</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Mary Beardall</i>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <i>Harper Erb</i>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> <i>Biance Anderson Jean Carolan Isidoro dePaula</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Sandy Matrick</i>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> <i>Nancy Hamlin</i>	<u>25</u> <i>Jackson Clarke</i>	<u>26</u> <i>Larry Seel Ann Tebbetts</i>
<u>27</u> <i>Ann MacDiarmid</i>	<u>28</u> <i>Susan Price</i>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Donna Ettinger</i>	<u>31</u> <i>Marilyn Simmons</i>		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u> <i>Edna Jordan</i>	<u>2</u> <i>Rachel Myers Victoria Snyder</i>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <i>Larry Morse</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <i>Ray Schieber</i>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> <i>Myrna Ham</i>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> <i>Nicholas Frallicciardi Dona Stepp</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Joan Branch Wendy Jamison</i>	<u>23</u> <i>Barbara Halterman Keith Naylor</i>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <i>Hal Eastburn Asher Green Debby Roberts</i>	<u>26</u> <i>John Beattie</i>	<u>27</u> <i>Warren Deatruck</i>	<u>28</u> <i>Bill Branch</i>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Mike Galyean DeLores Mamone Nancy Ocque Andy Riccio Jim Spivey Paula Smathers</i>



The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
 Justin Chase, Director of Music
 Penny Walsh, Organist
 Sandra Shafer, Pianist
 Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant
 Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant
 Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant
 Mary Grace Gabriel, Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs
 Anthony Gileno, Sexton

SESSION

2023

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 Fred Kittinger
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 Jim McKinney
 Dawn Sumrall

2024

Mike Galyean
 John Gehrig
 Jayne Leach
 Audrey Santiago
 Sara Van Arsdel

2025

Theresa Coker
 Mary Ferguson
 Cathy House
 Glenn Riccio
 Ron Thompson

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2023

Ron Ellman
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 Sevilla Morse
 Cynthia Nants
 Jyme Smith

2024

Lisa Dreasher
 Jerry Fitzgerald
 Nancy Galyean
 Andy Riccio

2025

Meg Baldwin
 Anna Caparis
 Lynne McKnight
 Debbie Pauzar
 Deborah Roberts

MISSIONARIES

Mark Hare & Jenny Bent - Costa Rica
 Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

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