



# *The Covenanter*

DECEMBER 2018

*"Oh when they saw the star they rejoiced with great joy!"*

Last night I had the great pleasure and joy to attend the first, of what I'm sure will be many, Candlelight Processionals at Walt Disney World's EPCOT. It was a cold night. The National Weather Service predicted the low last night would be in the lower forties and the result was that I shivered through half the performance even with my two layers of socks, sweater, jacket, gloves, hat, blanket I'd brought from home, and hot cocoa. If you've had the pleasure of stopping by my office since I moved in, you'll note from my space heater, four blankets (one electric) and two jackets I have lying around that I really hate to be cold! And yet...I found myself smiling through the entire performance even as my teeth chattered, even as my body shook, and the wind blew like some kind of cruel joke. My body felt cold, but my heart felt warm in a way it only does this time of the year.

The Candlelight Processional at EPCOT is a long standing Disney tradition that dates back to Disneyland, before the Florida Project was ever started. Today it has grown into a tradition of it's own. For those of us who grew up in the church, it is essentially a traditional service of lessons and carols. These days, the lessons are almost always read by a celebrity narrator, and the choir is made up of Disney's Accepla Voices of Liberty, a choir of Disney Employees, and, fortunately for me, local high school choirs. Which is a fancy way of saying that every time one of my youth gives me a date and time for their Candlelight Processional, I have another excuse to go to Disney!

On November 27th, in addition to seeing my childhood crush, Carlton...I mean, Alfonso Ribeiro, as the narrator, I had the immense joy of watching two of my youth sing in this beautiful service of lessons and carols. As someone who describes themselves as a "musical worshiper," I live for the songs that are used to relate to the various scripture readings of the birth of Christ. One song, in particular, has always been my favorite. "When they saw the star they rejoiced with great joy, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy!" the choir sings of the Angel's pronouncement to the shepherds.

"Exceeding great joy." There are very few moments in my life that I would ever say I've had the feeling of "exceeding great joy." In fact, sometimes when I hear those words I wonder if I've ever had the pleasure to experience anything quite as joyful as the shepherds did as they heard the news that a Savior had been born to them not in a crib of gold, but rather a manger of hay. But, every time I go to Candlelight Processional, every time I attend a service of Lessons and Carols, every time I watch a showing of our living Nativity, every time I hear the story of the birth of Christ and hear those words "exceeding great joy" I feel a small thrill shoot through my heart. It never seems to matter if the night is cold or hot, if I sit upon a cushion or a bench made of wood, if the voice is that Alfonso Ribeiro or Gilbert Godfried...I find myself smiling and praying and praising God as I sing along.



As we enter this Advent Season we will have many opportunities to hear the story of the birth of Christ. Many of those times we will get to hear it together as a church family. I invite you in these times to relax, to close your eyes and let your mind form the pictures in your head. I invite you to hold firm to the truth you were baptized in and let it wash over you just as angel-light washed over the shepherds in the field that night. Most of all I invite you to join me as we celebrate, as we let our hearts be merry and bright, as we continue the tradition and rejoice with exceeding great joy!

Peace to you,

Emily





NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR <i>Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year</i>						SATURDAY 1
						Decorate Chapel & Sanctuary 9am-12pm
SUNDAY 2	MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7	SATURDAY 8
<b>Communion</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Library Open</b> 9:30am-Noon <b>WPPC Ringers</b> 11:35am, Rm 102 <b>Youth Group</b> 5pm, Rm 204	<b>Library Open</b> 9am-Noon <b>Book Club</b> 7pm, Rm 303	<b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:30am, Rm 303 <b>Children's Choir/ Youth Ensemble</b> 6:30 pm, Rm 102	<b>Worship Mtg.</b> 3pm, Rm 303 <b>WM Ringers</b> 6pm, Rm 102 <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary	<b>Library Open</b> 9am-Noon <b>Caregiver Support</b> 10am, Rm 301	<b>Friendship Club</b> 11:30am, FH <b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am <b>Parent's Night Out</b> 5:30pm	
SUNDAY 9	MONDAY 10	TUESDAY 11	WEDNESDAY 12	THURSDAY 13	FRIDAY 14	SATURDAY 15
<b>Christmas Toy Drive</b> <b>Worship Svc.</b> 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Library Open</b> 9:30am-Noon <b>WPPC Ringers</b> 11:35am, Sanctuary <b>Youth Group</b> 5pm, Rm 204	<b>Library Open</b> 9am-Noon <b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH <b>Hannah Circle Christmas Pary</b> 6pm, Parlor	<b>Elizabeth Bible Study</b> 10-11:30am, Parlor <b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:30am, Rm 301 <b>Children's Choir/ Youth Ensemble</b> 6:30 pm, Rm 102	<b>Worship Mtg.</b> 4pm, Rm 303 <b>WM Ringers</b> 6pm, Rm 102 <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary	<b>Library Open</b> 9am <b>Communion at Westminster WP</b> 11am <b>Committee Night</b> 6:30pm Chairs 7pm Prayer Svc 7:30pm Meetings	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH <b>Living Nativity</b> Performances at 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30 pm	<b>Living Nativity</b> Performances at 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30 pm
SUNDAY 16	MONDAY 17	TUESDAY 18	WEDNESDAY 19	THURSDAY 20	FRIDAY 21	SATURDAY 22
<b>Worship Svc.</b> 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Library Open</b> 9:30am-Noon <b>WPPC Ringers</b> 11:35am, Sanctuary <b>Youth Group</b> 5:30pm, Aloma Bowl	<b>Library Open</b> 9am-Noon <b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH <b>Ladies' Game Night</b> 6pm-Dinner 7pm-Games, Rm 317	<b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:30am, Rm 301 <b>Young at Heart</b> 2pm, Sanctuary <b>Children's Choir/ Youth Ensemble</b> 6:30 pm, Rm 102	<b>WM Ringers</b> 6pm, Rm 102 <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary	<b>Library Open</b> 9am	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 23	MONDAY 24	TUESDAY 25	WEDNESDAY 26	THURSDAY 27	FRIDAY 28	SATURDAY 29
<b>Worship Svc.</b> 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Library Open</b> 9:30am-Noon <b>Service of the Longest Night</b> 7pm, Chapel	<b>OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON</b> <b>Christmas Eve Services:</b> 5:00, 7:00, 11:00 pm		<b>Coalition Food Prep</b> 9am/Kitchen	<b>Library Open</b> 9am <b>Coalition Prepare Meal</b> 9am/Kitchen	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH <b>Coalition Food Prep</b> 9am/Kitchen <b>Sort Toiletries</b> 10am/Kitchen <b>Serve the Meal</b> 4:30pm/FH-gather 5:30pm Depart	
SUNDAY 30	MONDAY 31					
<b>Worship Svc.</b> 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Library Open</b> 9:30am-Noon	<b>OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON</b>					





## WPPC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 7 @ 11:30 am  
Friendship Club, featuring *Young at Heart*

December 9 @ 8:15 am and 10:30 am Services  
Christmas Toy Drive

December 16 - One Service at 10:30 am  
Service of Lessons & Carols

December 18 @ 2:00 pm  
*Young at Heart* Christmas Concert

December 14 & 15  
Living Nativity  
Performances at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 & 8:30 pm

December 23 @ 7:00 pm  
Service of the Longest Night

Christmas Eve  
5:00 pm - Family Service  
7:00 pm - Candlelight Service  
11:00 pm - Candlelight Service with Communion by Intinction





Winter Park  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

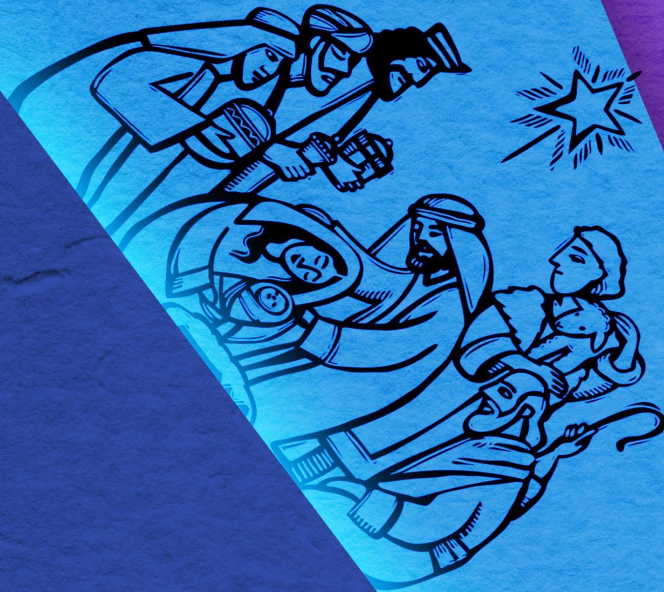
# *A Living Nativity*

DECEMBER 14 & 15

FOUR 20 MINUTE PERFORMANCES

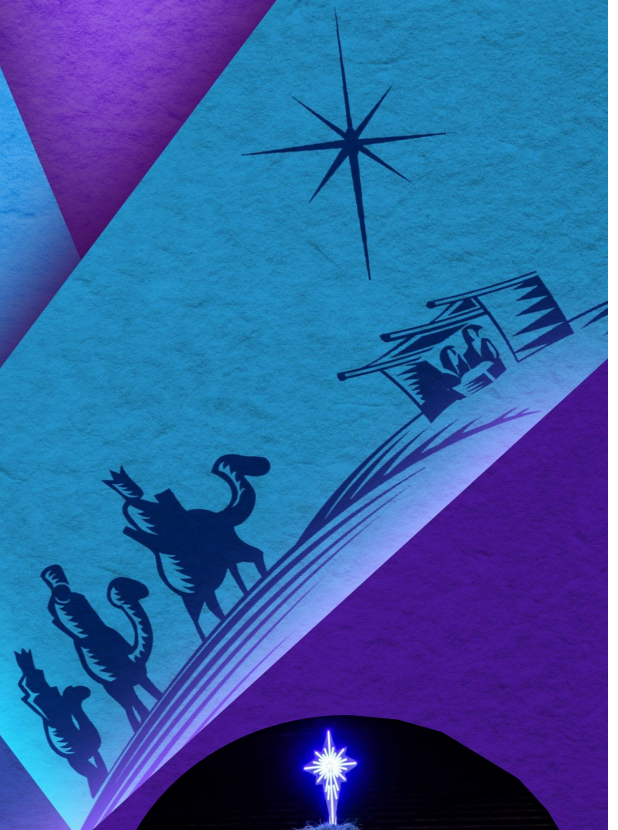
BOTH EVENINGS AT

7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 PM



Come inside and enjoy:

- Refreshments
- Caroling
- Free Family Photo
- Candle Lit Sanctuary
- Fontanini Model Village



BE SURE TO VISIT THE  
CERTIFIED PETTING ZOO!







## WPPC TOY DRIVE DECEMBER 9TH

**There's still time to get your toys!**

**The collection will be Sunday, December 9 and the toys will be delivered on Tuesday, December 11.**

**If you're willing to participate on Sunday collecting and sorting toys, please contact Rachel Myers [myers.rachel58@gmail.com](mailto:myers.rachel58@gmail.com).**

**You can also let her know if you would like to assist with delivering the toys on Tuesday, December 11.**



# *Service of the Longest Night*

## Worship Service of Remembrance



Sunday, December 23, 2018  
7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

*Quiet worship for anyone finding  
the Christmas Season difficult.*

The holidays can be a painful time. Celebrations can be very difficult for those experiencing loneliness and loss because of the death of a loved one, relationship problems, job insecurities, health concerns, or weariness from holiday preparations. A space is needed to acknowledge the sadness and concern that may be present. This service provides such a time of quiet reflection, special music, healing prayer, and candlelight.

You may know someone who would like to attend this service. Invite them to come with you. Perhaps you just need a quiet time of reflection and prayer amid the chaos. All are welcome.

400 S. Lakemont Avenue ▪ 407-647-1467





Penny Slightom Walsh comes to us with 35 years of dedication and experience in church music as both director and organist. She has spent her life directing children's choirs, youth choirs, adult choirs, and bell choirs. Five years ago she decided to semi-retire and continue her career as organist only. Organ has been her passion since age four when she was found playing the family organ in their living room, picking out Christmas melodies and putting chords with them. She began taking organ and piano lessons in first grade and began more formal organ lessons on the pipe organ in 7th grade. She has a degree in organ performance and has studied with three well known Eastman School of Music graduates: Clark Kelly, Jay Peterson, and Terry Yount (Orlando area). Her number one passion is serving God through music!

***Welcome, Penny!***

***We're glad you're here!!***



# ConGRatulations!

## Winter Park Presbyterian Church Celebrates 65 Years!



J. Roy Dickie, chairman of the building committee, takes the first scoop of earth at groundbreaking ceremonies for the first unit of the Presbyterian Church on Dundee Road. Watching, left to right, are the Rev. Oswald Delgado, pastor of the church, F. C. Fremont Wale, acting moderator, and F. E. L. Whitesell, chairman of the planning committee.

On Sunday, November 18, WPPC celebrated our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization of our Church. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1953, Under the direction of the Home Missions Committee of St. John's Presbytery (now Central Florida Presbytery) the Reverend Glenn Otto Lantz began the preliminary calling necessary to see if support existed for the establishment of a Presbyterian Church in Winter Park. The Women's Club was rented for services, the first being held September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1953, with an attendance of one hundred sixty two.

The Service of Organization was held November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1953. Reverend Lantz presented a list of one hundred and eighty three charter members. The church was organized under the name: 'The Winter Park Presbyterian Church.'

Since our organization, we have enjoyed the service of 11 Senior Pastors (including Interims), 17 Associate Pastors, 9 Directors of Christian Education, 11 Music Directors, and 11 Organists.

With successive building funds, we built the Manse, Fellowship Hall (where our first on-site services were held), the eastern school complex, the Sanctuary, the Office wing, Chapel and school rooms, and finally the free standing, two story, Christian Education Building which was completed and put into use in October 1965.



At age 65, we are young as Churches go, nevertheless, it is prudent to recall the effort and dedication of those who came before us. As we seek to reach ever higher, we must remember that we stand on the shoulders of those who have preceded us.

*The History Committee  
November 2018*

### **Book Club**

#### **The Abibliophobes (for those afraid of running out of reading material)**

*The group discussion is open for everyone who likes to read!*

The Book Club meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in room 303.

Join us for our annual cookie exchange. Please bring three dozen cookies—two dozen to share and one dozen to freeze for the Living Nativity. We'll also be discussing the book *Christmas Garland* by Anne Perry. The group discussion is open for everyone who likes to read!

If you have any questions, please contact Drew Byrne at [drewbyrne26@gmail.com](mailto:drewbyrne26@gmail.com).



### **Friendship Club Christmas Celebration**

**Friday, December 7 @ 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall**

Friendship Club Christmas Celebration, featuring the Young at Heart Chorale under the direction of our own Jodi Tassos, will be Friday, December 7 at 11:30 AM. A Christmas ham dinner is planned and the cost is \$5. Products of the month are paper goods, to include baby diapers, and men's white socks. Please make your reservations by noon on Wednesday, December 5. If you need transportation from the Towers or the Mayflower, please state that when you make your reservation.

**Parking Information:** Please try to carpool to alleviate the parking crunch. There will be parking available in the main parking lot, the pine tree lot to the east of the church, and on the north side of Dundee (the street that's along the church property). If you wish to attend the concert and not have lunch with us, the concert will begin about 12:15 PM. Contact Margie Meliza ([mmeliza@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mmeliza@cfl.rr.com)) or Dana Irwin ([nanadana@earthlink.net](mailto:nanadana@earthlink.net)) if you have questions.



### **Hannah Circle Christmas Party**

**Monday, December 10 @ 6:00 PM in The Parlor**

The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday. We welcome anyone to join us!



### **Elizabeth Bible Study**

**Tuesday, December 11 @ 10:00 AM in the Parlor, CE Bldg.**

The Elizabeth Bible Study meets monthly on the second Tuesday.



### **Ladies' Game Night**

**Monday, December 17 @ 7:00 PM in Room 317**

All WPPC women are invited to join us at our monthly game night (the 3rd Monday of each month). We will now meet in Room 317, located in the hall across from the kitchen and near the ladies rest room.

We typically play Hand & Foot and Bridge, but feel free to come and introduce your favorite game.

Better yet, come at 6:00 PM 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/munchies for later. Come alone or bring a friend. Questions? Call Carla Gehrig at 407-678-8396.



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



### December 2—Christmas Music

R in A continues its popular annual tradition of enjoying Christmas music sourced from the internet. Each year the class explores the sights and sounds of Christmas in its many forms...some elegant and traditional, some modern and beautiful in their own way...and some...quite curious. Join us for coffee and Christian camaraderie. Matt Straub will escort us through this wonderful exploration.

### December 9—No class; Gather/sort toys for Hope Community Center in Apopka

### December 16—Christmas Party

The Relationships in Action class will be hosting an annual Christmas Party including all adult WPPC Sunday School classes.

### December 23—No class; Christmas Weekend

### December 30—No class; New Year's Weekend

LIVING NATIVITY  
COOKIES NEEDED  
DECEMBER 14 & 15



Cookies are needed for the Living Nativity. We need vast amounts of cookies to feed the hundreds (literally) of kids, young and old, who will flock into our fellowship Hall after the four performances both nights. Cookies are our Christmas presents for our neighbors who come to see us and hear our Christmas message. Please leave your contributions, appropriately labeled, in the kitchen anytime during the week of December 12.

FROM THE LIBRARY



Chrismons are ancient symbols for Christ or some part of Christ's ministry. A Chrismons Tree differs from the traditional Christmas tree in that it is decorated with clear lights and Chrismons made from white and gold material. Listed are some symbols that are common Chrismons and what they represent to Christians.

- ◆ **The Lion**—Symbol for Jesus *The Lion of Judah*.
- ◆ **The Heart**—Symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is Love.
- ◆ **The Cup or Chalice**—Symbol of the Mass or Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness.
- ◆ **The Angel**—Symbol reminding Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It also represents the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an angel blowing a trumpet.
- ◆ **The Butterfly**—Symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.
- ◆ **The Ship**—Symbol of the Church sailing towards heaven.

There are many books about Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in your church library and on the table in the Narthex. There are also many books for children on the celebration of Christmas in the library.

Advent comes from the Latin verb, *Advenio*, meaning *to come*. In the Christian year it refers to the coming of Jesus Christ. Advent is an introduction to Christmas and also the whole cycle of the Christian year.

Christmas is the most popular of all the festivals in the season. The name itself did not become general until the 12th century. The season lasts for 12 days from December 25th through January 6th.

Epiphany derives its name from the Greek word meaning, *manifestation* or showing *forth*. Epiphany is one of the oldest festivals of the Christian Church antedating Christmas itself. It was observed in Asia Minor or Egypt as early as the 2nd century. The season is from January 6th to Ash Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING  
THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16



The Christmas Joy Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. How will your donation help? By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you'll be helping families of active and retired church workers, as well as providing opportunities for the education of youth. Fifty percent of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at historically Presbyterian schools and colleges, equipping communities of color. Fifty percent of your gifts will provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

In the lead up to Christmas, many of us spend time in search of the perfect gift--the gift that communicates to friends and family how much we know and love them.

For those of us gathered in Advent expectation, we know that the only perfect gift ever given was the one received in Jesus Christ--a perfect gift from a gracious God. Although we cannot give the perfect gift, we can give generously knowing, as the New Testament letter of James says, "...every generous act of giving...is from above."

Thank you for your participation in the Christmas Joy Offering. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! ~Compassion Committee

POINSETTIAS  
ORDER by DECEMBER 14



Our WPPC sanctuary will once again be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. The plants will be distributed to the sick and shut-ins, or you can pick up your plant after the 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service.

The cost for each plant is \$15. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out a form and return it with your cash/check to the church office by December 14. Order forms are available in the front office and in the narthex.

WHITE SOCKS  
PLEASE drop off your  
DONATIONS by DECEMBER 28



This year we will be serving the Homeless later than usual - DECEMBER 28th. Please bring your socks before the 28th so we can take as many socks as possible with us that night!

The recipients of these socks are the people that come to the Coalition for the Homeless for an evening meal, or they are residents in the program. Our church has been doing this drive for over 18 years, and have dispensed literally thousands of pairs of socks. It's hard to describe the joy and thanks that is expressed for these simple gifts.

Please bring NEW WHITE SOCKS and deposit them in the marked containers in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. We will be accepting the socks up until December 28th. Thank You from the Compassion Committee.

Global Market  
"THANK YOU!"



Thank you to the many people who helped make a difference in the lives of people through the Global Market. Thanks to you, WPPC is able to further help the missions of AIR (Alliance for Reforestation in Guatemala), East Africa Ministries (Kenya), Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate, Global Crafts, Heifer Project, Import Peace Olive Oil, Madagascar Women's Development, SERVIV, Shanga, Society of St. Andrews, Ukraine Orphans Transition Assistance Foundation, VOSH Vision Clinics, WPPC Youth, and Zambia youth scholarships. The market earned about \$11,000 and all funds collected go to support the missions of the organizations. You will still have the opportunity to buy additional coffee, tea, and chocolate before Christmas.

~Compassion Committee





## DEACON'S DEN

The tradition of sending Christmas cards dates back to the mid-nineteenth century when the official postal service was created in England. A letter could be mailed for a penny because the new railroad allowed larger quantities to be moved around the country; prior to that only wealthy people could afford to send mail by horse and wagon.

Early Christmas card decorations included flowers, fairies, and other fanciful designs that looked like Spring; after all, in the northern climes, who wants to dwell on cold snow and early sunsets? Other cards showed families gathered to celebrate the holiday and often included scenes of charity, such as food and clothing being given to the poor. Children and animals were also popular. Printing companies developed new processes that brought multiple designs to the mass market and made a name for themselves in the process. Hallmark Cards was established in 1913 to market their self-produced Christmas cards. Changing tastes led to new designs and today you can find cards with the nativity, the wise men, and other religious scenes; reproductions of Victorian and Edwardian themes; as well as cartoons of many popular characters in traditional or non-traditional settings, such as Santa Claus at the beach.

The Deacons send out cards of all kinds throughout the year: get well, thinking of you, happy birthday, condolences. There are many ways to communicate today: email, Facebook, Twitter, even the telephone, and yet, everyone still loves to receive some good old-fashioned snail mail!

Did you know that the Hall brothers of Hallmark cards recognized the demand for Christmas cards during World War I? Friends and family wanted to send cards to soldiers who were at war. Do you know a soldier who would like to receive a handwritten card while they are far away from home?

This year the Deacons will be mailing Christmas cards to members who cannot get to church regularly due to age or illness or other reasons. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, December 2 through Sunday, December 16 after each service and during the week in the Healthy Living Room across from the receptionist's desk. Come by, sign a card, and address an envelope. The Deacons will take care of the rest.

*Merry Christmas!*

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## WEEKDAY PARKING

If you have visited the church on a weekday, you no doubt have noticed that our parking area is nearly full. This is because the church has a contract with Florida Hospital to provide 75 spaces for workers to park here during the time of construction of their new facilities. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement since it provides necessary parking for the hospital, and it also contributes over \$28,000 to our church operating budget.

There are times when this agreement has made it more difficult for many of you to find a space close to the church buildings when there are some larger church events during the week. To address this we are preparing to mark some spaces with yellow striping for use by those attending church activities. The balance of the spaces will be marked with white striping for all other users. This, of course, will be communicated to our friends at Florida Hospital.

It may not be a perfect solution but we believe it will help as we seek to work together for everyone's benefit. We ask for your patience and understanding.



## ★ DONATE YOUR CELL PHONE HERE ★

### Upgrading your Cell Phones for Christmas? Recycle Your Old Devices to Help Our Heroes!

You may be preparing to take advantage of those Thanksgiving or Christmas sales by upgrading your mobile devices: cell phones, smart phones, and tablets.

When you do, PLEASE recycle your old electronics with ***Cell Phones For Soldiers***!

Recycling your old cell phones, smart phones, tablets and other devices with *Cell Phones For Soldiers* helps our troops stay connected with their loved ones while they're deployed, and helps veterans with one-time emergency funds to handle difficulties in transitioning to civilian life. They take donated devices and recycle them for their valuable components, then use that income to provide free calling cards for our troops, or grants for veterans. To date, generous donations have allowed them to give more than 300 million minutes of completely free talk time and 4,000 calling cards per WEEK!

Recycling your cell phone with them also serves another wonderful purpose: it keeps electronics out of the landfill, where they can have harmful effects on human and wildlife health, as well as cause damage to fragile ecosystems. Never put your old cell phones in the trash! Instead, recycle them with *Cell Phones For Soldiers* and help our country's heroes in the process.

To donate cell phones, smartphones, tablets and digital music players to *Cell Phones For Soldiers*,

PLEASE DEPOSIT THEM IN THE AVAILABLE BOX LOCATED ON TOP OF THE  
WHITE CABINET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

WINTER PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS DONATED OVER 1,000 PHONES!

PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

*An Outreach Program of the Compassion Committee.*

Cell Phones For Soldiers is a national nonprofit serving troops and veterans with free communication services and emergency funding.

**A LIFELINE FOR AMERICA'S BRAVEST**



## CUBA TRIP

Peter & Melanie Rice, Reta Peterson, Kathy Peterson, Kathy Masatelli and Fran Morrissey plan to visit Santa Clara, Cuba in January. WPPC now has a relationship with Santa Clara Presbyterian Church, where they will be staying. They will experience the church activities and continue to build a friendship/relationship with them.

It is customary to take our Cuban church hosts small, practical gifts of items often lacking in their environment. Among the items on the list are Included the following over-the-counter medications and craft supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the front office.

OVER-THE-COUNTER Medications	
Alka-Seltzer	HEMORRHOIDAL OintMENT
Antibiotic OintMENT	HydroCORTISONE CREAM
Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Tylenol	LUBRICANT Eye Drops
BAND-Aids	MUCUS RELIEF CHEST CONGESTION (Vapo-Rub)
BENADRYL OintMENT, TABLETS, CAPSULES	MULTIVITAMINS for Older Adults & CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S Ibuprofen	OMEGA 3 Fish Oil
CHILDREN'S & INFANT'S Tylenol	VITAMIN B-6
DIAPER RASH CREAM	VITAMIN C
GLUCOSAMINE	VITAMIN E
Craft Supplies	
COLORLED MARKER PENS & CRAYONS	NEEDLES & PINS
COLORING PAGES	PENS & PENCILS
CROCHET HOOKS & KNITTING NEEDLES	SCISSORS—CRAFT & SEWING
EMBROIDERY FLOSS	THREAD for SEWING MACHINES
GLUE Sticks	YARN (ESPECIALLY COTTON)

*Thank You!*



AIR (*Alliance for International Reforestation*) is one of the organizations supported by WPPC through The Global Market, 2 Cents a Meal, and the Compassion Committee. Below is an update from Anne Hallum, Founder of AIR.

"Meet Margarita Chipik in Chicazanga, Guatemala. She has been working with AIR Technician Pedro Miguel for just one year, as she leads a group of women farmers to learn Sustainable Farming without dangerous chemicals. Most of the men in Chicazanga work elsewhere or have left altogether--leaving the women to plant food crops. When AIR offered to help with training, tools, better farming,

trees, and stoves--these women were all in! But on June 3rd, Fuego Volcano erupted and the hot ash destroyed most of their food crops just as they were nearing harvest.

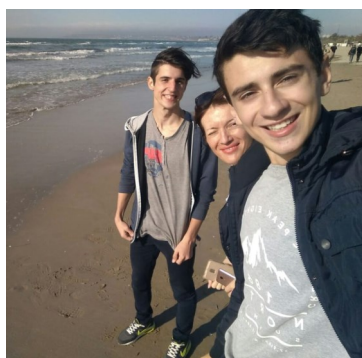
You have already made a difference in Margarita's life and the lives of hundreds of other farmers just like her. You've made it possible for AIR Guatemala to:

- Provide emergency food aid and replant lost crops
- Continue farmer training for long-term solutions in 54 communities, currently
- Build stoves that will prevent lung disease and conserve precious trees
- Establish tree nurseries--that often become micro-businesses

Margarita's family will not go hungry this year, and the women's group she leads has signed up for five years of working with AIR and improving their lives. They named their group, "*Grupo de Mujeres Luchadoras por el Creacion*" (the Group of Women Fighters for the Creation)

Watch for our year-end letter, or give on-line now for this inspiring work to continue! Thank you for the difference you have made for farm families in Guatemala.

With gratitude, Anne and the entire AIR staff"



This Child Here is a mission outreach of our church. Below is an update from Robert Gamble, Executive Director.

"As thoughts and prayers last week in the USA were going toward families and friends of victims at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg, two young graduates, Danil (taking the photo above) and Vanya, of our Peace Creation School with the help of Alla Soroka, (in the middle, Program Manager for *This Child Here*) were facilitating a workshop on bullying or how words can wound at the Jewish School of Chabad-Aure Avner in Odessa, Ukraine. It was a small but important step for us as we promote peace in the classrooms of a country that has seen much violence.

Read what Danil Shcholol wrote:

On October 29 I had the great opportunity to facilitate a workshop with Alla Soroka and Vanya Kartel at the school of Chabad-Aure Avner (Odessa). Every training in it's own way is special and meaningful. This time, we talked about how our words can hurt another's heart. Participants understood that everything begins with us and our actions. We left them thinking about this. I am so grateful to the project AVP Ukraine, This Child Here and the " Open Circle, for the opportunity " for the opportunity to create a non-violent society!

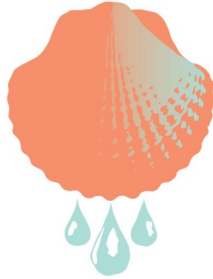
A huge thank you to you, Alla, for being around us and helping us! This project gives me strength and inspiration. It shows that all is not lost."



## Bible Quiz

According to the fourth Gospel, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the \_\_\_\_\_."

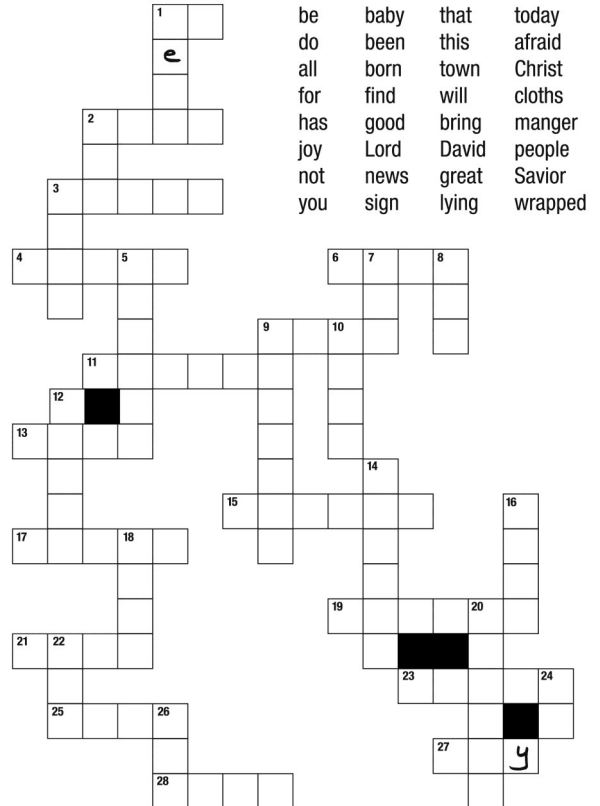
- A. love
- B. life
- C. light
- D. Lord



Answer: C (See John 1:6-7, NRSV.)

# Puzzle!

The word list contains the angel's Christmas message to the shepherds. Fit those words into the crossword squares. Then write them on the correct lines below to complete Luke 2:10-11, NIV.



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town  
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Christ  
cloths  
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Savior  
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Answer: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

# Joy to the WORLD

In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

**Directions:** Circle all the complete small "joy" words — forward only. Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find "Jesus" amid all the joy!

TOTAL JOY= \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: 36 (10 in the J, 15 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O





## 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
<b>Bake</b> brownies & mix PB&J (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 12/26 9:00-11:00 AM
<b>Prepare</b> meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 12/27 9:00-11:00 AM
<b>Bag</b> brownies ; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 12/28 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) <b>Reading Donations:</b> Magazines for men (sports, cars, National Geographic, news), religious magazines/booklets, paperback books.	<b>All month:</b> Place in <b>COALTION</b> giant storage box located in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sort and bag toiletries &amp; reading donations</b> (Marilyn Bryant 407-252-7499)	Fri 12/28 10:00-11:00 AM
<b>Prepare</b> to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 12/28 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 12/28 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 12/28 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.	<b>Any Time</b>

### 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**

**Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida is a Compassion Committee Ministry.**





### **Breakfast, Pictures with Santa & The Holiday Shoppe** **Saturday, December 1 | 9am—1pm**

Bring your friends and family along to socialize, enjoy breakfast with Santa, and get your Christmas shopping done with one of a kind gifts. Items available to purchase: Children's Clothing, Books, Home Items, Christmas Décor, Jewelry, Leather Goods, Accessories, Candles, Gifts, Skincare, Bath Items, Women's Clothing, Wood Signs, Ornaments, Kitchen Accessories, Specialty Food Items, and much, much more!



### **Christmas Program 2018** **Wednesday, December 19 | Noon**



You are invited to join the teachers and children in Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 19. This will be a regular school day. Participating classes ages 5 Day—2 year old class and up will eat an early lunch and then gather in the Sanctuary for the program, which will begin at noon. Following the program, refreshments will be served until 1:15 PM. There will be NO EXTENDED DAY. We will send a flyer prior to the event with more information.

### **December Calendar Highlights**

Saturday, December 1	Breakfast with Santa/Holiday Shoppe (9am-1pm)
Tuesday, December 11	PAC Meeting @ 9:30am in Room 301
Friday, December 14	Staff Holiday Lunch @ 1:30pm—No Extended Day
Wednesday, December 19	Christmas Program (2's, 3's & VPK) @ Noon—No Extended Day
Friday, December 21 - Friday, January 4	Winter Break/No School
Monday, January 7	Classes Resume





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <i>Lucy Martin</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Jackson McCurdy</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Rene Cuthill</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Chris Rudolph</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Beverly Tavel</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Doris Anguish</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Betty McKinney</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Annabelle Bartholomew Terry Irwin Sylvia Reaves Dawn Sumrall John Trexler</i>
<b>9</b> <i>Ellenorr Osterhaus</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Reta Jackson Robert Walker</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Linda Morse</i>	<b>12</b> <i>David Lee</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Berta Hall Noel Wilson</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Alissa Mahoney</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Linda Beaty Arthur Droste</i>
<b>16</b> <i>Lee Newsom</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Jamison Fagan Melinda MacDade Don McCarter Ann McDonald</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Betty Gale Case</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Julie Kent Holly Small Stephen Smith</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Lee Adler Cynthia Nants</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Corinne Dodd</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Jessica Connor William Darcy Julie Frazier Tasha Lampe</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Julie Rankin Ellis Roe Luke Uttley</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Jerry Osterhaus Clark Ranson Peter Rice</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Howard Evans</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Gary Henderson Ellen Skelton</i>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Patrick LaRue Glenn Riccio</i>					





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 Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs  
 Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music  
 Kenny Lovelace, Sexton  
 Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton

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#### **2018**

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 Reta Jackson  
 Don McCarter  
 Debby Roberts  
 Sara Van Arsdell  
 Phyllis Woods

#### **2019**

Will Lawrence  
 Will McCurdy  
 Rachel Myers  
 Dail Pribil  
 Doug Reece  
 Debby Tallungan

#### **2020**

Doris Anguish  
 Marilyn Bryant  
 Rick Davis  
 Steve House  
 Larry Seel

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#### **2018**

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 Almeda Dean  
 Carol Howell  
 Betty Johnston  
 Sevilla Morse  
 Ginny Seel

#### **2019**

Nancy Appich  
 Barbara Edwards  
 Bonnie Gaughan  
 Fran Morrissey  
 Cynthia Nants  
 Eileen Silvers

#### **2020**

Ardyth Austin  
 Caroline James  
 Jim McKinney  
 Ellenorr Osterhaus  
 Matt Straub

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 Jenny Bent - Dominican Republic  
 Mark Hare - Haiti  
 Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

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