



The Covenanter

DECEMBER 2019



Christmas is coming! That, of course, is no secret. Everyone knows it, at least here in our culture. Many, particularly the children among us, are counting down the days to December 25th. They are waiting, and waiting, and waiting for the wonderful day of Christmas to finally arrive.


I was thinking about this familiar activity of waiting and it got me to wondering how much of our lives we actually spend waiting for things. We wait in line. We wait in traffic. We wait on the phone. Since you can now find the answer to anything you want to know on the internet (along with much that you don't want to know) I decided to take a look. Here is some of what I found. The average commuter living in an urban area spends about 59 hours (two and a half days!) each year waiting at red lights. The average wait at a doctor's office is 32 minutes (though I spent nearly two hours just last week). And someone claims that the average wait for a significant other to get ready to go out is 21 minutes. This latter number, however, is no doubt wildly disputed depending on whether you are the one who is waiting or the one who is getting ready.

Waiting for things to happen is inevitably a part of our lives. But, that is not what the season of Advent is for. Advent is not a time for waiting, it is a time for preparing. Now, certainly, most people spend this time of the year preparing for many things. There are gifts to buy, meals to plan, schedules to coordinate, parties to host or attend, and dozens of other activities that often overwhelm our days. Our faith, however, reminds us that the One we are expecting is the Lord of life. His coming is a call for us to prepare our hearts and our lives.

How might we do that? Perhaps there is someone we need to forgive, or someone we have hurt who needs an apology. It may be that there is something we have been putting off that we believe God wants us to do and we realize now is the time. Perhaps someone is in need and could use our helping hand. Or maybe emotions like anger, bitterness, resentment, impatience, intolerance, or whatever have gotten too much of a foothold in our spirits and need to be cleared away. The time for waiting is over, this is the time to act. The Lord is at hand!

Let us all during this holy season take a moment to pause, reflect, and prepare, so that when the King comes He can be born once more within our hearts.

Bob



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6-7



THE WPPC OFFICE STAFF

WISHES EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SUNDAY 1	MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6	SATURDAY 7
Communion Worship Service 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon Journey to Christmas 11:30am, FH WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Youth Group 5pm, Rm 204	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Book Club 7pm, Rm 303	Elizabeth Bible Study 10am, Parlor Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 303 Children's Choir 6:30pm, Rm 102	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Caregiver Support 10am, Rm 301	Friendship Club 11:30am, FH Tai Chi 11:30am, CE Bldg. Parents' Night out 5:30pm, FH	Lorraine Stewart Service 10am, Sanctuary
SUNDAY 8	MONDAY 9	TUESDAY 10	WEDNESDAY 11	THURSDAY 12	FRIDAY 13	SATURDAY 14
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SUNDAY 15	MONDAY 16	TUESDAY 17	WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20	SATURDAY 21
Worship Svc. 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Youth Group Scavenger Hunt 4pm	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Ladies' Game Night 6pm-Dinner 7pm-Games, Rm 317	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Children's Choir 6:30pm, Rm 102	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Living Nativity Performances at 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30pm	Living Nativity Performances at 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30pm
SUNDAY 22	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24	WEDNESDAY 25	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27	SATURDAY 28
Worship Svc. 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Service of the Longest Night 7pm, Chapel	Library Open 9am-Noon	Church Office Closes at Noon Christmas Eve Svcs 5, 7, 11pm	Church Office Closed 	Coalition Prepare Meal 9am/Kitchen	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Sort Toiletries 10am/Kitchen Serve the Meal 4:30pm/FH-gather 5:30pm Depart	No Scheduled Activities
SUNDAY 29	MONDAY 30	TUESDAY 31				
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WPPC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 1st @ 11:30 am
Journey to Christmas

December 6th @ 11:30 am
Friendship Club, featuring *The Lake Nona Singers*

December 8th @ 8:15 & 10:30 am Services
Christmas Toy Drive

December 10th @ 2:00 pm
Young at Heart Christmas Concert

December 15th - One Service at 10:30 am
Service of Lessons & Carols

December 20th & 21st
Living Nativity
Performances at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 & 8:30 pm

December 22nd @ 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

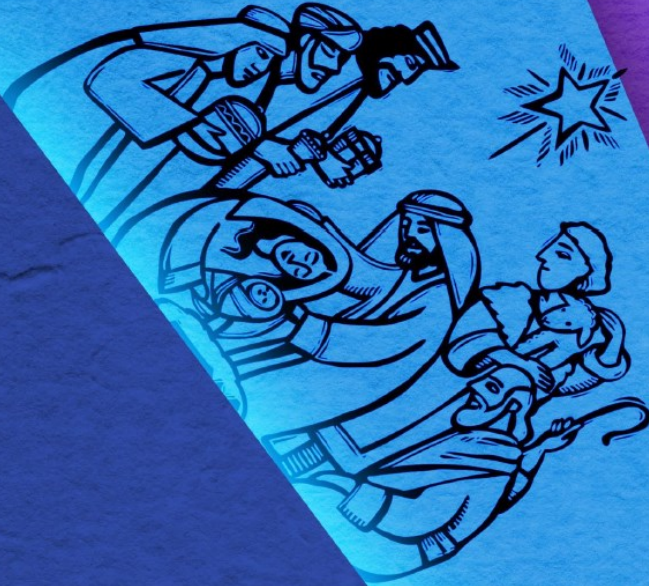
DECEMBER 20 & 21

FOUR 20 MINUTE PERFORMANCES

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

Visit the Certified Petting Zoo!

Come inside and enjoy:
Refreshments, Caroling,
Free Family Photo,
Candlelit Sanctuary,
Fontanini Model Village



Christmas Eve Services

5:00 - FAMILY

7:00 - CANDLELIGHT

11:00 - COMMUNION

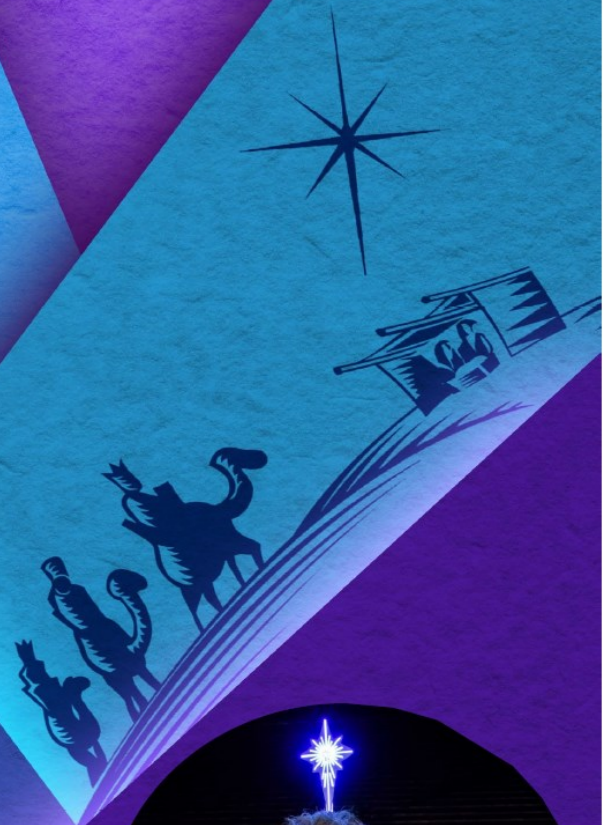


Sunday Services

8:15 & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 AM

YOUTH GROUP - 5:00 PM



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A JOURNEY To *Christmas*



DECEMBER 1ST | 11:30 AM

Join us as we prepare our hearts and homes for the Advent season.

All ages are invited to create graham cracker Crèche scenes, clove pomanders, small Christmas wreaths, and sign cards for children of the Ukraine.

Pizza will be included.

WHITE SOCKS COLLECTION

Donation Deadline: December 25th

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 19 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 25th.



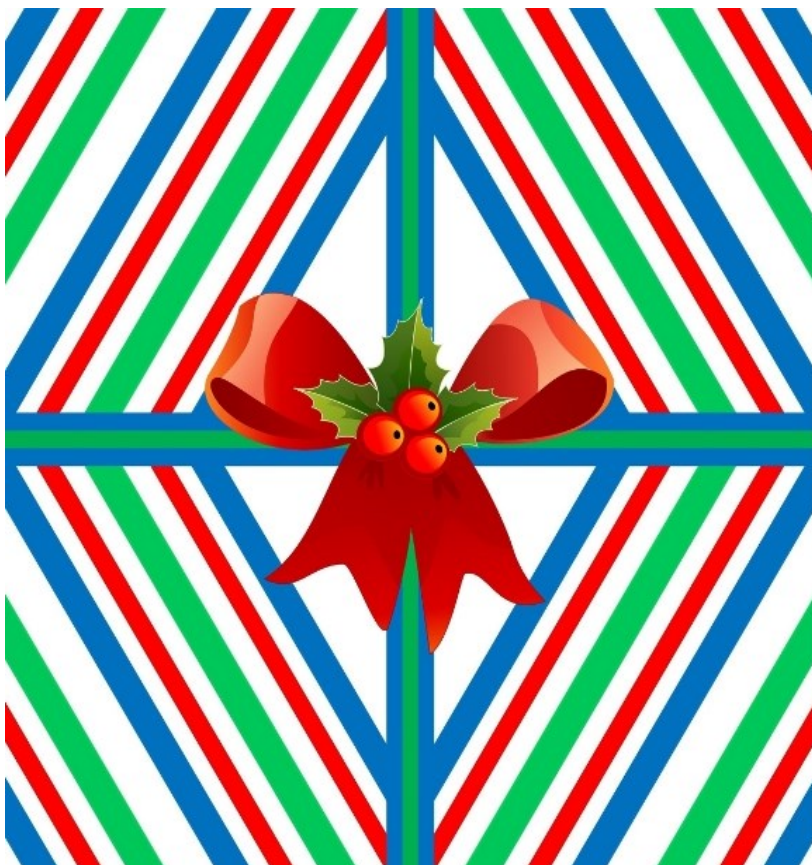


Poinsettias

OUR 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 11PM 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 CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 13TH.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE AND NARTHEX.



Community Apopka Toy Drive

Collection Day:
Sunday, December 8
at the 8:15 & 10:30 Services



A list of suggested toys is on page 24 of this newsletter.

Friendship Club Christmas Celebration

featuring

The Lake Nona Singers – Justin Chase, Director

Friday, December 6 at 11:30 AM

Call 407-647-1467 to make your reservations by noon Wednesday, December 4.



JOIN US
DECEMBER 15TH

*Service of
Lessons & Carols*

ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM





★ 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!

Cell Phones for Soldiers is a 501(c)93 nonprofit organization.

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

Service of the Longest Night

Worship Service of Remembrance



Sunday, December 22, 2019
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.

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Trunk or Treat 2019

Report from the Community Life Committee

As Saturday afternoon heated up and rain clouds threatened, Emily and a dedicated group of volunteers cordoned off the parking lot for WPPC Trunk or Treat. The cars arrived slowly and church members emerged donning big hats or complete costumes and opened their trunks revealing fanciful decorations: cute stuffed animals, games like corn hole and bowling, and large Bible story boards to name a few examples. Candy donated by church members was distributed to each trunk. Our committee set up a much-needed water station with apple juice and freshly grilled, warm hot dogs with chips.

Then, like an invasion, fireman, superheroes, princesses, cats, dinosaurs and unknown creatures walked up with parents, grandparents or older siblings. At first just a few came, then too many to count. By estimates some 100 children came, about half of them pre-school, and the rest elementary age. Some had their faces painted, and others visited the clown who made them balloon rings and animals. Most people were surprised that the hot dogs were free. In total, 108 hot dogs were given away.

The afternoon was a success, a true community event enjoyed by all. The CLC wants to thank everyone who gave candy, shared their talents, presented trunks, and volunteered with setting-up, preparing and serving the food and drinks, and cleaning up. We look forward to next year and hope to see you there.





It's that time again! Time for our annual Living Nativity presentation, except this year will be a special anniversary ~ the 60th ! This pageant has been presented for three generations.

Some things are always the same. Some have changed. The story of the birth of Christ and its need to be told to each new generation has remained the same for millennia.

In our own little time and place, our WPPC "set" with the baby Jesus and the animals and children around the fire under the stars will be the same as always. But different, in that the whole PreSchool grassy area, which serves as the "stage," has now been enclosed by a security fence. Good planning for the fencing has provided ample space for actors and animals, making allowances for the crowds who can enter through several spacious gates. There is even a gate large enough to accommodate the animals, who must be brought each evening to their show positions.

As always, Crystal Fern and helpers will be getting the many actors dressed in proper order and out to the stage in time to walk on.

Doug Reece, as stage manager for the Living Nativity pageant, and helpers will be moving behind the backdrops, running the show in the dark, making sure the lighting, music and actors are all synchronized.

In Fellowship Hall, Frank and Wendy Jamison will be photographing families in the Fellowship Hall crèche. Each year Frank sorts through the hundreds of photos, applies his artistic touch and sends the best, free, to the dozens of families who participate. Many return as an annual family tradition.

The Seel Family will again decorate and monitor our candle-lit sanctuary. This year we have live autoharp and hammered dulcimer music as background, so that all may personally experience a religious space.

Many work behind the scenes to make the whole a success. We don't often think of the "manger costumers," the food handlers tending the cookie tables and drinks, and the greeters, outside in the dark, welcoming and then saying goodbye to strangers visiting our campus. Also, we must remember the musicians, the people who put up the chairs, the Youth Luminarians, who set out the luminaries....and the good folks of the church who bake the hundreds of cookies.



Speaking of cookies ... yes, it is that time of year again when we ask you to turn on the oven and make bunches of cookies. The cookies are our Christmas presents to our neighbors, within the church and in the greater neighborhood. Please drop off your cookie donations in Fellowship Hall beginning December 18th.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
THE SEASON OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

In a season when we are considering the perfect gift, the gift that says how much we know and love our family and friends—we are reminded of God's perfect gift to us. Jesus came to live among us, bringing light into darkness, and reconciliation to God and to one another. Jesus Christ was God's perfect gift.

During Advent we celebrate the gift of leaders—past, present and future—through the Christmas Joy Offering. Leaders greatly impact our faith, serving as models for our own journey of faith. We need well-equipped leaders for the church and world, like those educated at our Presbyterian-related schools and colleges to reflect the wideness of God's intended diversity. We want church leaders and their families who find themselves dealing with dire financial needs to receive assistance. For those leaders the Christmas Joy Offering is truly a gift from above. For those who give, your gift will be a reminder of the One whose birth we celebrate, the one truly perfect gift.

Fifty percent of the offering received is sent to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, offering critical financial assistance for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

50% provides opportunities for education through Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, equipping communities of color and leadership development efforts of the Racial Equity Office of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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

PEACEMAKING OFFERING 2019 UPDATE

Your giving to the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday came to \$198.00. Our partners in the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly will use 75% of this offering for various peacemaking projects throughout the world. The remaining 25% is directed to a local project chosen by the Compassion Committee, which this year is IDignity. Through this program, volunteers help the needy in our community obtain their personal identification so they can access various aspects of daily living—voting, access to banking, secure housing, become more self-sufficient, etc. Thank you for your generosity to help those less fortunate than we are

"As you have done for the least of these, you have done for Me."

2 CENTS A MEAL UPDATE

Our fourth quarterly offering was held on October 27, 2019 and we received \$431.00. These donations will help support SoSA (Society of St. Andrew—a gleaning organization), Second Harvest Food Bank, AIR (Agency for International Reforestation in Guatemala) and Madagascar Project, which helps support our missionaries, Dan and Elizabeth Turk. On behalf of the above recipients, we thank you for your generous support of these projects. The beneficiaries of these gifts will learn that through Christ's love all things are possible.

~The Compassion Committee

Deacon's Den

Does it seem like Black Friday started really early this year? The advertisements began appearing in print, on television, and online before Halloween, urging us to take advantage of these deals because the actual shopping season is less than four weeks long this year. Analysts can tell you when to buy clothing, electronics, toys, and other items based on past seasons when the retailers marked down the price of certain items. You need an algorithm to determine what day you should shop for which gift and whether you should buy it online or in a store.

December 25th comes at the same time every year. The liturgical season of Advent precedes it by four Sundays. What can change from year to year is Thanksgiving, which is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of November. We know that retailers count on shoppers spending a lot of money during that short time to make their annual profit. Hence, there is a flurry of activity to meet the deadline.

Whew! I am exhausted already!

Did you notice that the reason for the frenzy has not yet been mentioned? That is because it is so easy to get caught up in the rush that we can easily forget. That is also why it is so important to take time to breathe deeply and ask ourselves "Why do we do it?" Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is God's gift to mankind. He is so great a gift that we can never hope to match it. We can only show our love for our family and friends and those less fortunate by giving physical items or experiences or our time. God gave us a Savior, a person who taught us the good news of God's love, and who took man's sin into Himself. Wow! How humbling to think that "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not die, but have eternal life."

Think on this verse during Advent, the waiting time before Christmas. As you make your list of people for whom you will buy gifts, remember to let the recipient know that you are giving this gift to show that you love them and that God loves them so much that He gave us all an even greater gift. Hope, peace, joy, and love of God are marked when we light the Advent candles and should be the guiding words for the season. The best gift you can give is yourself, your time, your talents, your love. Don't let the Black Friday ads overwhelm you.

Merry Christmas!



The Deacons are providing Christmas cards to send to our homebound members.

Please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall and write a card to someone in our church family who cannot come to services due to health or mobility issues. We have the directory, the cards, and the stamps and plan to mail the cards by December 18th. During the week the cards and list will be in the Healthy Living Room.

Let's spread some Christmas joy!



*Our sympathies are extended to the families
and friends of those recently passed.*

Lloyd McGuire, 11/5/19
Georgia "Lorraine" Stewart, 11/15/19
David Myers, 11/25/19



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

December 1—Keukenhof Gardens

"The best place to find God is in a garden," according to George Bernard Shaw. And the Netherlands' national pride is the Keukenhof Gardens also known as the Garden of Europe. Each year 8,000 Dutch workers plant over 7 million Tulip bulbs for a two month show that attracts a million visitors from all over the world. Reta Jackson will take you for a stroll through the 9 1/2 miles of Keukenhof's flower show.

December 8—No Class

The R in A classroom will be used to collect the Community Toys for Apopka.

December 15—Christmas Music Hour

R in A Sunday School Class will have its annual Christmas music hour on Sunday, December 15. "Matt & Friends" will present a quiet Christmas music program featuring flute and hammered dulcimer. Matt Straub will be our host.

December 22—Christmas Party

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

December 29—Casa de Paz Colorado

Matt Pickler will share his experiences in volunteering for a privately funded social outreach program in the Denver area. Located only a few miles from an immigrant detention center, Casa de Paz (House of Peace) offers housing, meals, visits and emotional support to families separated by immigrant detention. It also provides assistance to men and women who have been released from detention and need a place to stay as they make arrangements to return to their families. Detention is a difficult time that tears families apart and creates a financial burden, so all services are offered free of cost. Since first opening its doors Casa la Paz has hosted over 2,300 immigrants from thirty countries.



Church Fellowship Opportunities

The Friendship Club: December 6th

The Friendship Club Christmas Party is Friday, December 6, at 11:30 AM. The Lake Nona Singers, under the direction of Justin Chase, will entertain us with songs of the season. A Christmas ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Please bring something for the food pantry to make Christmas brighter for others. Product of the month is paper products. Reservations made by noon, Wednesday December 4, are a must for the meal. If you don't wish to join us for lunch, the program will begin at 12:15. If you need a ride from Westminster Winter Park or the Mayflower, you can let the front office know when you call to make your lunch reservation.

Book Club: December 2nd—*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

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. Newcomers are welcome at any time to enjoy the discussion and to experience the fellowship. For more information contact Drew Byrne—drewbyrne26@gmail.com.

Hannah Circle Christmas Party: December 9th @ 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 PM in room 301.

Elizabeth Bible Study: December 3

In December the Elizabeth Study Group will meet the FIRST Tuesday in December (which will be December 3rd) rather than the usual second Tuesday. We will meet at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. Our study this year is "We Are the Church ... LET'S ACT LIKE IT" (A study on the Book of Acts) and our study will be Week 2 ACT WITH GENEROSITY (Acts 3 - 6).

Ladies Game Night: December 16th

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. 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/munchie for later. Come alone or bring a friend! Contact the church office for more information.



A DIACONATE CALL for Help

As most of the congregation knows, the deacons are responsible for the planning and execution of Memorial Services and Receptions. This is one of the more important, satisfying, as well as labor intensive responsibilities of the deacons in spiritually honoring the memory of a departed loved one as well as supporting and honoring the family and guests. It also offers the opportunity to showcase our magnificent church to a large number of outside visitors. At times the deacons can find themselves overwhelmed in carrying out this important responsibility in the grand style it calls for and is in need of some outside help.

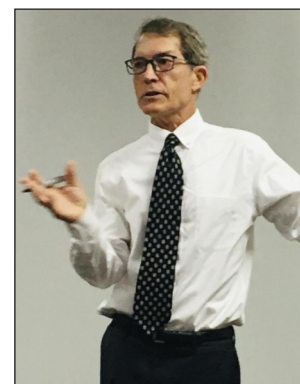
Accordingly, starting in 2020, the Diaconate will be establishing a "Memorial Service Augmentation Team" from within the congregation to lend a helping hand to the Deacons for Memorial Services and Receptions if needed.

Please consider joining this "Augmentation Team" in 2020 – no special training is required, just a willingness to lend a hand as an usher or as a member of the kitchen crew. Please just approach Jim McKinney or any one of the Deacons and we will thankfully put your name on the "Memorial Service Augmentation Team" list - Your helping hand will be most appreciated.

~ Jim McKinney, Diaconate Moderator

This Child HERE NEWS

Robert Gamble, previously an Associate Pastor of WPPC. spoke at the R in A Sunday School Class and gave a Moment for Mission to describe current programs for *This Child Here* located in Odessa, Ukraine to address the many tensions experienced by youth and families in Ukraine. The program currently has several different aspects. First, the program is training a network of foster parents to provide care for children who were previously living on the streets or in orphanages and need care. Second, it has organized a series of workshops for at risk children in the school systems to address the difficulties facing these youth. Third, it has created a Peace Camp that provides an opportunity for families that have been displaced by the conflict with Russia to experience a respite and to address their tensions. Fourth, it has established a peace training program for outstanding youth who have the ability to become the leaders of the future to become peacemakers. *This Child Here* receives financial support from WPPC as well as other churches and concerned individuals. More information about *This Child Here* can be found at <https://www.thischildhere.org/>.



Library News



Read to your family this Christmas. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren enjoy being read to and it helps you form a special relationship between you and the child. You can point out characters in the story, make a voice like the animal or persons. Show them that when people do kind acts, they show God's love.

The most popular of all Christmas festivals is the season of Christmas. The season lasts for a period of 12 days from December 25 through January 6. The message of Christmas is basically Incarnation, which is from the Latin "cara" (flesh) and "Immanuel" (God with us). Another Latin word, "advenio" (to come) gives us the term Advent. In the Christian Year it refers to the coming of Jesus Christ. Advent looks forward and backward. It recalls the coming of Christ as a child of Bethlehem and His coming again to judge in power and victory.

There are many symbols that can be used representing Christ or part of His ministry.

The Lion—symbol for Jesus—the Lion of Judah.

The Heart—symbol of love—reminds Christians that God is love.

The Cup or Chalice—symbol of Communion. Also represents God's forgiveness.

The Angel—symbol of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. Also represents the 2nd 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 to Heaven.



MICROWAVE NEEDED!

Do you have a lightly used microwave sitting at home that could use a new lease on life? If so, please let Pastor Emily know! The youth are desperately in need of a new microwave for the Youth Room as our current one is too old to pop popcorn and heat taco shells in three minutes or less! If you have a lightly used microwave at home, sitting and gathering dust, and would like to see it go to a good home to get some use, then please call Pastor Emily! The Youth will appreciate it!



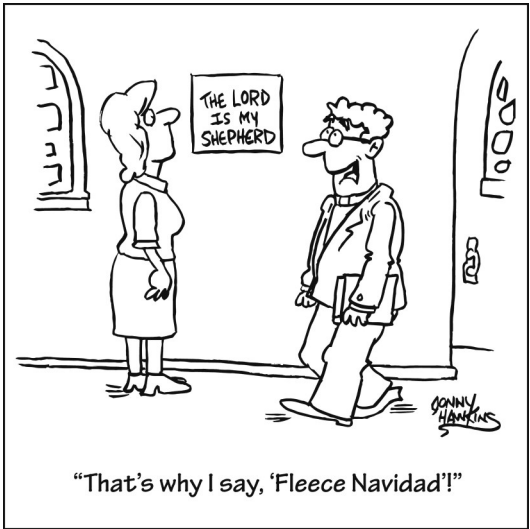
Bible Quiz

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Syria
- C. Rome
- D. Egypt



Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)



Symbols of the season

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



shepherd's staff _ □ □ _ _ _ □

tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ □ _ _ _

shines to lead the way _ _ _ □

green for eternal life, □ _ _ _ &
red for Jesus' blood _ _ _ □ □ _ _

sounds to announce □ _ _ _
good news

has no beginning or end _ _ _ □ _

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indesc □ □ ba □ le gif □ !

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath.
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME _____
2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
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Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E); God's gift of love



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)	Thurs 12/26 9:00 AM
Prepare meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 12/26 9:45 AM
Bag brownies ; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 12/27 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate 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. NO CLOTHING PLEASE. Contact Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) Reading Donations: Magazines for men (sports, cars, National Geographic, news), religious magazines/booklets, paperback books.	All month: Place in COALTION giant storage box located in Fellowship Hall
Sort and bag toiletries & reading donations (Marilyn Bryant 407-252-7499)	Fri 12/27 10:00-11:00 AM
Prepare to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 12/27 4:30-5:15 PM
Serve 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 12/27 5:30-8:00 PM NOTE: THE CHURCH VAN IS RESERVED FOR THIS FUNCTION.
Cleanup kitchen - wash, sanitize items used; store supplies (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 12/27 8:00-8:30 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.	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

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

The
**Holiday
Shopppe**
at Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND HOLIDAY SHOPPE



Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this wonderful Christmas celebration for preschool families and the community! Santa will be here for visits and photos, and breakfast will be available featuring items from Chick-fil-A, Foxtail Coffee, Dunkin Donuts, Panera and more.

There is no charge but donations are welcome.

Holiday Shoppe is a boutique-style shopping event featuring children's books, jewelry, ornaments, art, pottery, home décor, women's & children's accessories, stocking stuffers and much, much more. There will also be a raffle of items from our vendors. You do not need to be present to win!



Join us in Fellowship Hall
400 S. Lakemont Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32792



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



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

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

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

2020

Ardyth Austin
 Caroline James
 Jim McKinney
 Ellenorr Osterhaus
 Dennis Schmalstig
 Matt Straub

2021

Mike Galyean
 Reta Jackson
 Julie Kent
 Curtis Koon
 Sara Van Arsdell
 Jeanne Vinci

MISSIONARIES

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

For Covenanter or Sunday bulletin submissions, please fill out a publicity request online at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/> or contact Cindy Mitchum at cindym@winppc.org or 407-647-1467.



Apopka Community Toy Drive

Sunday, December 8 @ 8:15 & 10:30 Services
New Toy Collection (Please leave the price tag on the unwrapped gift)

The toys will be made available at discounted prices for parents to purchase their gifts with dignity.

Tuesday, December 10th
Toy Delivery

This is a delightful experience, and includes lunch at a Cuban Café with the staff that runs this wonderful program. Contact Rachel Myers at 407-484-7290 or myers.rachel58@gmail.com if you are interested. Come join the Fun!

Suggested items that will bring joy to the children:

- ◆ Bicycles / Tricycles
- ◆ Skateboards / Scooters
- ◆ Helmets
- ◆ Wagons
- ◆ Balls (Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Baseball)
- ◆ Gloves & Bats
- ◆ Arts & Crafts Kits
- ◆ Colorful Reading Books
- ◆ Electronic Games
- ◆ Ethnic Dolls
- ◆ MP3 Players / iPods / Headphones
- ◆ Radios / Watches / Cameras
- ◆ Perfume, Make-up, Jewelry
- ◆ Gifts & Games for Young Girls
- ◆ Educational Games & Books in English & Spanish
- ◆ Children's Socks / Underwear / Play Clothing
- ◆ Cars & Trucks of all kinds (especially large ones)
- ◆ Board Games for Middle School Children
- ◆ Toys / Clothing & Blankets for Babies & Toddlers
- ◆ Disposable Diapers (sizes newborn to 3 yrs old)

