



# The Covenanter

FEBRUARY 2023



Winter Park  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Let us  
LOVE  
one another  
because  
love comes from God.  
1 John 4:7, NRSV

Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 AM | Sunday School: 9:15 AM  
400 S. Lakemont Avenue | Winter Park, FL 32792 | 407-647-1467 | [www.winppc.org](http://www.winppc.org)



 <p>Our annual congregational meeting will be held on February 5th immediately following the 10:30 AM service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2023 annual budget and committee reports, and to approve the Trustees and the Pastor's Terms of Call.</p>			WEDNESDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4
			<b>Coalition Mix &amp; Bake Brownies</b> 9am/Kitchen <b>WM Ringers</b> 6pm, Rm 102 <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary	<b>Coalition Prepare Meal</b> 9:30am/Kitchen	<b>Coalition Food Prep</b> 9am/Kitchen <b>Serve the Meal</b> 3:30pm/FH-gather 4:00pm/Depart	
SUNDAY 5	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11
<b>Worship Svc.</b> 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Children's Sunday School</b> 10:30am, Rm 101 <b>WPPC Ringers</b> 11:35am, Sanctuary	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH	<b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:30am, Rm 301	<b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary <b>WM Ringers</b> 6pm, Rm 102 <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary		<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH <b>Kid's Night Out</b> 5:30pm, FH	
SUNDAY 12	MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15	THURSDAY 16	FRIDAY 17	SATURDAY 18
<b>Worship Svc.</b> 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Children's Sunday School</b> 10:30am, Rm 101 <b>WPPC Ringers</b> 11:35am, Sanctuary	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH <b>Hannah Circle</b> 6pm, Rm 301	<b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:30am, Rm 301 	<b>PS Board Mtg</b> 10:30am, Rm 301 <b>WM Ringers</b> 6pm, Rm 102 <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:15pm, Sanctuary	<b>Deacon Meeting</b> 7pm, Rm 301		
SUNDAY 19	MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 24	SATURDAY 25
<b>Worship Svc.</b> 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Children's Sunday School</b> 10:30am, Rm 101 <b>WPPC Ringers</b> 11:35am, Sanctuary	<b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH 	<b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:30am, Rm 301	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> 7pm, Sanctuary 	<b>Session Meeting</b> 7pm, Rm 301	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28				
<b>Worship Svc.</b> 10:30 am-Sanctuary <b>Sunday School</b> 9:15-10:15am <b>Children's Sunday School</b> 10:30am, Rm 101 <b>WPPC Ringers</b> 11:35am, Sanctuary <b>Bible Recap Group</b> 11:40am, Rm 301	<b>Tai Chi</b> 11:30am, FH	<b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:30am, Rm 301				



It is hard to believe, but somehow January is over and February is upon us. February can bring a mix of weather for us as some days are cool, while others are a glimpse into the heat that will soon set in. We also get to celebrate a few holidays in February. We are familiar with Valentines Day, Presidents Day,

Groundhog Day and most importantly for us, Ash Wednesday. However, did you know that in February we also celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day and National Weather Persons Day, but we must also be hungry in February as we observe National Banana Bread Day, National Sticky Bun Day, National Chocolate Fondue Day, National Gumdrops Day, and National Plum Pudding Day—who knew?

We are also celebrating at WPPC. Our traditional Ash Wednesday Service this month, which is a time to open our hearts to God, recognizing those areas where broken persists and invite God's Spirit to continually shape us and make us new—different than yesterday—today, living more like Jesus and less like me. We are also going to celebrate and give God thanks for all good things.

This past year, for the first time in almost fifteen years, we received more in income than we anticipated, we took in more members than we lost, and for the first time in ten years, we have received more in pledges than the previous year (19% more). This is the result of an increase in the number of overall pledges and increases in the amount of existing pledges. Thank you! God, is to be praised!

Sunday, February 12th, we will gather for worship, focusing our hearts and minds on Praise and Thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness, for the Holy Spirit's leading of our hearts down paths of generosity and for the opportunity to respond with our whole lives as we humbly seek to follow after Jesus. Please plan to attend and celebrate with us God's abundant blessings.

We are also looking forward to many opportunities for learning and fellowship during the month, including the kickoff of a midweek program, where we gather to share a meal, spend time with each other, and have a small group Bible study and discussions. We are also looking forward to another exciting Kid's Night Out, music, concerts, and the addition of a couple of new staff that personnel committee hopes to introduce to you over the next several weeks.

As we consider all these blessings and many others, there is plenty to celebrate this month, more than just our sweet tooth as we eat our way through Sticky Bun Day, Banana Bread Day, and Plum Pudding Day. I hope we will more importantly celebrate the sweetness of God, as a faithful (not perfect) community of believers doing our best to love God and love one another.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Darren

WPPC Concert Series

# SAVE *the* DATE!



**2023**

## GOSPEL MUSIC

EVANS HIGH SCHOOL & UCF

Sunday, January 22 3pm



## ORLANDO BIG BAND

SWING TIME IN SPRING TIME

Sunday, March 12 3pm



## "JOHN DENVER"

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC & MEMORIES

WITH REV. SHAWN GARVEY

Sunday, April 23 3pm

Concerts are FREE and Open to the Public!  
Meet and greet reception to follow each concert.

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## Sunday School

### Relationships in Action (RINA) • ROOM 301 @ 9:15 AM

Relationships in Action is a Sunday School class that studies “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” They are interested in Biblical, historical, and current social issues in terms of how they affect the lives of others and how we, as followers of Christ, can be a factor in positive change. Everyone is welcome.

#### **2/5: Planning Session**

Class planning session for March and April. All are welcome.

#### **2/12: Marriage Enrichment with Dr. Darren Bess**

Dr. Bess will bring ideas on how to communicate, respect, enjoy, and share time, love, and faith with our partners in marriage relationships.

#### **2/19: Gothic Cathedrals of Europe**

Frank and Wendy Jamison will share a slideshow program on Gothic Cathedrals (which they have visited). These amazing churches were built to convey the Christian ideals of a faithful Christian society in Europe during the Middle Ages.

#### **2/26: Spiritual Journey on the Appalachian Trail with Mike Galyean**

The Appalachian Trail follows the spine of the Appalachian range of mountains from Georgia to Maine traversing 14 states along the way. Mike Galyean trekked all 2,128 miles of the “AT” beginning in 1991 and finishing in 1999. Along the way he encountered bears, rattlesnakes, uncompromising weather, and a myriad of other hardships. You will be inspired by his challenging but spiritual journey hiked in memory of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Pete Gray who accompanied Mike on his first introduction to the “AT” in 1969. Mike will give us details of what his journey was like and describe the beauty, obstacles, and daily life of his 2000+ mile journey.





## WPPC NEWS & INFO

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—FEBRUARY 12TH

In 1990, a simple prayer:

*Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat*

was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.



This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

The first year, they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities.

That was 1990. Since then, Tackle Hunger, with its signature Souper Bowl of Caring event has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. Since 1990, over **\$175 million** has been reported donated to local food charities across all fifty states with over **305,000 unique groups** participating. These donations have benefitted thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities.

Thousands of participants including: churches, schools, youth groups, community partners, grocery partners, local businesses, media partners, NFL teams and passionate individuals have experienced for themselves, the joy and satisfaction of giving, serving and inspiring people across the country to follow their generous example.

The Compassion Committee at WPPC is spearheading our Souper Bowl of Caring effort. Donations of canned goods (soup, veggies, beans, tuna, etc.) will be collected by Sunday, February 12, and will be delivered to the Christian Service Center on Monday, February 13.





## **WPPC News & Info**

### **CALLING ALL GRADUATES!**

The Christian Education Committee is looking ahead to Graduation Sunday and wants to make sure we don't miss any graduate. Please let us know if a member of our church family will be celebrating this milestone this year.

### **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - UPDATE**

Our congregation donated \$1,420 to the Christmas Joy Offering in December 2022. Those monies have been sent to the Central Florida Presbytery for distribution to the Board of Pensions (fifty percent) for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The remaining fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Thank you to all who were able to be a part of this special offering to assist those who serve the church: Past, Present, and Future. ~The Compassion Committee

### **COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP**

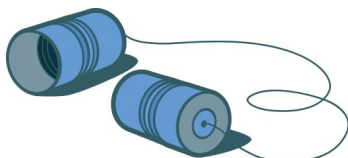
We are asking for families or small groups to "host" a couple Sundays each year. All supplies are provided, including donuts. You would make the coffee prior to the service, be there to serve after the 10:30 service, and then provide basic cleanup. There will be written instructions for the coffee pots in the kitchen. Please click on the link below to look at the available Sundays. Thank you so much!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A8A92FA1F49-fellowship>

Questions? You can email Lisa Dreasher ([lisa.dreasher@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.dreasher@gmail.com)) or Syd Davis ([susieydavis@gmail.com](mailto:susieydavis@gmail.com)) or catch us after church. There is also a paper sign-up available, and Lisa will enter it on the computer side so you get a reminder.



**THE COVENANTER IS A GREAT WAY TO GET THE WORD OUT! PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS, DATES, CONGRATULATIONS, UPCOMING EVENTS, ETC. BY FILLING OUT A PUBLICITY REQUEST FORM AT [HTTP://WINPPC.ORG/PUBLICITY-REQUEST/](http://winppc.org/publicity-request/). YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO [CINDYM@WINPPC.ORG](mailto:CINDYM@WINPPC.ORG).**



*Spread the Word*

# ?? Bible Quiz ??

Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love: "Love is \_\_\_\_\_; love is \_\_\_\_\_. ... it keeps no record of \_\_\_\_\_."

- A. challenging, important, the past
- B. childlike, innocent, injustice
- C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances
- D. patient, kind, wrongs



Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV.)

For God so lo**V**ed the world  
 th**A**t he gave his  
 on**L**y  
 begott**E**n  
 So**N**,  
 tha**T** whoever  
 bel**I**eves  
 i**N** him should not perish  
 but hav**E** everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us **STOP**, **LOOK** and **LISTEN**.

We observe Lent because it tells us to **STOP** and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to **LOOK** inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to **LISTEN** — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

**STOP**, **LOOK** and **LISTEN**! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

# Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV



# February



## 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 Nancy Galyean at 407-929-0903/nangalyean@gmail.com or Anna Caparis at 707-889-4768/annafromal@yahoo.com.

What	When
<b>Bake</b> brownies / Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565	Wed 2/1 9:00-11:00 AM
<b>Prepare</b> meal / Anna Caparis (temp) 707-889-4768	Thurs 2/2 9:30-11:30 AM
<b>Bag</b> brownies / Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254	Fri 2/3 9:00-10:00 AM
<b>Donate</b> reading materials: Magazines for men, women, & children (news, cars, sports, National Geographic, religious magazines/booklets, paperback books)	<b>All month:</b> Place in <b>COALITION</b> giant storage box in Fellowship Hall.
<b>Prepare</b> to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903	Fri 2/3 3:30-4:00 PM
<b>Serve</b> 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 Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like	Fri 2/3 4:00-7:00 PM <b>NOTE:</b> The church bus is reserved for this function.
<b>Cleanup kitchen:</b> Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 2/3 7:00-7:30 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>Anytime</b>

### 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: Nancy Galyean  
407-929-0903 or [nangalyean@gmail.com](mailto:nangalyean@gmail.com).**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> <i>Eileen Silvers Ron Thompson</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> <i>Beth Danley Ivan Smith</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> <i>Cathy House Jayne Watkins</i>	<u>8</u> <i>Betty Gow Jim McKinney Jeanne Vinci</i>	<u>9</u> <i>Jan Hall Mike Yost</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Sara Van Arsdel</i>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <i>Mark Beaty Vicki Hurd</i>	<u>14</u> <i>Sally Naylor</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Aidan Smith Jack Watkins</i>	<u>16</u> <i>Ed Matrick Judy Schmalstig</i>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> <i>Anna Caparis</i>
<u>19</u> <i>Jyme Smith</i>	<u>20</u> <i>Lenore Dillard Jane Munns</i>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <i>Christopher Baldwin</i>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <i>Michelle Stills</i>	<u>28</u> <i>Barbara Edwards Craig Uttley</i>  <u>29</u> <i>Denise Riccio</i>				



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> <i>Curtis Koon Steve Walker</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <i>John Dreasher</i>
<u>5</u> <i>Nancy Galyeen</i>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> <i>Bill Cuthill Fran Morrissey Nancy Schieber</i>	<u>9</u> <i>Kathy Anderson</i>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> <i>Travis Smith</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Gregory Seel</i>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <i>Phillip Anderson, III Meg Ball Thomas</i>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> <i>Carol Hunt</i>	<u>20</u> <i>Robin Danley Fred Kittinger</i>	<u>21</u> <i>Shelby Reaves</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Wendy Ethridge Ethan Thomas</i>	<u>23</u> <i>Marilyn Bryant Sara Ann Hiatt</i>	<u>24</u> <i>Nolan Seel</i>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> <i>Chris Lane Solange Yost</i>	<u>27</u> <i>Yvonne Cobb Carla Gehrig Michael Goodson</i>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Charlie Anderson Debby Tallungan</i>	<u>31</u>	



The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor  
 Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant  
 Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant  
 Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant  
 Justin Chase, Director of Music  
 Penny Walsh, Organist  
 Sandra Shafer, Pianist  
 Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs

## SESSION

### 2023

Syd Davis  
 Fred Kittinger  
 Malcolm MacDiarmid  
 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

## DIACONATE

### 2023

Ron Ellman  
 Betty Johnston  
 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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