



February 2024





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

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February				Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Serve the Meal 3:30pm/FH-gather 4:00pm/Depart	
SUNDAY 4	MONDAY 5	TUESDAY 6	WEDNESDAY 7	THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 9	SATURDAY 10
Communion Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am Bible Recap Group 11:30am,	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary Bereavement Group 4pm, Rm 303 WPPC Handbells 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary		Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Kid's Night Out 5pm, FH	
SUNDAY 11	MONDAY 12	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16	SATURDAY 17
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am Inquirer/New Members Lunch 11:45am	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Hannah Circle 6pm, Rm 301	PS Board Mtg 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary Bereavement Group 4pm. Rm 303 Ash Wednesday 6:30pm, Sanctuary	Communion Svc Westminster WP Ham Neighbors & Friends Lunch/Program H:30am, FH Deacon Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Peggy Anderson Memorial Svc I Iam, Chapel
SUNDAY 18	MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21	THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23	SATURDAY 24
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am	Office Closed	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Family Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary Bereavement Group 4pm, Rm 303 WNT Class: 4:30pm Dinner: 5:30pm Class: 6:15pm WPPC Handbells 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Session Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 25	MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29		
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	Coalition Mix & Bake Brownies 9am/Kitchen PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary WNT Class: 4:30pm Dinner: 5:30pm Class: 6:15pm WPPC Handbells 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen	Goo	Share I's Love



It is hard to believe January is already over and February is upon us. It's almost early spring for us here and the days are filled with cooler temperatures, sunshine, the songs of birds, pollen and some more pollen, and a time to reflect upon love. Which brings to mind for us also faith and hope. *Faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these is love*, 1st Corinthians 13:13. I came across this poem a few years ago, by Rusty Gibson, and I pray it will encourage you in the days ahead, days filled with faith, hope, and love.

> We live tomorrow the dreams of today Our hopes of the future gives us faith along the way Love is the river of this wakened state It's never out of time, it's never too late It gives us life as it flows through our lives It tears through confusion loneliness and strife Love cuts a clear path through the test of time You can see where it has been and watch it unwind Free as a river that you can't control You can't even say where it might flow Hope is a power that can't be taken away It can pull you through even the toughest of days Hope can keep you going when everything else fails It keeps you company on the loneliest of trails Faith is ever daring in the face of defeat It can bring you courage that nothing can beat Faith can give you strength to face what the future brings Combined with hope and love you only need the three of these Love is like a river, Hope is like a dream Faith is just believing with nothing to be seen So dream of tomorrow and Love for today Hope with all your heart and let Faith show you the way

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Darren



THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE CONCERT, ALTHOUGH DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A MEET & GREET WITH REFRESHMENTS WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE CONCERT.





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THE START OF

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th 6:30pm

WPPC will mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service. Imposition of the ashes will be offered as a part of the service for those who would like to receive them.

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The Neighbors and Friends ministry kicked off the new year with a trip to the lovely Mt. Dora on Thursday, January 18. There were 11 who attended, 10 were WPPC members with one visitor, and our own Pastor Darren drove the bus. We explored on our own and found lovely spots for lunch, even the rain in the early afternoon did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group. New friendships were formed and old friendships renewed, all in the Spirit of Christ that binds us.

Join us for our next gathering on February 15th where we will share a catered Greek meal in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. It will be followed by a short program about all types of love. The cost of the meal will be \$15.00. Reservations will be necessary (407-647-1467) and need to be made by February 12th. If you have special dietary needs, feel free to bring your own lunch or just join us for fellowship. We welcome all to come and share in this ministry and bring a friend if you want. A goal of this ministry is to strengthen current relationships and welcome others to participate. In doing this we enrich our lives and the lives of others by sharing God's grace and love.



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.

For the second year, the Compassion Committee at WPPC is spearheading our Souper Bowl of Caring effort. **Donations will be collected from Sunday, February 4, through Sunday, February 11.** Please place your donations in the baskets in the church offices hallway or in the large bin in Fellowship Hall. All donations will be delivered to the Christian Service Center on Monday, February 12. Thank you for your generosity.

KEEPING UP WITH WPPC

NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER LUNCH - FEBRUARY 11TH



If you joined our church since January 1, 2023, or have visited with us and would like to know more, the Community Life committee is hosting a New Member/Inquirer Lunch on Sunday, February 11th following the 10:30am service. The lunch will be in the church Parlor in the Christian Education building. New members keep an eye on your email for an invitation this week, and simply respond to the email with a yes or no, and that's all you

need to do! If you have not yet joined our church but would like to learn more about it, just call our church office at 407-647-1467 by Monday, February 5 to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (WNT) BEGINS FEBRUARY 21ST



WNT will kick off the spring session on February 21st and will run for five weeks. Sessions will run from 4:30-5:15pm and 6:15-7pm, with dinner at 5:30pm. Early sessions are still being set but include presenters from the WPPD, Iris Whittaker, a Christian Clown, and more. Pastor Jim Capps and Marilyn Bryant will be doing a small group Lenten series in the after dinner session. They will be using an Adam Hamilton video, entitled *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*. Each short video will be followed by discussion among the participants in which we will share our feelings, thoughts, and ways we can

relate to the video and to each other. Dinner menus are being finalized, and we plan to finish with the always popular Potluck on our last Wednesday. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU CATHY & STEVE!



Over the last year Cathy & Steve House led the Bible Recap Group as they went through the chronological Bible reading plan. It has been a very enlightening journey through the Bible and we are grateful to them for leading the group through this journey. Their dedication to the class is very much appreciated!

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (RINA) - ROOM 301 @ 9:15AM



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.

February 4th - Planning Day

February 11th - La'Shai Huff-Bichet

La'Shai Huff-Bichet, our new Children's Ministry Coordinator, will be our guest. Please join us to get to know LaShai and learn of her plans for WPPC Children's Ministry.

February 18th - Wendy Stafford

Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator, will speak to the RinA class. Please take this opportunity to get to know Wendy and learn of her plans for WPPC Health Care Coordinator.

February 25th - Blossom Artisanal: Opportunities for Developmentally Challenged Workers

Blossom Artisanal is a unique work environment that provides employment for adults and teenagers with developmental disabilities. The workers produce all-natural artisanal products while gaining meaningful employment and learning skills that last a lifetime. 81% of individuals with developmental disabilities are unemployed. Many of them are able and willing to work given the right environment and support. Blossom provides a culture of empowerment that fosters independence. Blossom's employees are responsible for each phase of the business, from hand producing soaps, candles, and bath teas to packaging, shipping, and sales. Gina Blomstrom, who represented Blossom at our recent Christmas Global Market, will provide more insight into the operation and impact of this business.

Deacons' Den

DEBBIE PAUZAR



I grew up watching The Wizard of Oz during the days of limited TV options. The movie was shown only once a year but that only enhanced my anticipation and excitement! As I grew older, I came to understand important messages within the story.

In Kansas, living on the farm with Auntie Em and Uncle Henry, Dorothy desired her ideal of a perfect home life. When she sang, Over the Rainbow, she revealed the illusion of a 'perfect place' *she had created in her mind*.

When problems arose, and *wanting her own way*, she ran away from home to search for that 'better' place. Yet, when she found herself living in the land of OZ, she began to see that problems cannot be solved simply by dreaming them away. So, she chose to work with her new friends to solve their problems. *And in her heart a deep longing* to go home grew stronger.

We too live in an imperfect world and *long* to go home. As Christians, we believe in the Authority of God's Word that reassures us that our perfect, forever home is in heaven with Him. *Yet, though still imperfect human beings like 'Dorothy', wanting our own way, susceptible to creating illusions that replace God's Authority.*

For Dorothy, finding her way home was not easy, but by the end of the story, she discovers that *it is love which dispels discontentment and replaces illusions. Love was the reality that made her imperfect home, where problems still had to be dealt with, a wonderful place to be.*

As Christians, we are amazed by the Truth of God's perfect Love for us. A Love so powerful it fills our souls and shatters illusions.

His Love, which instills in us the desire to love one another with Christ-like Love on this earth, makes the waiting, *the longing*, for our eternal home, a beautiful blessing!

Home is truly where your heart is!





THANK YOU!



Christmas Joy Offering:

The Compassion Committee collected \$1,385 from the WPPC congregation for the Christmas Joy Offering on December 17, 2023. The Compassion Committee thanks all those who so generously donated. You are appreciated!

The following organizations thank WPPC for their generation donations throughout 2023:

- AIR (Alliance for International Reforestation, Inc.) \$1,800 for 2023, plus \$1,103 received from the Christmas Market held in 2022, equaling \$2,903.
- Heifer International—\$1,162
- Society of St. Andrew—\$149 from the 2023 Christmas Market

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS NEWS

... "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

On Friday, January 5, 2024, members of the Hannah Circle and our Sister in Christ, Crystal Fern, gathered in Fellowship Hall to fold socks that were so generously donated by the congregation. We opened plastic bags, cut wrapping paper, and clipped ties, then folded the pairs of white socks into neat bundles with Bible verses tucked inside. Then we counted them!

In total, we prepared 455 pairs of socks!



The workers in the "field": Sue Rudolph, Sandy Matrick, Deanna Spangler, Cynthia Nants, Paula Smathers, Johnnie McCarter, Debbie Pauzar, Crystal Fern, and Ardyth Austin.

Many thanks to our Compassion Committee who took the bags of folded socks to the Homeless Coalition and to all our wonderful, loving church members and friends who participated in this annual event!

Many pairs of feet will be warm and dry this year!



Pulse Points

Wendy Stafford WPPC Health Care Coordinator



Are you aware of the role Magnesium in your diet? A lot of foods we like are rich in Magnesium and need to be eaten regularly. Magnesium helps in the formation of bones and teeth, regulation of blood pressure and blood sugar levels, helps in muscle recovery and nerve regulation, and also helps in the formation of various proteins and DNA. It also helps in mood regulation and plays a major role in various metabolic activities in the body. Here are some ways to add magnesium to our diet:

The NIH suggests these magnesium-rich foods (in order from higher to lower):

- Pumpkin seeds
- Chia seeds
- Almonds
- Spinach
- Cashews
- Peanuts
- Shredded wheat cereal
- Soy milk
- Black beans

- Edamame
- Peanut butter
- Baked potatoes (with skins)
- Brown rice
- Low-fat yogurt
- Fortified breakfast cereals
- Oatmeal
- Kidney beans
- Bananas

In an effort to enrich our wellbeing, let's keep these awesome foods in mind!

-Wendy

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WPPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



month at 10:30am.

If you would like more

information about any of our WPPC activities for children, please contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator: La'Shai Huff-Bichet LashaiH@winppc.org

FOR EASTER BRUNCH!

Enjoy a Lovely Breakfast, Puppet Show, and Egg Hunt

WPPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



More Information Email: LashaiH@winppc.org



Answer: C (See 1 John 4:7-8, NIV.)

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After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

14 – 7 = Father 10 + 15 = in 10 – 5 = God 10 + 9 = heavenly 9 + 9 = the 6 – 3 = to 12 + 12 = ____ blessing 12 -6 = ____ and 2 – 1 = ____ Praise 6 + 6 = ____ Christ 7 + 7 = has 18 – 9 = our 11 + 11 = ____ every 22 – 11 = Jesus 13 + 13 = ____ Christ 1 + 1 = ____ be 8 + 8 = ____ us 7 + 6 = who10 + 10 = ____ realms 2 + 2 = ____ the 10 + 5 = ____ 8 + 9 = ____ in blessed 5 + 5 = Lord 4 + 4 = of10+ 11 = ____ with 10 + 13 = ____ spiritual 1 2 3 4 5 6 11 7 9 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 **Ephesians 1:3, NIV**

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Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Cross of Ashes — On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."



- 2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

Answers: a 6, b 4, c 1, d 7, e 2, f 5, g 3



OPTION FOR EXTENDED DAY UNTIL 3:30 PM. CHILDREN AGES 1 YEAR (MUST BE 1 YEAR OLD BY JUNE 1) TO FIVE YEARS OLD WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. TUITION IS \$235.00 PER WEEK AND EXTENDED DAY IS \$85.00 PER WEEK. SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. SIGN UP EARLY TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT!



WPPP's Summer Camp Registration has begun and Open Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year will begin February 14th. To register, contact the Preschool Office.

For more information please contact our WPPP Director, Nicole Fyle, at 407-629-0727 or <u>nicolef@winpcc.org</u>.







COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help

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

What	When
Bake brownies / Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565	Wed 1/31 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal / Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Thurs 2/1 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies / Joann Robertson 407-678-8254	Fri 2/2 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines for men, women, & children (news, cars, sports, National Geographic, religious magazines/booklets, paperback books)	All month: Place in COALITION giant storage box in Fellowship Hall.
Prepare to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Fri 2/2 3:30-4:00 PM
Serve the Meal. Join us in the WPPC kitchen for departure to Coalition at 4:00 PM and return by 7:00PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway <u>and</u> call Anna Caparis (707-889-4768) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve. The Coalition requires each volunteer to register.	Fri 2/2 4:00-7:00 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 2/2 7:00-7:30 PM
Financial Donation : Make check out to WPPC; note on the memo line "Coalition for the Homeless" - mail to WPPC or bring to the church office.	Anytime

HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 40 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide and serve a wonderful meal to our guests at the Coalition. We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent.

> Any of the above gifts, or your time, are so appreciated! To help in any way, please contact: Anna Caparis 707-889-4768 or <u>annafromal@yahoo.com</u>

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



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



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

<u>2024</u>

Mike Galyean John Gehrig Jayne Leach Audrey Santiago Sara Van Arsdel

<u>2025</u>

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<u>2026</u>

Syd Davis Betty Johnston Shaheed Mohammed Nelson Roe

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<u>2025</u>

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2026 Ernestine Beattie Sue Howard

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