



The Covenanter

JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

Happy New Year one and all! Though, I must admit, that as I sit at my desk writing to you, it is not 2019, but still 2018. Even better, I've just hung up with Cindy who has confirmed that the digital copy of the monthly covenanter is going to go out on December 31st rather than January 1st so, perhaps Happy New Year's Eve is a far better greeting!

I recently saw a joke on a popular comedian's Facebook page that the week leading up to New Years is a week of inhibitions. It is one week where people do all the things they know they probably shouldn't do, all because they can say "starting next week I'll never do it again." This tradition that we have of making New Year's Resolutions is an old one. So old that it can be traced back beyond the Knights of medieval England, beyond the Romans, all the way back to Babylonians! It was their tradition to make promises to their gods and vow to pay off old debts at the time of the New Year. Were they successful? Uncertain. Data from that time of the world is hard to come by. (I don't think the ancient Babylonians had easy online polls to take or even door to door poll takers to knock on their doors and say "Hi, can I ask you a couple of questions about your New Year's Resolutions?") Of course today, we know that most New Year's Resolutions will not be kept. Studies show that 80% have failed to keep their New Year's Resolutions by February and as little as 9% will keep them through the end of the year. Whew! Now there are some depressing numbers to end the year on.

If I'm honest, it's been a long time since I bothered to make New Year's Resolutions because of those numbers. What's the point? I'm weak, chocolate is good, I'm bound to be one of the 80% that can't keep it together for a couple of months let alone the entire year! Perhaps that is why over the last few years I've taken to doing something entirely different on New Year's Eve. Rather than crafting a long list of my flaws, things I'm desperate to change, I sit down and write another list, I write a list of all the ways that I am different now from the last time I sat down to watch that ball drop. Usually it's a little slow getting started, but once you start, it's amazing what you'll find. This year, I'm thrilled to add to my list that I have acquired a new sister-in-law, that I have learned how to floss (ask your kids and/or grandkids), I've been to Grand Rapids, I've played handbells in Disney Springs for the holidays, I've successfully added technology to one of my sermons (thanks Carole Reece!), I've actively engaged with other members of Presbyterian Youth Workers, I've started running (2 miles in 30 minutes!), and the list I sense is going to go on and on!

On the same day I saw the comedian's post about the week before New Year's being a week of inhibitions, I saw another post from a friend. It was a comic strip, an old one I'm sure, but not one I could name off the top of my head. It was simply two friends sitting on a hill watching a sunset as one asked "what do you think the new year will bring?" The other replied, "365 opportunities." As we head into this New Year, I pray you will take this brief letter to heart. I pray that you might not waste time and energy on resolutions that will be gone in a few weeks, or choose to focus on all the ways you can be better. Rather, I pray that you might look at yourself and see the wonder that God has created in you, observe the path that God has taken you down over the last year of your life, and take in all the ways you have been made stronger and better by it. You are beautiful; a wondrous creation in Christ. And I hope you will join me in this next year as we see just where the Spirit will call us!

Peace to you,



Emily



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Year!

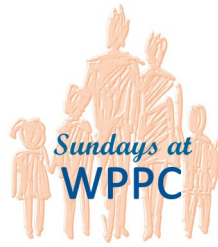


JANUARY 2017

		TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4	SATURDAY 5
		Office Closed	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303	Library Open 9am-Noon Caregiver Support 10am, Rm 301		
SUNDAY 6	MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11	SATURDAY 12
Communion Worship Service 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon Youth Group 5pm, Rm 204	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Book Club 7pm, Rm 303	Elizabeth Bible Study 10-11:30am, Parlor Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Children's Choir/ Youth Ensemble 6:30 pm, Rm 102	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am Communion at Westminster WP 11am Committee Night 6:30pm Chairs 7pm Prayer Svc 7:30pm Meetings	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 13	MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18	SATURDAY 19
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary Youth Group 5:30pm, Aloma Bowl	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Hannah Circle 7pm, Rm 301	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Children's Choir/ Youth Ensemble 6:30 pm, Rm 102	Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am Deacons Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 20	MONDAY 21	TUESDAY 22	WEDNESDAY 23	THURSDAY 24	FRIDAY 25	SATURDAY 26
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One of our three usher teams for the 10:30 Sunday service is in desperate need of help. If you are willing to be placed on a Sunday usher team which rotates every three months, please contact Bob White at rawgardener@yahoo.com or 407 719-6077. Thank you!



Worship Services

8:15 AM (Chapel)

10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Sunday School ▪ 9:15 AM

Children

Nursery for ages 1 month – 3 years (608)

Ages 3 years – Grade 2 (101)

Grades 3 – 5 (201)

At Winter Park Presbyterian Church we are blessed to host Sunday School classes for young and elementary aged children. Both classes use a curriculum called *Deep Blue*, which invites children to explore the stories of the Bible through video, crafts, games, and mission. In Sunday School they will begin to form the building blocks for a lifelong, deep faith in Christ.

Youth and Adults

Relationships in Action (301)

Relationships in Action is a Sunday School class that studies issues “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” Each week features a different theme and a different speaker to present each topic. They are interested in social issues that affect their lives and the lives of others and how we as followers of Christ can be a factor in positive change.

Seekers (315)

The *Seekers* is a discussion based Sunday school class that studies a wide variety of topics ranging from Books of the Bible to Theology to Current Events. They are a support group that spends time on fellowship as well as discussion and they are able to disagree, yet move in a positive direction during their discussions.

Opportunities for Growth

Salt of the Earth Young Adults

3:00 pm @ Panera Bread on Aloma Ave.

Salt of the Earth is a group for 20 and 30 somethings that aim to build faith and community. Weekly discussions involve food, talking about the weekly service, our faith, work, and how we can support one another in our day to day lives. If you are a 20 or 30 something looking to engage in this community, please join us at 3:00 PM at Panera Bread on Aloma Avenue for our own time of fellowship and a treat from the bakery!

Youth Group

5:00 pm (204)

One of the most important aspects of growing faith in Youth is the ability to form relationships with other Christians as we learn to carry out our faith. This year, Youth Group will be doing just that! Every Sunday night, from 5:00-7:00 PM, the Youth Disciples of WPPC come together for dinner and fellowship that includes mission projects, discussions, worship, and some fun offsite events along the way. This year our discussions will revolve around relationships; those we have with each other, Christ, enemies, family, teachers, even technology!

All you need to bring is yourself and an open mind!

R IN A SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:15—10:15 AM
ROOM 301



January 6—Spiritual Conversation Series

Continuing with the new *Spiritual Conversation Series* of the Relationships in Action Sunday School Class, Dennis Schmalstig will present his take on life. The *Conversation Series* invites people to share formative ideas and events which have helped shape their beliefs; in Dennis' case, his experience as an organ donor. Matt Straub will guide our discussion.

January 13—Hospice of the Comforter

Hospice of the Comforter (now AdventHealth Hospice Care) is a community, faith based, non-profit Hospice serving Seminole, Orange and Osceola counties. They provide compassionate care by highly specialized and trained Care Teams with years of experience in pain and symptom relief. Care is for both the patient and their families... wherever home is. Javier Melendez, from Hospice of the Comforter, will share his organization with us and answer any questions we might have.

January 20—Pastor Adam Hamilton

Pastor Adam Hamilton recently spoke on NPR about what role faith plays in bringing people together. He states: "In our polarized country, the church has a role to play in bringing healing to our polarized nation." We will listen to Pastor Hamilton's interview with NPR's host Joshua Johnson and then consider how we, as individuals, might implement his ideas. Nancy Galyean will guide the discussion.

January 27—The Holy Land Revealed

Lesson 1: The Land of Canaan—Our class will begin an archaeological study covering the ancient history of what is commonly known as the Holy Land, a geographical area that includes modern Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian territories. This first lesson in the series will explore the original inhabitants of ancient Palestine, the Canaanites. We will also discuss the extent to which the Hebrew Bible can serve as a reliable source of information about the Holy Land. Gene Pickler will guide the discussion.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW
IN YOUR WPPC LIBRARY



Your church library, established in 1958, has about 6,000 books. Many of which are religious ones, but also interesting biographies and lots of fiction. Many people in our congregation have donated books recently, too. Some examples are:

- ◆ "The Boys in the Boat" - A riveting tale of beating the odds and the Germans at the 1936 Olympics; a portrait of nine American boys in their quest for gold.
- ◆ "The Shack" by William Paul Young - A kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God; spiritually profound, theologically enlightening, and life impacting.
- ◆ "Burning Bushes Everywhere" by Guinevere Grier - The God who was, is and will be; a book about understanding stories in the Bible. *Where is the Kingdom of God?* is the question this book tries to answer.
- ◆ "The Great Republic" by Sir Winston Churchill and edited by his grandson, Winston S. Churchill - Churchill's personal vision of American history. This book retells some of the best short histories of the Revolutionary War and the Civil War ever written. Sir Winston Churchill's mother was American so he had a deep warmth of feeling for this country and a sense of its special destiny. Sir Winston Churchill was the author of 42 books, including a 6-volume history.
- ◆ Max Lucado is an author of many personal religious books. A great number are in our library in section 248. Now a children's book he wrote, "You Are Special" has been added to our collection. It tells the story of small wooden people called wemmicks. It is a message of how the world evaluates them, God cherishes each of them, just as they are. This book is beautifully illustrated.

Host Families Needed



On Sunday, January 13 the Millikin University Choir will be singing in our 10:30 worship service. This choir has gained international acclaim, having performed nationally for several American Choral Directors Conventions and on tour throughout the United States and Europe. It will be a very special service. The choir will be arriving on Saturday, January 12 by 8:30 PM and are in need of host families. You would need to pick up students at WPPC that evening, bring them home with you, and give them a place to sleep (an air mattress or couch would work – they are college students), provide some food that night, breakfast in the morning, and bring them back to WPPC the next morning by 9:45 AM. If you are interested and available the evening of January 12th to host these students who will bless our service the next day, please email Justin at Justin.Chase@ocps.net as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help!

Friendship Club Book Club HANNAH CIRCLE Elizabeth Bible Study LADIES GAME NIGHT



Friendship Club: The Friendship Club started out years ago as a social group for retired members. In the last ten years it has broadened to members and friends who are free for lunch. Lunch is usually on the first Friday of the month. We meet for lunch, fellowship and a program, starting at 11:30 PM and ending about 1:30 PM. Programs vary from entertaining to informative. Each meeting begins with a served lunch. Reservations for lunch are necessary and must be made by Wednesday noon prior to the Friday meeting. The programs begin about 12:15 PM. If you wish to attend just the program, without eating, no reservation is needed. Our next lunch is February 1st.

Book Club: The Winter Park Presbyterian Church 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: The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 PM in room 301. Our next meeting is January 14th.

Elizabeth Bible Study: The Elizabeth Study Group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. Our next meeting is January 8th.

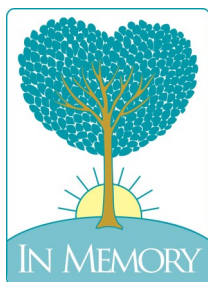
Ladies Game Night: All Winter Park Presbyterian Church women are invited to join us at our monthly game night. We usually play Hand and Foot and Bridge, but feel free to come and introduce your favorite game. We typically meet the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7:00 PM. Better yet, come at 6:00 PM and 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! Our next Game Night is January 21st. Questions? Call Carla Gehrig at 407-678-8396.

Weekly Worship Flowers for 2019



If you would like to donate flowers for the weekly worship service in honor of/in memory of someone special or of a special occasion, please pick a date and put your name on the sign-up chart located in the hallway of the front office. When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in. You may also complete a flower dedication form on the church website—<http://winppc.org/forms/>.

DEACON'S DEN



The beginning of a new year encourages people to make resolutions for things they want to accomplish. Losing weight, getting into better shape, and various financial goals usually top the list. About one-third of Americans make new year's resolutions, and according to a recent Fidelity survey, almost three-quarters of those people actually stuck to their goals last year. Looking forward and setting a plan can give a person a fresh approach during the change from one year to the next.

Something else we should do is look back at the old year and remember the celebrations and the losses. Did you make a new friend? Did you lose an old friend? Both of these events are part of the journey of life, just as happiness and sadness come to everyone.

Below are members we lost during 2018; we honor their memories and their impact on us during their time at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Whether you knew these people or not, they were all a part of our Christian community and will be greatly missed.

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Janet Bone

Arthur J (Randy) Ranson, III

Edith Robertson

Betty Hines

Mary Ellen Priester

Mary Danielson

Cora Evans

Willard Boardman

Susie Stone

Bob Case

Mary Klusman

Betty Messina

Dave Miller

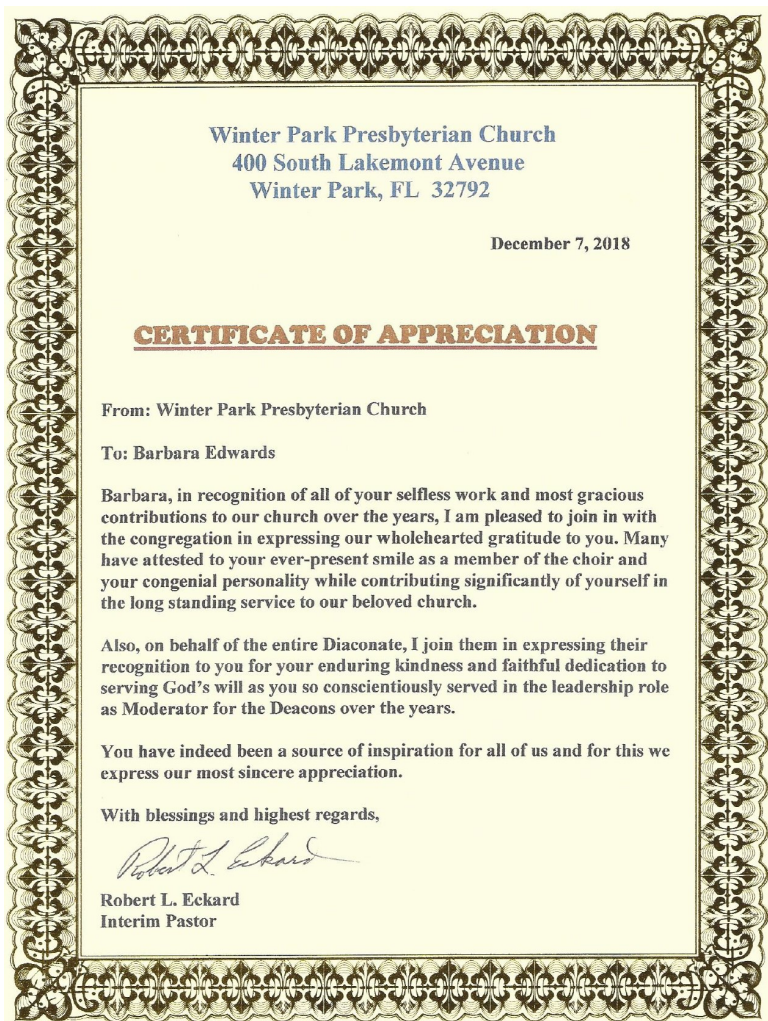
THANK YOU, BARBARA!



On the evening of December 21st, Barbara and Wade Edwards hosted a Christmas gathering of Deacons at their lovely home. The party was well attended and offered an opportunity for the Diaconate to pay recognition to Barbara as she steps aside to turn the Deacon moderator's cudgel over to Jim McKinney in 2019. Below is:

- ◆ A signed copy of Certificate of Appreciation
- ◆ Presentation of certificate to Barbara by Pastor Bob
- ◆ Presentation of an orchid plant to Barbara by Cynthia Nants on behalf of all the Deacons in appreciation of her steadfast friendship and dedication in serving as moderator for the Diaconate over the years.

We are all indebted to Barbara for all that she has done for our church.




Thank You!

Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

Puzzle!


The 10 words below are spelled correctly but are missing the letter O. Use them to complete the Bible verse below, where you'll find all the missing O's.

S, NE, JHN, ANThER, GD,
LVED, UGHt, T, ALS, LVE

Dear friends, since ___o___ ___o___
 ___o___ ___o___ us, we ___o___ ___o___
 o___ ___o___ ___o___ ___o___
 o___ ___o___ ___o___ ___o___.

1 ___o___ ___o___ 4:11, NIV

Answer: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11, NIV



A fresh start

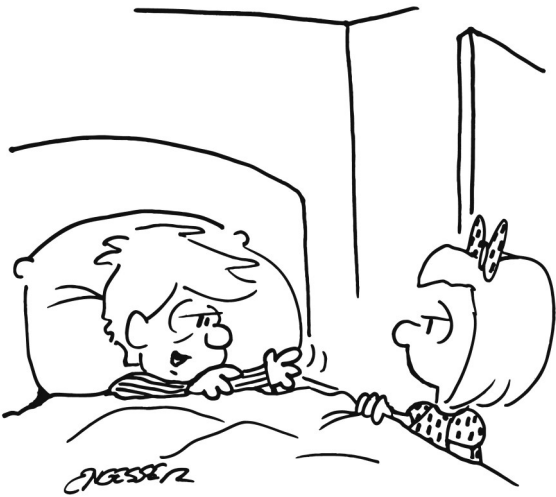
Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him
 through baptism into death in order that,
 just as Christ was raised from the dead
 through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

Answer: f i e l e w n, new life



“Tell Mom I’ll stay home today and do Sunday school online.”



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)	Wed 1/23 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 1/24 9:00-11:00 AM
Bag brownies ; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 1/25 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 COALITION giant storage box located in Fellowship Hall
Sort and bag toiletries & reading donations (Marilyn Bryant 407-252-7499)	Fri 1/25 10:00-11:00 AM
Prepare to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 1/25 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 1/25 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 1/25 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.



Sun

Mon

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Sat

		1 <i>Tom Russell Laurel Zinssar</i>	2 <i>Audrey Ball John Gehrig Claudia Hafich Barbara Oldford Carole Reece</i>	3	4 <i>Will Hornbeck</i>	5 <i>Nancy Johnson Tiffany Osborne</i>
6 <i>Lucienne Lee</i>	7 <i>John Bartholomew</i>	8 <i>Eleanor McKechnie</i>	9 <i>Jo Davidson Johnnie McCarter Jay Van Hook Joe Workman</i>	10	11	12 <i>Grant Barnard</i>
13	14	15 <i>Anita Lampman</i>	16	17 <i>Dennis Schmalstig</i>	18 <i>Debbie Workman</i>	19
20 <i>Meg Baldwin</i>	21 <i>Skylar Droste Tom Klusman</i>	22 <i>Matthew Walker</i>	23 <i>Harleen Anderson</i>	24 <i>Jean McGuire</i>	25	26 <i>Andy Anderson Drew Byrne Patricia Kiester</i>
27 <i>Austin Bartholomew</i>	28 <i>Alyssa Kittinger Flo Tuck</i>	29 <i>Barbara McKnight</i>	30 <i>Chris Galante</i>	31		



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
 Jorge Barrios, Sunday Assistant Sexton

SESSION

2018

Hal Eastburn
 Reta Jackson
 Don McCarter
 Debby Roberts
 Sara Van Arsdel
 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
 Bob White

2021

Phillip Anderson
 Lisa Dresher
 Jayne Leach
 Shaheed Mohammed
 Peter Rice
 Nelson Roe

DIACONATE

2018

Peggy Bargar
 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

2021

Mike Galyean
 Julie Kent
 Reta Jackson
 Curtis Koon
 Sara Van Arsdel

MISSIONARIES

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

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