

2020! Whoa! This year we start not just a new year, but a new decade as well! Welcome to the 20s! Is it just me, or does it feel like we were just worrying about Y2K a year or so ago, dreaming about what life would be like when we reached 2020. What did your vision of the future look like? Twenty years ago, when we hit the year 2000 I was in Orlando, visiting Disney World for the New Year and watching the ball drop without ever realizing I would call this place home one day! I had a very specific vision of what the future would look like then. It involved holograms, houses raised into the air on stilts, and flying cars. Of course, at ten years old, it also involved a special portal that connected me to my grandparents house so that I could see my Maw-Maw any time they wanted. Today, if I'm entirely honest, doesn't look a whole lot different than 2000. True, everyone and their infant child has a cell phone, and we are making some headway on holograms, but the cars still have wheels, we still live in houses that have firm foundations, and mail hasn't gone all digital, still arriving at our homes every day.

It's funny to me that when we sit and think of the future we always seem to be unmoving beings. When people ask what the future looks like, we tend to focus on our surroundings and technology. Some think about where they will be, if they will be married or have children or a certain career, but we never really stop to pause and say, "Who will I be like in ten years? Will I be a caring person? A kind person? Will I be someone who takes risks? Someone who stands up for others? Will I be older and more experienced or will I be someone who sticks close to home and becomes reliable?"

A new year is great! It's an amazing time for resolutions into the new year, but as we approach this new decade and people begin to ask, "What will the world look like in ten years?", my challenge to you is to pause. Don't fall for the old question and give an answer about flying cars or a future out of the Jetsons. Think about the next ten years, about who you are now and who you want to be in the years to come. Let's consider what the world can be with us in it!

Happy New Year!

Emily

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January 2020		393	Church Office Closed	Library Open 9am-Noon		
SUNDAY 5	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11
Communion Worship Service 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Youth Group 5pm, Rm 204	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Book Club 7pm, Rm 303	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Children's Choir 6:30pm, Rm 102	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Communion at Westminster WP 11am Committee Night 6:30pm Chairs 7pm Prayer Svc 7:30pm Meetings	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Memorial Service for David Myers 1pm, Sanctuary
SUNDAY 12	MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15	THURSDAY 16	FRIDAY 17	SATURDAY 18
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SUNDAY 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY 31	
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Living Nativity 2019

A big "thank you" to all our volunteers who help to make the Living Nativity a success every year.

The church office receives several calls each year from people in the community who say the Living Nativity is a family tradition and how much they look forward to it every year.

Below are just a few pictures of our Living Nativity that was held on December 20th & 21st. Please take a few minutes to check out all the pictures Frank Jamison took. They can be found at <u>www.winppcphotos.org/</u>.





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

January 5th—Update on Scripture Union Missionaries

Deep in the Andes Mountains, the once ugly life of abandoned boys is transformed to a life of hope and peace in the beautiful setting of snow-capped mountains and breathtaking sunsets. The community they call Girasoles Kusi was a dream and vision of Missionaries Paul and Marty Clark, and many WPPC members have helped that dream come true. Barbara Sayles (official Friend of Kusi) took a team of 20 to Yungay, Peru in July, and will share excerpts of her trip with us. Come see the impact many of you have had on the work of the Clarks & Scripture Union, and the homes in both Yungay and Ica, and most importantly the role you have played in giving hope to little boys who once had no hope of a normal life.

January 12th—Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell-Missionaries to Brazil

The Gartrell's are working to equip and empower lay leaders in the United Presbyterian Church of Brazil because there is a major shortage of trained pastors in the country. Both Gordon and Dorothy have a life background in Brazil and training in education and the ministry.

January 19th—Spiritual Conversation Series

Continuing with the *Spiritual Conversation Series* of the Relationships in Action Sunday School Class, our friend from the Towers, Paul Hutsko, will give a *chair yoga class*. He asks that participants either wear sneakers or bring sweat socks and wear slacks and loose fitting shirts/blouses during this class. Paul says, "One aspect of Christian practice is meditation, but Christian meditation does not use the body movements that I find so helpful with yoga." Observers and participants are all welcomed. If possible participants are hesitant about Sunday going-to-church clothes, we note that WPPC has traditionally welcomed all regardless of apparel. The *Spiritual Conversation Series* invites people to share formative ideas and practices which have helped shape their beliefs and fortify their faith. Matt Straub will serve as moderator.

January 26th—The Holy Land Revealed, Lesson 7: Fortifications and Cult Practices

Apart from the political histories of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, there are fascinating stories to be told as they relate to the everyday lives of the people. This session focuses on the fortifications and religious practices of their populations. Examples in which archaeological evidence corresponds with accounts in the Hebrew Bible will be explored. Gene Pickler will lead the discussion.



Worship Services

8:15 AM (Chapel) 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Sunday School • 9:15 AM

<u>Children</u>

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 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.

Youth Group

Grades 6-12 • 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!



Deacon's Den

A new year has begun and those who make resolutions have joined the fitness center because, after all, what do most people want? Here is a better idea: for 2020, resolve to be a peacemaker. Does this mean that you should work for world peace? No, it means that you should strive for self-peace.

A recent article entitled "10 Notes to Self We Need to Read 10 Times a Day Until They Sink In" contains words of wisdom and self-awareness. The article is from a secular point of view; however, biblical principles apply to this "note":

Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no chaos, trouble, or hard realities to deal with. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still remain mentally, emotionally, and physically centered.

This is what Jesus teaches us throughout his sermons. He understood that there would always be conflict in the world, but that we as individuals could have personal peace through our belief and faith in God. His benediction to his disciples after the last supper says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

Paul also wrote about the peace of Christ and reminded believers to pass it on to others. This outward demonstration of the inward faith is a continual theme in his letters. Galatians 5:22 says, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." These are summation of how to live a faithful life.

The Old Testament book of Numbers contains one of the best known verses about peace and is painted on the wall of Advent Health in Orlando: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." This blessing from the Lord to the Israelites through Moses and Aaron has been passed down through generations and is summed up by C. S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*: "God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

If each of us lives by these principles, there will be peace in our corner of the earth.

Happy New Year The Peace of Christ be with you Always





Sunday, January 26, is the first quarterly collection date for 2 Cents A Meal this year. Please continue your support for P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger). Your contributions support the Second Harvest Food Bank, which distributes meals to partner feeding programs across our six-county area; Society of St. Andrew (SOSA), which coordinates gleaning events with volunteers to provide fresh, nutritious produce to local food banks; Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR) in Guatemala, which plants trees to provide fruit and prevent mudslides, as well as building and installing fuel-efficient brick stoves in remote poverty-stricken villages, and Madagascar Project (Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PC [USA] missionaries), which allows Dan to train seminary students in the planting and cultivation of fruit trees, and helps Elizabeth implement a community health program, teach AIDS awareness and advise the family planning program.

Your contributions in the past have helped our partners combat hunger in many ways and in many places. Thank you for your continued support.



Again we have an additional number of books donated to the library.

An excellent book to read is *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers*. This is written by a minster's wife who was friends with Mr. Rogers from 1994 until he died of cancer in 2003. Each day he taught God's message without preaching a word. For over 30 years he visited children using puppets to teach. People didn't realize he was a Presbyterian minister.

Joe Biden—Promise Me, Dad is a book about a year in his life dealing with many things. Important in his life is his family, and in 2013 his older son, Beau, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and his survival was based on chemo and a series of operations. Beau did lose his life. This book covers a year (2014-15) when Joe Biden traveled more than 100,000 miles across the world dealing with crisis in Ukraine, Central America and Iraq, and this family crisis.

Bobby Kennedy—A Raging Spirit by Chris Matthews. He follows the life of Bobby Kennedy from altar boy to his years fighting for the rights of African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans. He covers many events of Bobby's start in politics, his fight for civil rights as Attorney General and his tragic run for president.

Churchill & Orwell—The Fight for Freedom by Thomas Ricks. Here is a formidable pairing. Winston Churchill and George Orwell, two of the most famous figures of the 20th century. Ricks has fresh things to say about these two. They both faced crisis with moral courage and demonstrated that an individual can make a difference. Pictures in this book add a lot.

Born Standing Up by Steve Martin. This book was named one of the ten best nonfiction books of 2007 by *Time Magazine*. Martin spent 15 years in standup comedy before he became an "overnight" success. Steve Martin wrote novels, plays, and nonfiction. This book is about a comic's life. Jerry Seinfeld said Born Standing Up is absolutely magnificent; one of the best books ever written about comedy and being a comedian.

There are many more interesting biographies in our church library. Start the year off right by reading one!

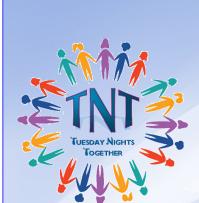
Friendship Club: The Friendship Club started out years ago as a social group for retired members. In the last ten years it has broadened to members and friends who are free for lunch. Lunch is usually on the first Friday of the month. We meet for lunch, fellowship and a program, starting at 11:30 PM 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 7th.

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—<u>drewbyrne26@qmail.com</u>.

Hannah Circle: The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 PM in room 301. Our next meeting is January 13th

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 14th.

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 20th. Questions? Call Carla Gehrig at 407-678-8396.



JANUARY 21—February 25

5:25-7:30 Nursery (infants to 3 yrs. old)

5:30-6:30 Dinner

6:30-7:15 Children's Choir

6:30-7:30 Classes

Classes for this semester:

<u>6:30</u>

Story Time for adults

Spanish—Part 2

Taking Care of You



the Lord is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of

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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 1/22 9:00 AM		
Prepare meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 1/23 9:30 AM		
Bag brownies ; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 1/24 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)	All month: Place in COALTION giant storage box located in Fellowship Hall		
Reading Donations: Magazines for men (sports, cars, National Geographic, news), religious magazines/booklets, paperback books.			
Sort and bag toiletries & reading donations (Marilyn Bryant 407-252-7499)	Fri 1/24 10:00-11:00 AM		
Prepare to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 1/24 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 1/24 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 1/24 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





NOT IN OUR CLASSROOM? WE'RE OUTDOORS!

The weather has been *amazing* so we're using our outdoor spaces to their fullest.

Classes are often seen playing games on the newly fenced front lawn. Having a campus surrounded by nature allows us to take frequent walks to observe what is happening in our environment.

Our Nature Center and large outdoor garden boxes are the sites of a lot of digging, planting and watering. Children love to see what their seeds become, and enjoy picking the fruits and vegetables and tasting them. Art and science experiences are frequently moved outdoors into the shady Nature Center where the children are surrounded by flowering plants that attract butterflies.

The playground is also treated as an active learning center in which teachers interact with the children pulling language, science, math and social studies skills out of running, skipping, climbing, swinging and sliding.



The Kittens class is learning how fruit and vegetables grow by observing the orange tree, tomatoes and other plants growing in the garden boxes.

REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for ages six months through VPK classes for the 2020/2021 school year begins February 3 for our families who have a currently enrolled student. Open enrollment begins February 10. Our school day runs from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with early drop off and extended day available. After school enrichment programs are offered in soccer, gymnastics, music & movement, mixed sports, Spanish, art, yoga, nature discovery, ballet, science and cooking. Please contact us for a campus tour at 407-629-0727 or submit a request online at <u>winppc.org/preschool</u>. Office hours are 8:30-3:30 Monday through Friday.

Spring after school enrichment classes

After school enrichments for spring begin January 13. Enrichment teachers for this semester are a mix of preschool staff that will teach Music & Movement, Spanish, Yoga, Art, Science, Cooking and Nature, and outside vendors teaching Soccer, Gymnastics and Ballet. The 12-week enrichments will be scheduled during extended day hours starting in January and ending in April. Sign up by filling out the registration form enclosed in the brochure that was sent home. Additional copies are available in the preschool office.



The Ladybug class matches bean bag colors to the color of the stepping stone they are standing upon.



The Kittens class investigating what has been growing in the garden boxes.



After waiting for Mrs. Cleary to give them the signal the Ladybugs are off and running!



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5 Nancy Johnson Tiffany Osborne	6 Lucienne Lee	7 John Bartholomew	8 Eleanor McKechnie	9 Jo Davidson Johnnie McCarter Jay Van Hook Joe Workman	10	11
12 Jackson Beaty	13	14	15	16	17 Dennis Schmalstig	18 Debbie Workman
19	20 Meg Baldwin	21 Lindsay Blood	22	23	24 Jean McGuire	25
26 Andy Anderson Drew Byrne Patricia Kiester	27 Austin Bartholomew	28 Alyssa Kittinger Florence Tuck	29 Barbara McKnight	30	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

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Theresa Coker Bonnie Gaughan Fran Morrissey Sean Tallungan Michelle Trahan Jay Van Hook

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<u>2022</u>

Susan Davis Jane Munns Rachel Myers Christine Rich Meg Ball Thomas

MISSIONARIES

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

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