



The Covenanter

JANUARY 2022



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. -2 Corinthians 4:7-9

It is hard to believe that the year 2022 is in front of us. As we begin a new year it seems important to reflect upon the past one. It's not been easy. However, one could ask the question, "Has there ever been an easy year?" The answer: probably not. Maybe a year here or there with a few less challenges, but life and challenge, life and struggle, life and pain, in some ways could be synonyms.

But life is also synonymous with gift, blessing and treasure. Over Christmas, we celebrate God's gift to the world. Throughout the year, we share the blessing of one another and during our entire lives we carry with us this treasure that is briefly described above.

Looking to the future, and in light of our current condition, the quote from Ralph Abernathy seems fitting, "I don't know what the future may hold, but I know who holds the future." And knowing this, doesn't make life all rosy and without difficulty, but in fact, makes life increasingly problematic. Apply the teachings of Christ in one's life, and one discovers dissonance. Suggest to others that Jesus might have solutions for us socially and those same "others" will silence you.

No, life with Christ is not some neat little package, but more like trying to contain a badger inside a paper sack. The lesson: Although we try, the goodness of God cannot be contained. It even shows up within me sometimes, prompting me, nudging me, even badgering me to share goodness. However, amid this tangled mass of humanity, what can I do?

I'm reminded of a story I heard many years ago. Nearing the end of World War II, British bombers were routinely sent over Berlin. One night, after a bomber had hit its targets, the plane and crew returned to England. During the return flight the bomber became separated from the rest of the group. Being alone, and also out of ammunition themselves, they were particularly vulnerable to an attack, and the crew knew that against a German fighter plane, they didn't stand a chance.

As they were over the ocean, a German fighter appeared. Tracer bullets began flying past the bomber, the crew could hear them whiz by - then thud, thud, thud as the fuel tank of the bomber took a direct hit. The crew braced themselves, but there was no explosion, even though fuel was now visibly leaking from the plane.

When they landed, a mechanic began to work on the aircraft. Later that night he found the Bomber Crew and showed them the five explosive shells that entered the fuel tank. Instead of containing gun powder, the rounds were empty, except one that contained a note. It read, "We are Polish POW's forced to make bullets in factory. When guards do not look, we do not fill with gunpowder. It's not much, but it's the best we can do. Please tell family we are alive."

Although, we have this treasure and although we try and practice goodness, the circumstances of life can be increasingly challenging, almost battle like. Amid the war, we seek to love God and others. It might not be much, but it's the best we can do, and tells others we're still alive.

Grace, Peace and Blessings in the New Year,

Pastor Darren

Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 AM | Sunday School: 9:15 AM

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THE KING'S BRASS CONCERT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 | 10:30 AM

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass provide innovative worship for young and old alike through the "best in sacred brass music."

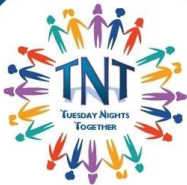
For forty years, The King's Brass have performed over one hundred concerts each season with three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, keyboards, and percussion.

Playing a wide variety of music from Gabrieli to hymn classics, from Handel to jazz spirituals, from Christmas carols to patriotic marches, The King's Brass uses all corners of the concert hall to lift hearts and spirits in praise.

Please join us!



Tuesday Nights Together!



JANUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 22

STAY TUNED ...

DETAILS WILL BE COMING SOON!



This month the Community Life Committee is delighted to introduce new members Becky Manuel, and Dick and Mary Ferguson, all of whom joined our fellowship in November. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, please introduce yourself to these folks, and make them feel welcome! God is truly blessing our church with new members this year!



Becky Sewell Manuel

Joined: November 7, 2021

Becky grew up in Winter Park Presbyterian Church many years ago. She is the daughter of Mary and Cecil Sewell (long time members of this church).

Becky and Bill were married in 1974 here at the church. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. They all live in the Central Florida area. Becky is a retired school teacher and Bill is retired from the citrus business.

Becky enjoys tennis, cooking, traveling, and grandchildren. She is happy to be back at WPPC



Mary & Dick Ferguson

Joined: November 7, 2021

Dick and Mary Ferguson are from western Pennsylvania. They were both high school teachers at New Castle High School where they met.

They married in 1971 and have two sons and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in the Orlando area.

In 1984 they decided to move from PA to Florida and become teachers for Orange County Public Schools. After teaching for 42 and 40 years, they retired. They lived for a short period of time in New Smyrna Beach, moving to Lakemont Circle, at Westminster Winter Park six months ago.

They are interested in reading, travel, needle work, and volunteering

Happy New Year!



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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
9:15—10:15 AM

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (R IN A) • ROOM 301

January 2 • No Class

Happy New Year!

January 9 • Parables

Parables were a favorite source for teaching and learning in many cultures for thousands of years. Most of us associate them with Jesus and the Bible. The New Testament book of Luke has many parables. What are some of the parables that have had an influence on your life? What ones do you like? Which are ones that you wish Jesus had not told? We'll be talking about some of their histories and settings (both ones that are familiar and ones that are skipped over). Pat Morgan will lead our discussion.

January 16 • Parables

Pat Morgan will continue with our exploration of the Parables.

January 23 • The Holy Land Revealed—Lesson 12:

The Hasmonean Kingdom

The Maccabean revolt ultimately resulted in the establishment of the Hasmonean Kingdom that was controlled by a series of ruthless rulers. This session will explore their actions and the series of events that set the stage for annexation by the Romans. The lesson will also focus on the Nabateans, a group of Arab people centered in Petra, who grew wealthy through the establishment of caravan routes and dealing in expensive items from the east such as myrrh and frankincense.

January 30 • Parables

Pat Morgan will continue with our exploration of the Parables.

SEEKERS CLASS • ROOM 315

The Seekers Class will continue their video series, entitled *Faithful—Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*, narrated by Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, Kansas. Marilyn Bryant will lead the class discussion. The Seekers Class meets in Room 315 on Sundays at 9:30. All are welcome.

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

DEACON'S DEN | DENNIS SCHMALSTIG, WPPC DEACON

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

A fellow graduate student grew increasingly desperate as we approached the end of our final year. Patty realized that her community and friends would scatter once she graduated. She knew that nothing would be the same once her current way of life ground to a halt. Patty saw the dawning of an uncertain future and shrank back.



I think that most of us hesitate when confronted by new possibilities, by choices we know will radically change our lives. Those who jump at fresh opportunities are already hungry (or desperate) for a break with the past.

A surrender to God's guidance falls into the category of radical change. When the reality of His presence becomes undeniable, nothing can ever remain the

same. The range of choices shift. Unexpected decisions lead to unexpected paths that yield surprises around every turn. Coincidences seem more like evidence of hidden connections. The world becomes a different place.

Sometimes friends and family react badly when a loved one begins to walk with God. They see the changes as a threat to their understanding of how their own lives work. They want "Bob" to return to their accustomed fold. They demand that the new Bob revert not realizing that the old form no longer exists. And they fear that Bob might be contagious, that contact with him might lead to similar transformations in themselves.

So, consciously choosing to live a new life may lead to rejection. No wonder we hesitate to take first steps, that we step back from the threshold and try to close the door. But clinging to old patterns cannot be maintained in the face of God's persistent influence. Like newly hatched chicks, we may long for the comfort and protection of the egg. But open skies await us if we learn how to unfold our wings and fly.

5 CENTS A MEAL | SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Sunday, January 23, is our 1st quarterly collection for 5 Cents A Meal. 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 build and install fuel-efficient brick stoves in remote, poverty-stricken villages; and Madagascar Project [Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PC (USA) Missionaries]. Dan trains 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 help our partners combat hunger in so many ways and in so many places. Thank you for your continued support. ~ The Compassion Committee

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NEWS FROM HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER, APOPKA

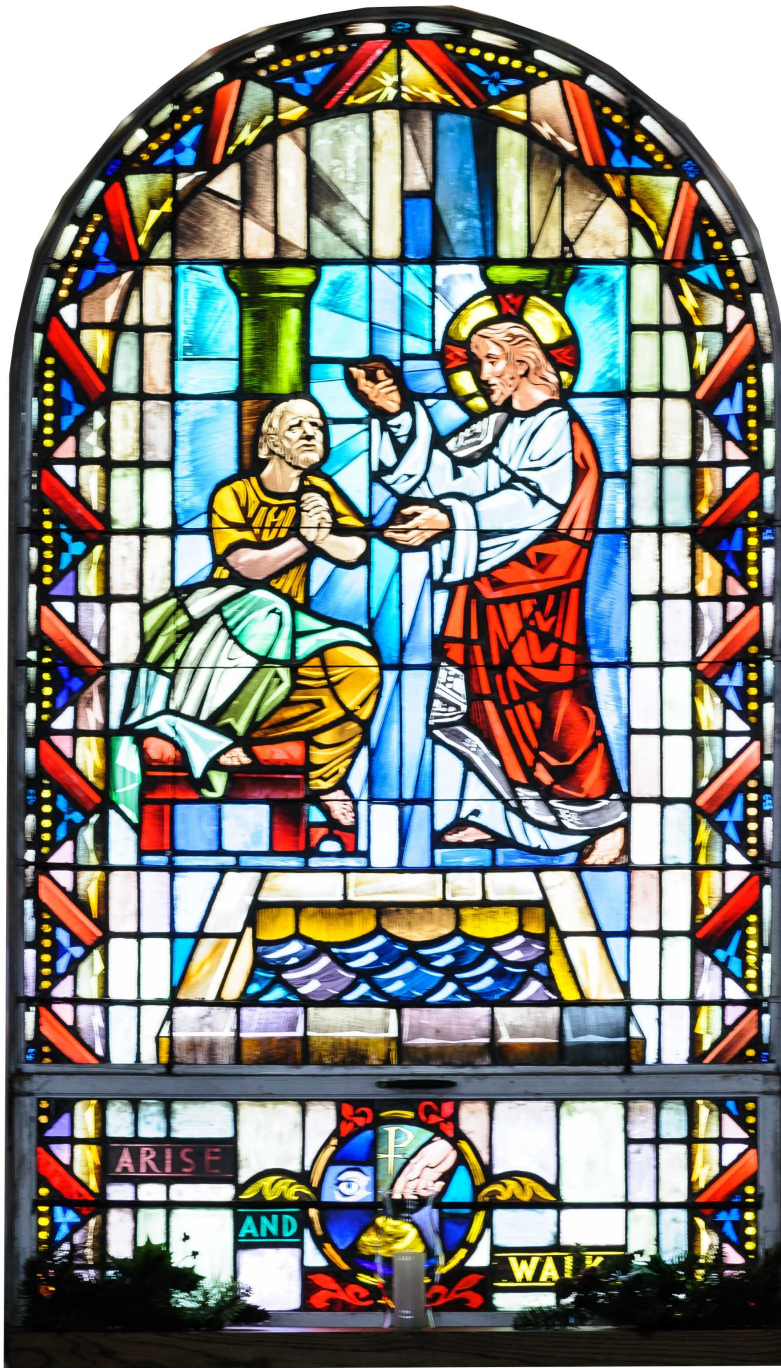
Thanks again for your generous gifts of toys for families through the Hope Community Center. The spirit of Christmas really came alive. Your gifts have a second chapter by enriching the lives of the immigrants and working poor that Hope serves. Some highlights of what you have helped contribute to include:

- ◆ 38 students received scholarships from Hope Community
- ◆ 10 Hope Scholars received scholarship from other organizations/institutions
- ◆ 94 students learned English skills in the ESOL program
- ◆ 102 students ages 5-10 participated in Kids Camp
- ◆ 219 participated in virtual Citizen preparation classes
- ◆ 56 students became citizens
- ◆ 1,255 people received assistance with Food Stamps and Medicare
- ◆ 136,000 meals were distributed in partnership with Second Harvest and other partners. For more information about the work of the Center see www.hcc-offm.org.



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LIBRARY NEWS | DORIS ANGUISH, LIBRARIAN



Our Lord's Healing Works

This window says
"Arise and Walk."

When John the Baptist was put into prison by Herod, ruler of Galilee, John heard about the works of Jesus and sent some of his followers to ask our Lord whether He was the Messiah. This was the reply He sent by His disciples: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the lepers are cleansed." The Gospel of John never uses the word miracle in a general way.

In this window we see two mighty works—one depicting that the lame walk and the other symbolizing that the blind see. This picture shows the healing of an unnamed cripple lying by a pool in Jerusalem called Bethesda. Our Lord's hands and arms saying "Rise up and Walk." And the cripple, with his infirmity of 38 years does so. His gratitude shows on his face.

The lower panel symbolizes the work of healing: the extended hand dipping a finger into the saliva-moistened clay. The open eye is a symbol of new-found sight and a man blind from birth. Both healings were done by washing in pools—one in the pool of Bethesda and the other in the pool of Siloam also in Jerusalem.



COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help

We are delighted to again be serving in the Men's Service Center at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. 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 or nangalyean@gmail.com.

WPPC Kitchen Items Missing: As our Coalition cooks began to work their magic to prepare the 7-layer salad to be served at the Coalition on Friday, December 10, they were unable to locate 2 of the 6 large pans used to layer, mix and serve the salad (dimensions 20" x 12" and 6" deep). After a complete search of the church, the team used 4 smaller pans to replace the 2 missing. This led to difficulty refrigerating 8 rather than 6 pans and transporting more pans to and from the Coalition. In addition, the team found many knives missing that normally hang on the wall under the AC controls. These items are critical to WPPC's "Mission to Feed the Homeless" and will have to be replaced. If you have any information on the location of these items, please contact Nancy Galyean nangalyean@gmail.com or 407.929.0903. If you have borrowed or moved pans/knives, please return them to the WPPC kitchen.

What	When
Bake brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 1/12 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 1/13 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 1/14 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines (news, sports, cars, 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 (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 1/14 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 7:30 PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway or call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 1/14 4:00-7:30 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 1/14 7:30-8:00 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 50 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.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<u>1</u> Rick Davis Tom Russell David Yost
<u>2</u> John Gehrig Claudia Hafich Barbara Oldford Carole Reece Audrey Santiago	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Nancy Johnson Tiffany Osborne	<u>6</u> Lucienne Lee	<u>7</u> John Bartholomew	<u>8</u> Eleanor McKechnie
<u>9</u> Jo Davidson Johnnie McCarter Jay Van Hook Joseph Workman	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Dennis Schmalstig	<u>18</u> Debbie Workman	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Meg Baldwin	<u>21</u> Lindsay Blood	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Jean McGuire	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Andy Anderson Drew Byrne Patricia Kiester	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Alyssa Kittinger Flo Tuck	<u>29</u> Barbara McKnight
<u>30</u> Chris Galante	<u>31</u>					

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		<u>1</u> Eileen Silvers	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Beth Danley Ivan Smith
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Cathy House Jayne Watkins	<u>8</u> Betty Gow Jim McKinney Jeanne Vinci	<u>9</u> 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	<u>15</u> Aidan Smith Jack Watkins	<u>16</u> Ed Matrick Judy Schmalstig	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Jyme Smith
<u>20</u> Lenore Dillard Jane Munns	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Christopher Baldwin	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Barbara Edwards Craig Uttley <hr/> <u>29</u> Denise Riccio					



Teaching young children the spirit of giving, showing them the importance of thinking of others, and modeling kindness are important ways to help them grow into productive and loving members of our world.

WPPP's ongoing mission to feed the hungry by collecting food for the Christian Service Center every Wednesday morning is one way that we teach giving. The children enthusiastically brought in over 600 food items for donation since we began collecting in October!



The children in all age groups made hundreds of festive holiday cards, book marks and wreaths for residents of The Plymouth and Tranquil Terrace, two senior living centers through the Winter Park Housing Authority. Beautiful artwork was created by our students and delivered to the seniors that are residents of these two public housing centers. We hope they could feel the love in the handmade gifts from our students.

Many parents are already making preschool choices for the 2022-2023 school year. We will offer classes for children who are age one through VPK-eligible as of September 1, 2022. Information and tuition rates are available on our website winppc.org/preschool. Photos of our classes and their activities can be found on our Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool Florida Facebook page. Registration opens to the public on February 1st.





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The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior 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
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music
Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

SESSION

2021

Phillip Anderson
Lisa Dreasher
Jayne Leach
Shaheed Mohammed
Nelson Roe

2022

Theresa Coker
Bonnie Gaughan
Fran Morrissey
Michelle Trahan
Jay Van Hook

2023

Syd Davis
Fred Kittinger
Malcolm MacDiarmid
Jim McKinney
Dawn Sumrall

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Mike Galyean
John Gehrig
Jayne Leach
Audrey Santiago
Sara Van Arsdel

DIACONATE

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

2022

Susan Davis
Jane Munns
Rachel Myers
Christine Rich
Dennis Schmalstig
Meg Ball Thomas
Jeanne Vinci

2023

Ron Ellman
Betty Johnston
Sevilla Morse
Cynthia Nants
Jyme Smith

2024

Ardyth Austin
Lisa Dreasher
Jerry Fitzgerald
Nancy Galyean
Andy Riccio

MISSIONARIES

Mark Hare & Jenny Bent - Costa Rica
Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

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