



Summer is in full swing and it's time to play. I hope you have plans to enjoy some fun activities. Of course, here at our church, Children's Camp and Vacation Bible School are great ways for the children to have some fun and learn about God. However, I confess that as an adult, having fun can be a challenge. It is hard to disengage that part of my brain that worries about so many things.

I think as adults, at some level, in some proportion, and definitely within the church, we wonder if it is even okay to play and have fun as adults.

Social critic H. L. Mencken famously wrote, "puritans," referring to earnest Christians, are "people who have a deep, foreboding fear that somebody, somewhere, might be having a good time." It was also philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche who once observed that Christians "have no joy." Nietzsche nearing the end of his life said, "should he ever come to believe in God, he would only believe in a God who danced."

On the subject of fun, and with a curiosity of how Jesus may have had fun, I recommend Elton Trueblood's book, "The Humor of Christ." In it, he reminds the reader of Jesus' playful nature. Even as a man acquainted with "grief and sorrow," Jesus went to parties, celebrated with others and turned water into wine. Jesus was a friend of tax-collectors, drunks and prostitutes. Jesus hung around people like this so much, the "good people," the religious leaders, began placing labels on Him. They couldn't fathom Jesus being God, much less that somewhere God, " might be having a good time."

The Jewish festivals, the ancient Jewish wedding feast in particular, are celebrations, parties that commemorate God's activity in the life of His people. Being made in God's image, persons reflective of the divine, maybe it is okay for us to play and have fun.

David Naugle, wrote an article on the Theology of Play, and in it he concludes, "If God is a God of play, and if human play is, indeed, rooted in divine play, then we, as humans, ought to develop our abilities at play and cultivate a spirit of playfulness. This is both our gift and our responsibility in a often-serious world. Whatever forms of "play" you may pursue—whether it be music, reading, sports, furniture restoration, gardening, photography, or drag racing—do it heartily unto the Lord, as a reflection of a rarely recognized aspect of the divine nature." He then finishes the article, "Your life will be an answer to H. L. Mencken's stereotypical puritan who worries about people having fun, and your example will testify to the Friedrich Nietzsche's of the world that, indeed, there is—and that you know—a God who dances."

Spending a few moments with our grandson, I was reminded recently - indeed others are watching - and in response, the Spirit has nudged me away from the seriousness of it all to a space of play. Praise God! It's summer! It's time to play and that's okay. Especially, amid the troubling world and in the face of despair, as we are perpetually mired in conflict, fatigued by lies, spin and the ludicrous – play might be the most effective means to point ourselves and others towards a God who not only dances, but even more so, delights in dancing with us and watching His children play.

Grace, Peace and a Playful Life,

Pastor Darren

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ITEMS NEEDED:

GENTLY USED OR NEW BACKPACKS

- Lined Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- □ Folders with Pockets & Prongs
- □ #2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil Pouch
- Glue Sticks

- Elmer's Glue
- Safety Scissors
- Washable Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Boxed Facial Tissue
- Hand Sanitizer

The Compassion Committee thanks you for your support of this local Mission.

This Summer, WPPC is inviting kids to...

SHARE THE JOURNEY!

Here or there, near or far, we can share the journey wherever you are!



Something new is headed our way, <u>just</u> once a week, <u>just</u> for 5 weeks this summer for ages 3 through 10!

Wednesday Evenings, from 6:30 to 7:00 PM Starting Wed. July 20th once a week through Wed. August 17th

Join us for these **Zoom-based** Themed Events from wherever you are!



VIDEOS + MUSIC + CRAFTS & MORE

- Week 1 CHRISTMAS IN JULY
- Week 2 BACKWARDS DAY
- Week 3 TACKY TOURISTS
- Week 4 PAJAMA PARTY
- Week 5 FAMILY REUNION



On vacation? Visiting family? Family visiting? No worries! Join us online from wherever you are.

Bring a friend! Bring a cousin! The more the merrier! We'll be here, you'll be there, we'll all be together from wherever we are to share our journey this summer.

Scan to register or contact Emily Wasser at 407-647-1467 or emilyw@winppc.org for questions or more info.



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Relationships in Action (R in A) • 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.

July 3: No Class

4th of July Weekend. Enjoy!

July 10: A Man Called Peter—Part 1

A Man Called Peter is the story of Peter Marshall, Scottish Presbyterian Minister in Washington, D.C., that became the Chaplain to the U.S. Senate. The movie will be shown in four parts with discussion led by Nancy Galyean.

July 17: A Man Called Peter—Part 2

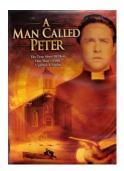
Part 2 of the movie with Nancy Galyean leading the discussion.

July 24: A Man Called Peter—Part 3

Part 3 of the movie with Nancy Galyean leading the discussion.

July 31: A Man Called Peter—Part 4

Part 4 of the movie with Nancy Galyean leading the discussion.



Once upon a time a young Presbyterian minister came to an established church in a new city. He met challenges along the way and relied on his faith to meet those challenges. Does this story sound familiar? No, this story is not about Pastor Darren, but you will find some interesting parallels.

A Man Called Peter is the compelling story of Scottish minister, Peter Marshall, who as a young man, traveled to Washington, D.C. and became the pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, "The Church of the Presidents." By the time of his death, he was chaplain to the U.S. Senate and a greatly respected man. Although he was a Presbyterian, the wisdom and sincerity of his sermons appealed to people of all faiths. Featuring outstanding performances by Richard Todd

and Jean Peters, A Man Called Peter is also a touching love story and received an Oscar nomination for Best Cinematography.

Filmed in 1955, this movie gives us an opportunity to view life in the United States some 67 years ago. Elements of the film will invite opportunities for discussion.

As with Winter Park Presbyterian Church, the "The Church of the Presidents" experienced change.



The Seekers Class will not meet during July. Classes will resume on August 7th at 9:30 AM.



AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE

"The man who believes that life ends with death is the man who stands on Cocoa Beach looking at the ocean and believes that the ocean ends at the horizon." Why would he believe that? It is because that is as far as he can see. Scripture, with our faith, allows us to see far, far beyond the horizon...far past our present circumstances and farther still beyond the limits of our comprehension. Ultimately, Scripture and faith give us a glimpse of eternity.

BEYOND THE HORIZON (1): Jesus told His disciples, "I have other sheep not of this fold. Them I must bring also, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16 KJV). Modern science has determined at there are (+/- 500 billion (with a "b") stars in our galaxy alone. Most of these stars have at least two planets orbiting around them. Could it be that the "fold" to which our Lord refers includes His sheep "out *there*"? I believe it could be true! Do you?

BEYOND THE HORIZON (2): Jesus also told His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you, that you may be there with me also" (John 14:3 KJV). Biblical scholars tell us that the translated word "place" indicates a real, physical PLACE! Where is it! I don't know, but I want to go there; I pray that I greet you there, also. Either way, both (1) and (2) are far, far beyond the horizon. But them.....so is Spain!

Lord, God, we Your children cannot understand Your ways. Why do You love us so much that You gave us Your Son, our Savior, to bring us to eternal life and blessings beyond measure? We don't know, but we KNOW that You did and it brings us to our knees in worship and praise. We are Your children. Keep us, protect us, and welcome us into Your eternal realm. Amen.



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THE ROSE WINDOW & CELTIC CROSS



The most vital aspects of the life of Christ are show in the four primary spokes of the Rose Window. The Incarnation is shown by the Nativity manger at "9 o'clock." The Crucifixion, our Savior's sacrifice, is indicated by an empty cross and the sheet used to wrap His body at "6 o'clock." Our Lord's Resurrection and victory over death is symbolized by the bursting pomegranate indicating His power to burst out of the tomb on Easter Day at "12 o'clock." Christ the King is shown by a throne surmounted by a kingly crown flanked by palm branches.

Reading counter-clockwise in the other four spokes are the traditional symbols of the four Evangelists. They can be traced

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back to very early in the Christian era, and are based on visions of Ezekiel and John. It's not always a clear the reasons for the assignments but are in part as follows: The winged man is Matthew. He began his gospel with the genealogy of Christ. The winged lion is Mark because he wrote of the royal

dignity of Christ. He was the historian of the resurrection, of which the lion is also a symbol. The winged ox is Luke. His gospel emphasizes atonement through Christ's suffering and death. The ox being the symbol of sacrifice. The eagle is John. From first to last his gospel soars on eagle's wings to Heaven.

The Rose Window memorializes the heart of our faith and those consecrated men who first recorded the life and message of our Lord.

The Celtic Cross in the chancel is a duplicate of the original from the Isle of Lona off the coast of Scotland. It is hand-carved and gold-leafed measuring 7 by 4 feet and weighing 60 pounds. The face carving is 1/2 inch relief. 29 books of gold leaf were used, a process requiring a week to complete. The cross is carved from eastern white pine. This cross is the work of Jonathan Jones from St. Petersburg, Florida.



In March the Worship & Music Committee began a pledge campaign for the purchase of new hymnals that will replace our thirty year old plus current hymnals. If you have already made a pledge, payments are now being accepted after first service and before and after second service. When you fulfill your pledge, consider adding "plus one." If you have not pledged, please consider purchasing at least one. For those of you who would like to purchase a hymnal and view our service online or through streaming, please call the church office and we will be happy to mail you a pledge form. To all of you who have contributed to, or will be contributing to, this endeavor, thank you. Our goal is to have these in place by sometime in September.

Blessings, Worship & Music Committee



Looking to do some one stop shopping without parking problems? The WPPC Global Market is your answer. Mark your calendars for Saturday November 5 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Sunday November 6 between services and until 1:00 PM. You can purchase lovely and useful items for the holiday, birthdays, etc., as well as yourself, while making an important difference in the lives of others.

Ten Thousand Villages will be bringing holiday items, personal accessories, home décor, and useful home items.

Alliance for Reforestation (AIR) will feature beautiful items from Guatemala for your home and personal accessories as well as beautiful and healthy plants for your garden or balcony. Your gifts will also support trees to prevent deadly landslides and fuel efficient stoves for families in Guatemala

Ukraine Orphan Assistance Foundation will feature a drawing of restaurant gift cards – always a good gift for someone or yourself and help their work in serving needy refugees and youth in Ukraine.

Heifer International will feature a drawing of a beautiful art work by Carol Pickler as well as the opportunity to help families obtain needed animals to support their families.

Society for Saint Andrews—still a surprise what they will offer. Your gift will support food for needy people.

Peace Olive Oil-high quality olive oil that will also support needy Palestinian farmers.

Fair Trade—coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts (need we say more).

As new organizations join, we will keep you posted. If you have a suggestion, please contact us. (Mary VanHook, 407-359-2388 or vanhookjay90@gmail.com).

We are also looking for volunteers who can help with greeting and sales. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the church and community. Please help also by spreading the word.

~Compassion Committee



We continue to keep in touch with our Cuban partnership church Santa Clara Presbyterian Church through email while Covid 19 kept us separate. Pastor Reile also sends his hugs to all of you. A small group from Central Florida went to Cuba in June to bring greetings to the Cuban churches and to bring some much needed supplies for the very essential bus that all of our mission trips as well as the Cuban churches use. These bus parts are either not available in Cuba or are extremely expensive. Thanks to the individuals and churches (including WPPC through the mission trip fund) who helped fund this essential project.

Our Cuban brethren have been suffering from high rates of inflation (several hundred percent) that has made life more challenging. We have been able to send Santa Clara some funds and are hopeful that some governmental policies might make this easier in the future.

Good news! Cuba has now been placed in Level 1 for Covid 19. This will make a huge difference in the lives of people there.



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Sunday, July 24, is our 3rd 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 fuelefficient 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.

5 CENTS A MEAL I JULY 24TH

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



In May we received \$82 for the Caring For Generations offering. These monies will be sent to the Westminster Retirement Communities Foundation, which assures residents that they can continue to remain in their homes and get the care they need, even though they may have outlived their financial resources. We offer our sincere thanks to all who were able to contribute to this request for funding.





Dr. Robert Gamble and Audrey Santiago continue their work in Ukraine. If you would like to help, please send your donations directly to:

Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, Inc. (founded by WPPC long-time member Audrey Ball Santiago), 3530 Diamond Leaf Lane, Oviedo, FL 32766.

This Child Here (founded by former Assoc. Pastor at WPPC, Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble), P.O. Box 2531, Ormond Beach, FL 32175.

Below is an update from Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation.





www.transitionsoaf.com

May 9, 2022

Dear Friends,

There is nothing good about war. I am still in shock and horror about what is happening to our people in Ukraine. Back in February, I knew that Russia was going to attack. I knew it, even when my Ukrainian friends were telling me that their "Russian brothers" would never attack. But the scope and brutality of this war and what it has become was simply unimaginable then and is still now. I never thought it would come to this. You've all heard and read the same horror stories that I have. And just when I think I've heard the worst, it gets even worse. I just want to cry, STOP!

I have been taught that if you look for the negative, you will find it. Likewise, if you look for the positive, you will find that, too. Today, I want to share the silver lining in this great cloud of war that hangs over Ukraine's head. I repeat, there is nothing good about war, but there is plenty of good about people and their hearts and their desire to help to alleviate the suffering of our fellow human beings on the other side of the world.

I have become acutely aware of this goodness, your goodness, since I sent my newsletter at the beginning of March, letting you all know that our Ukrainian friends were beginning an unprecedented struggle for freedom and even for life itself. I'm not sure what I expected to come of my plea, but what happened is beyond all expectation. So, I want to devote this letter to silver linings, and to sharing with you what your gifts are doing and how they are helping.

Donations poured in during the months of March and April, and, thankfully, they continue. This is good because while our initial help consisted of travel expenses and helping our women, children and other asylum seekers to move to safer places, now we have settled in on helping those who couldn't relocate. They do not need one-time travel expenses; they need food and necessities on a daily basis, and they will need this assistance for as long as this war lasts. Many people, including our older orphans, are out of work, and many of those who work are working at reduced wages. We are helping them. We are helping pensioners and widows who can't get out to buy the food and medicine that they couldn't afford to buy even if they could get to the store. (The price of food has nearly doubled since the

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beginning of the war.) The families of the soldiers who are away defending Ukraine, especially young mothers, need our assistance. Without help, I don't see how any of these people would survive.

Your gifts make it possible for folks in the city of Odesa and in the surrounding villages to receive care packages a few times each week. Your gifts are important and necessary, but it is also important for you to know that it is Ukrainian hands that purchase (using a combination of your gifts and their own resources), pack, and deliver these packages. They have made it their work to gather each day - church members and other locals, our staff members along with them - to assemble these packages, and on another day, to go and deliver them. This war is not dividing Ukrainians; it is uniting them in service to one another. Their gratitude is great for the gifts that you give to help them to do this.



While Odesa has been making the news far too often in recent weeks due to more frequent, sometimes daily, missile attacks on both infrastructure (railroads, bridges, the airport) and residential areas, Odesa is still faring better than many other cities. Odessans have responded with gratitude and grace through service to others. My church in Odesa, the Trinity Church, is also making and delivering care packages; they go beyond Odesa, to cities harder hit by the war. It is with much gratitude that I can report to you that your gifts also contribute to this mission.

You already know that we have six cottages that have been occupied by older orphans on a rent or rentto-own basis. Early on, in response to financial difficulties imposed on our families by the war, we decided to stop collecting rent. In addition, after the relocation of some of our families, several of the cottages had been sitting vacant. At the same time, Odesa became a frequent stop for folks fleeing from the east on their way to the west and on to safer places. So, we have been welcoming refugees to use the cottages for a place of respite. They may stay a night, two nights, or a while to rest and regroup before resuming their journey. While they are in our cottages, they are fed and provided with the necessities of life. This only happens because of your generosity. We have an ongoing need for funds to care for our Ukrainian friends wherever they may be. Donation information follows this letter if you'd like to give or if you'd like to continue to give.

While we are giving extraordinary assistance, please notice in these words and pictures that Ukrainians are not just sitting idly by, looking for handouts. Rather, they are at the forefront doing, helping, and caring for others, even as they are being cared for. Yes, war is indeed terrible and there is nothing good about it, but what you are doing and what we do together with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters gives me hope in my heart.

With gratitude and love, Audrey

**Checks are still the quickest means to donate:

	Transitions Orpi	ian Assistance
541 Evening Sky	/ Drive	-or-
Oviedo, FL 327	65	

3530 Diamond Leaf Lane Oviedo, FL 32765

Foundation, Inc.

Online options:

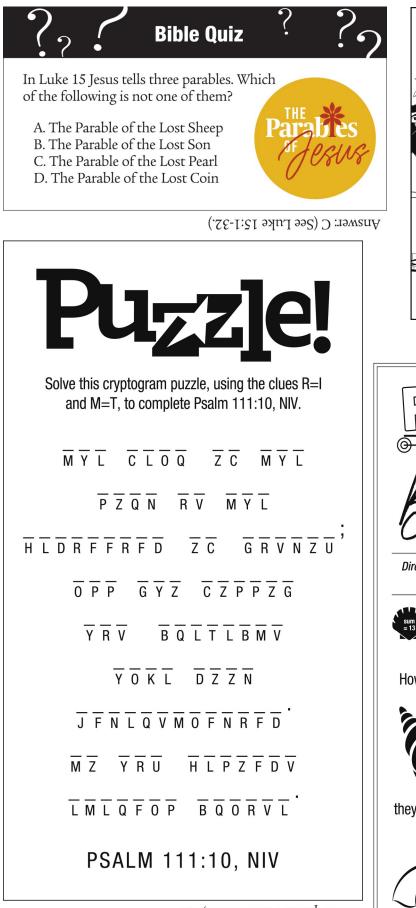
PayPal is also pretty quick.

Network for Good will administer your donation made on our behalf, but it takes some weeks for payment to reach our bank account.

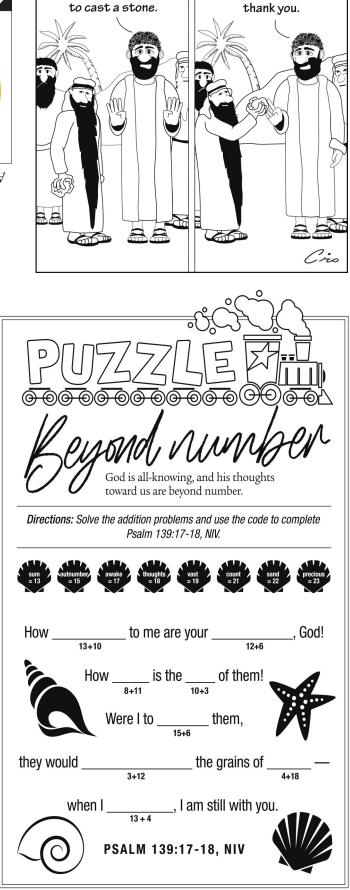
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Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111.11, NIV



Let him who is without sin be the first

Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake

Not what I meant,



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Summer camp is in full swing at Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool. During the first sessions we went on imaginary ocean adventures, experienced arts and crafts MANIA, immersed ourselves in building and construction, and went wild about animals. Splash days every Thursday are the best! Our campers' favorite water day activity is driving plasma cars through our Kid Wash.

July is another busy month of camp as the children will enjoy science exploration and nature adventures.

Summer camp will be over before you know it. We will host our annual Meet Your Teacher event on Tuesday, August 9. The first day of the new school year is August 10th.



Shaving cream fun on Splash Day.



Exploring sea creatures during Ocean Adventures week.



Learning about building using different types of materials during Building & Construction week.



Silly Science with Ms. Marjie is one of our weekly special activities during the summer camp program.



Cruising through the Kid Wash.





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