



The Covenanter

JUNE 2022



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Our preschool Celebration Sunday was a glorious day in the life of our church. Thank you to all those who volunteered to make the day so special. Thank you to the staff and teachers who lead our children and help arrange events like these. We look forward to another opportunity of celebration in the Fall, but in the meantime, please enjoy a few of the pictures below and check out the full photo album at:

www.winppc.org/photo-archive.



Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 AM | Sunday School: 9:15 AM
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**Congratulations to our 2022 High School Graduates
Griffin Seel & Sutanya Thomas!**
More pictures can be found at www.winppc.org/photo-archive.





SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
9:15—10:15 AM

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (R IN A) • ROOM 301

Relationships in Action is a Sunday School class that studies issues “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” 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.

June 5: Planning

Class planning session for July and August. All are welcome.

June 12: The Holy Land Revealed—Discovery and Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Having previously addressed the Pharisees and Sadducees, this session will focus on a group that many scholars identify with the Essenes. It is first in a series of three lessons on the people who resided in the community at Qumran. This is the group that is credited with having deposited the Dead Sea Scrolls in nearby caves. Fragments of over nine hundred different scrolls have been discovered in eleven caves.

June 19: The Holy Land Revealed—The Sectarian Settlement at Qumran

This lesson will focus on some distinct features of the settlement at Qumran. Among these are animal bone deposits that consistent with kosher species and an extensive system for storing water.

June 26: The Holy Land Revealed: The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Essenes

This lesson will explore ways in which the Dead Sea Scrolls relate to the archaeology of Qumran and what they tell us about the community that lived there. The Essenes were an exclusive community, whereas with Jesus, we see just the opposite. The distinction between Jesus' movement and the philosophical practices of this group will be discussed.

SEEKERS CLASS • ROOM 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. All are welcome to join the discussion.



GLOBAL MARKET RETURNS

Compassion Committee is delighted to announce that the Global Market is returning after a gap due to COVID. The Global Market will be held Saturday, November 5 from 9am-1pm and on Sunday, November 6 between the services and until 1pm.



This is your opportunity to purchase lovely and useful items for the holiday, birthdays, etc., as well as yourself, and make an important difference in the lives of others. We are still finalizing the list of participants. To date Ten Thousand Villages, Alliance for Reforestation (items from Guatemala and plants for your yard and garden), olive oil from Palestine, Society for Saint Andrews, Fair Trade with coffee, chocolate, nuts, Ukraine Orphan Transition Fund (restaurant gift cards), and Heifer International (art work). We will keep you posted as new organizations and items join the list.

If you are aware of a cause that we could include in the market that would contribute to the range of items for sale, please contact Mary VanHook at 407 359-2388 or vanhookjay90@gmail.com.

We will also be looking for individuals who can help in setting up the displays and selling the items. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the church and the community. Please also help us by spreading the word.

Compassion Committee



SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATES

In April we received \$2,650 for Ukraine Relief and that has been sent to Presbytery. Since then an additional \$300 was received and will be combined with future donations as they are received to meet relief needs in Ukraine. We received \$700 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, \$90 for the Peacemaking offering and \$859 for the 5 Cents A Meal offering.

We offer our sincere thanks to all who were able to contribute to these requests for funding.

~ The Compassion Committee



The beautiful gold cross that is centered above the altar of our church points to the Celtic origins of the Presbyterian faith. It features intricate Celtic design elements; the circle at its center is called the



"Halo". It is known worldwide as the Celtic Cross, the Scottish Cross, the Irish Cross, and the Cross of Iona. The Celtic people originated in Central Europe and were largely destroyed by the Roman Empire. The Celts in Northern Spain, the British Isles, Ireland, and Brittany survived. Today, the principle areas of Celtic people are Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. The lovely, lyrical Celtic language can be heard spoken in these areas, but it is struggling to survive. In Scotland, only 3% of the population is fluent in "Gallic", and in Ireland, "Gaelic" is spoken by only 10% of the Irish. When the Roman Empire fell and Europe descended into the Dark Ages, bonfires lit the towns and villages as books containing the history and literature of western civilization were burned. It was a terrible tragedy. At great risk, many books were hidden and then smuggled westward to that little backwater island on the edge of the world that is Ireland. There, under the tutelage and inspiration of St. Patrick, monks labored to transcribe every text they could lay their hands on. Then those same

monks packed up their books and began to travel; first to the British Isles, then throughout western Europe as far east as Constantinople, as far north as Norway, and as far south as the boot of Italy. They were called "Warrior monks". They established monasteries and centers of worship everywhere they went, and everywhere they went they carried the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Celtic Christians did that...us! We did that!

If you find our history and culture as fascinating as do I, I recommend "How the Irish Saved Civilization" by Thomas Cahill as a good place to start (or finish...it's a big book!)

Dear Lord, please bless our Ancient Homeland, and keep it fresh in our hearts and minds forever. Amen.

Christian Symbol

SEED—The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV).



WPPC PARTNERING TO MINISTER IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD

Presbyterian Disaster Agency (PDA): WPPC supports Presbyterian Disaster through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering as well as special offerings like the recent one for Ukraine. Staff and volunteers respond to multiple needs related to natural disasters, war, turmoil in the United States and 56 countries. Previously WPPC was active in rebuilding homes after Hurricane Katrina. Currently the war in Ukraine has devastated the lives of millions of people. PDA is working closely with fellow churches in Ukraine, Hungary, and Romania who have contact with the people and the government to provide important necessities for people who have lost everything and do not know if and when they will be able to return to their lives in Ukraine. There is a clear recognition that this dire situation will be a lasting one. PDA thanks WPPC as well as other churches that are helping to make this work possible.



Ukraine Orphan Assistance Foundation: Audrey sends her thanks for your generous support for the work in Ukraine. She sent the following update: "As the war in Ukraine intensifies and expands to other areas in Ukraine, the situation of many becomes more dire. While funds were used initially to help people relocate, the effort is now to help people who were unable to relocate. They need food and daily necessities and will do so as long as

the war lasts. Many are out of work. We are helping pensioners and widows who can't get out to buy food and medicines, and with the price of food doubling, can't afford to buy it. Young families whose husbands/fathers are fighting the war need help. Your funds have helped Ukrainians to do the work of purchasing and distributing these items. My church in Odessa is making and delivering care packages to areas beyond Odessa. The homes we built are also housing refugees. This war has united the people of Ukraine."



This Child Here: Robert sends his thanks that your funds are able to help refugees with food, medicine, and supplies who have fled cities like Mariupole, Kharkiv, Kherson and others and gone to Odessa and Izmail, Ukraine as well as Romania. Aid is also going to older adults, called pensioners who cannot leave their homes.

Your gifts are making a crucial difference in the lives of people caught up in this war.

~Compassion Committee



LIBRARY NEWS
DORIS ANGUISH, LIBRARIAN



This window shows the Resurrection of Christ—the heart of the Gospel. Paul tells the Corinthian Christians about the alternative: *If Christ was not raised, then our gospel is null and void, and so is your faith!* In Christian art the risen Lord is often presented holding the Resurrection banner and clothed in white or golden garments. Our window shows an empty tomb. The Gospels vary on who first discovered the open tomb.

This window shows Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of James, and Salome, facing the empty tomb. They are amazed at the words of the messenger: *He is risen: He is not here: behold the place here they laid Him.* The angel's fingers point upward. Shown is the cloth-draped tomb, the unused vase of ointment, the pomegranate (symbol of eternal life), the empty cross in the background. All this says: *The strife is over, the battle done, the victory of life is won, the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!*

The bottom of the panel lies an emblem of the phoenix which according to ancient myth, was a bird of great beauty who lived 500 years or more. It is said it burned itself upon a funeral pyre, rose as a new phoenix from its ashes to live another cycle of existence. It repeated this cycle over and over. This mythical bird was often found on funeral stones to signify belief in eternal life.



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.

What	When
Bake brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 6/8 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 6/9 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 6/10 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 6/10 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 6/10 4:00-7:30 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 6/10 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.

?? Bible Quiz ??

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle



Answer: B (See Mark 4:33-34.)

Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM REUBEN
CAIN DAN
ABEL ASHER
SETH JUDAH
NOAH LEVI
HAM GAD
SHEM NAHTALI
JAPHETH SIMEON
ELKANAH ISSACHAR
SAMUEL ZEBULUN
AARON BENJAMIN
NADAB JOSEPH
HUR MANASSEH
CALEB EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM SAUL
ISMAEL JONATHAN
ISAAC DAVID
ESAU SOLOMON
JACOB

M I A R L H P E C I T O A N C J
A B E L A H G S S M B I O A O
S N I A C M R K A S R E S E L S
E A D A V I D A M N H M E E
P S O L O M O N J M I B P
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W R D I T N A H T A N O J N

Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.



A powerful CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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"But you will receive _____ when the
Holy _____ comes on you; and you
will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the _____."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Matt Straub	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Barbara dePaula	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Steve House Carolyn Wolf	<u>10</u> Theresa Coker Ron Ellman Craig Osterhaus	<u>11</u> Janet Barnes
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Bill Duncan Alexander Reece	<u>15</u> Winnifred Riccio	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Nancy Glancy Donna Thompson	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Fern Barnard	<u>22</u> Enid Marr	<u>23</u> Jo Russell	<u>24</u> Richard Ferguson	<u>25</u> Patrick Boyle
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Dan Meadors Sue Rudolph	<u>28</u> Gary Wolf Tom Woodward	<u>29</u> Denise Ferguson	<u>30</u> Mitch Bargar Don Paulsen		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u> Paul Danley	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Peggy Bargar Carolyn Deatrick Alison Frazier	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Michelle Trahan	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Jeremiah Boyle Wade Edwards Dee Herschel	<u>9</u> Catherine Fields Jennifer Fields
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Anne Bensinger Jayne Leach	<u>12</u> Ann Paulsen Deanna Spangler Tricia Wilson	<u>13</u> Yvonne Manking Cynthia Skelton	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Jean Cumming Gloria Duncan	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Melissa Storey Mark Wilson	<u>19</u> Lynne McKnight	<u>20</u> Nancy Miller	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Donna Brokop Syd Davis	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Charles Wagenhauser	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> Jennifer Roe	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> Leeann Lee Gene Pickler						



Winter Park Presbyterian Church sponsored a Celebration Sunday and May Day Play Day event exclusively for our preschool families. Our 53 VPK students were honored and performed the songs *Jesus Loves Me*, *I've Got the Joy*, and *Who's the King of the Jungle* during the church service.

Immediately after the service church members served hotdogs, chips, chocolate chip cookies, ice cream, and drinks for lunch in Fellowship Hall. Everyone enjoyed the outdoor activities which included two bounce houses, PJ the Clown and his famous balloon creations, face painting by our talented preschool teachers, and testing skills on an obstacle course.

It is an exciting time as we transition to summer camps, family activities, and vacations. The teachers and staff have really enjoyed getting to know each of these wonderful children in our VPK classes and they will be greatly missed.





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
 Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs
 Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

SESSION

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Theresa Coker
 Bonnie Gaughan
 Fran Morrissey
 Michelle Trahan
 Jay Van Hook

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Syd Davis
 Fred Kittinger
 Malcolm MacDiarmid
 Jim McKinney
 Dawn Sumrall

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Mike Galyean
 John Gehrig
 Jayne Leach
 Audrey Santiago
 Sara Van Arsdell

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 Jane Munns
 Rachel Myers
 Christine Rich
 Dennis Schmalstig
 Meg Ball Thomas

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Ron Ellman
 Betty Johnston
 Sevilla Morse
 Cynthia Nants
 Jyme Smith
 Jeanne Vinci

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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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