



The Covenanter MARCH 2020

We begin this month having just entered the season of Lent, or the forty days (not counting Sundays) immediately before Easter. Historically, Lent has been, and still is, a very significant time during the Christian year. In the early church it was a period of preparation for those who were to be baptized on Easter morning. They would fast, study, give



alms, and pray in order to be ready for the great day when it arrived. In our own time it continues to provide Christians with the opportunity to return to the heart of our faith, in the ongoing quest to live in closer communion with our Lord. It provides a time for self-examination when we can reflect on how we have been living, confess to God the ways in which we have strayed from the path, and resolve to do things differently.

One traditional way that many observe the season is to deny themselves something during this period of time. It may be a small pleasure, some luxury, or perhaps a bad habit. The intention is to provide a daily reminder of the sacrifice of Christ for our sake, and the call to new life in him.

Now, there is certainly value in such a discipline of personal denial. But, I wonder if it would not also be well for us to add a spiritual practice of a more positive nature. Perhaps it would be one that is aimed at finding spiritual growth through our engagement with others. What about resolving to do a small act of kindness for someone each day, or to extend a word of comfort or encouragement to a person who is having a hard time? Perhaps we could resolve to work on a frayed relationship for the sake of Christ and one another, or to make a friend of someone who is quite different from us.

During Lent we seek to follow the One who gave himself to the world. That is where we will find Him – in the world and people he loves.

The days of our lives are precious gifts. Within them lies the treasure of a living relationship with our Creator. God longs for us to awaken to his presence in our world, in other people, and even within ourselves. Let us use this time of Lent wisely, with deep appreciation for God's grace and love.

With love,

Bob

SUNDAY 1	MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6	SATURDAY 7
Communion Worship Service 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Youth Group Outing 5:30pm, A Narrow Escape SUNDAY 8 Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Book Club 7pm, Rm 303 MONDAY 9 Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Children's Choir 6:30 pm, Rm 102 TUESDAY 10 Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Elizabeth Bible Study	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary WEDNESDAY 11 PS Board Meeting 10am, Rm 303 Tai Chi	Library Open 9am-Noon Caregiver/Support Group 10am, Rm 301 THURSDAY 12 Library Open 9am-Noon Communion at	FRIDAY 6 Friendship Club 11:30am, FH Tai Chi 11:30am, CE Bldg. Parents' Night Out 5:30pm, FH FRIDAY 13 Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	SATURDAY 7
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 An Organ and Instrumental Tapestry 3pm, Sanctuary Youth Group 5pm, Rm 204	11:30am, FH Hannah Circle 7pm, FH	10am, Parlor Children's Choir 6:30 pm, Rm 102	11:30am, FH Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Westminster WP 11am Committee Night 6:30pm Chairs 7pm Prayer Svc 7:30pm Meetings		
SUNDAY 15	MONDAY 16 Tai Chi	TUESDAY 17 Staff Meeting	WEDNESDAY 18 Tai Chi	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20 Tai Chi	SATURDAY 21
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Library Open 9:30am-Noon PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317	11:30am, FH Ladies' Game Night 6pm-Dinner 7pm-Games, Rm 317	10:30am, Rm 301 Children's Choir 6:30 pm, Rm 102	11:30am, FH Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Library Open 9am-Noon Deacon Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 22	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24	WEDNESDAY 25	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27	FRIDAY 28
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 PNC Meeting Noon, Rm 317 Youth Group 5pm, Rm 204	Library Open 9am-Noon Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301 Children's Choir 6:30 pm, Rm 102	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Worship Mtg. 4pm, Rm 303 WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102	Library Open 9am-Noon Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen Session Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Sort Toiletries 10am/Kitchen Serve the Meal 4:30pm/FH-gather 5:30pm Depart	
SUNDAY 29 Worship Svc.	MONDAY 30 Library Open	TUESDAY 31 Staff Meeting				
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Organ and Instrumental Tapestry

Featuring:

PENNY WALSH, ORGAN HOLLY SMALL, PIANO SUSAN DAVIS, FLUTE SARAH THOMAS, CELLO

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 @ 3:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW | DONATIONS ACCEPTED



R in A Sunday School | 9:15-10:15 AM

March 1st—The Holy Land Revealed—Lesson 10: The Hellenization of Palestine

This session will examine the Hellenistic influence on non-Jewish populations in the Holy Land. Three cities will be studied in detail: Iraq el-Amir (with the remains of an impressive temple or pleasure palace); Marisa (with its fascinating series of caves); and Tel Dor (with its distinctly Hellenistic architectural style). Discussion will be led by Gene Pickler.

March 8th—Relationships in Action Class Planning meeting

This class has a long history of providing WPPC the opportunity to learn about and discuss a variety of thought-provoking ideas and issues affecting us today. Please join us to guide the direction of the RinA class.

March 15th—Report on Mission Trip to Cuba

Mary Van Hook will update recent news on our partner church, Santa Clara, and the situation of the Presbyterian churches in Cuba.

March 22nd—Trip to Holy Land/Israel and Jordan

Reta Jackson and John Beardall will share pictures and stories from their recent trip to the Holy Land/Israel and Jordan that was led by our former pastor, Larry Cuthill. This trip was especially meaningful since pilgrims from WPPC made up half of the group of thirty five. All enjoyed our amazing adventure.

March 29th—Paying for Our Sins: Alternative Narratives

Jay Van Hook will lead us in examining different theories concerning the meaning of Christ's death on the cross as payment for our sins. Questions such as "Did God send Jesus to be crucified?" will be discussed.

COMMUNITY TOYS for Apopka - Update

We have received a Thank You letter from the HOPE Community Center in Apopka for our donations to their Christmas Toy Store, which was a resounding success. Community donors contributed more than \$60,000 worth of toys which helped over 400 families. The Center thanked us for being part of this great community event.

We have posted their letter on the Compassion bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall behind the piano. Stop by and read how our efforts impacted so many people and helped to enrich the lives of all participants. ~ Compassion Committee

2 CENTS A MEAL - Update

Our first quarterly offering was held on January 26, 2020 and we received \$535.27. These donations will help support SoSA (Society of St. Andrew--a gleaning organization), Second Harvest Food Bank, AIR (Agency for International Reforestation in Guatemala) and Madagascar Project, which helps support our missionaries, Dan and Elizabeth Turk. On behalf of the above recipients, we thank you for your generous support of these projects. The beneficiaries of these gifts will learn that through Christ's love all things are possible. ~Compassion Committee



March is a month of ups and downs, marked contrasts and subtle discordances. Daily temperatures flirt with summer-time heat, then fall back to more moderate levels. Gardens wither for lack of rain one week. Get out the mower the next. Happy Easter approaches, but mournful Lent presides. As school year enters its final phase, students get a glimpse of upcoming freedom. But final exams loom on the horizon. So, what do we do during vexing times?

One of my favorite Gospel stories is the account of Jesus calming the sea. Matthew describes the apostles' rising panic as a sudden storm threatens to sink their boat. They wake Jesus, still asleep as gale force winds whip up waves that threaten to swamp their vessel. They beg him to do something to save their lives. Jesus questions their faith, stands up and rebukes the tempest. The storm ends suddenly. All is calm.

I think of this story as a reminder of God's calming presence. We may run in circles and cry out for help during sudden crises. But if we manage to focus thought and prayer on God's living presence, then a sense of peace descends upon us. Waves of anxiety die down and become still.

Paul called on us to "pray without ceasing". Perhaps he meant that we should call God to mind in all circumstances. This practice makes it easier to find God's comfort and guidance during hard times, and to thankfully celebrate moments of ease.



Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Sallie Phillips who passed February 18, 2020.

Church Fellowship Opportunities

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will have their monthly luncheon on Friday, March 6. Special entertainment will be provided by a group of visiting musicians called *Send in the Music*. They will play hymns and classical compositions on their dulcimers and other interesting instruments. It is sure to be a unique and enjoyable concert. Lunch is served at 11:30 AM, with the program following about 12:15 PM. Please make a reservation if you plan to have lunch with us. Meatloaf and the fixings are on the menu. The cost is still just \$5, and we encourage you to bring canned meats/fish as a donation to the food bank. Transportation from Westminster Towers and the Mayflower can be provided, but you must reserve that at the same time that you make your lunch reservation. Please call the church office (407-647-1467) by noon on Wednesday, March 4 to reserve your place at the table.

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

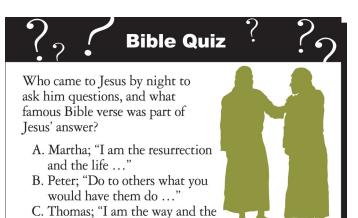
The Hannah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 PM in room 301. Our next meeting is March 9th.

Elizabeth Bible Study

The Elizabeth Study Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. Our next meeting is March 10th.

Ladies Game Night

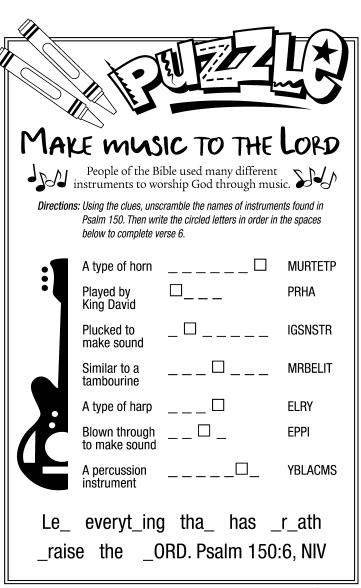
All Winter Park Presbyterian Church women are invited to join us at our monthly game night. We usually play Hand and Foot and Bridge, but feel free to come and introduce your favorite game. We typically meet the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7:00 PM. Better yet, come at 6:00 PM and build a salad. One 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 March 16th. Questions? Call Carla Gehrig at 407-678-8396.



D. Nicodemus; "For God so loved the world ..."

truth and the life ...'

Answer: D (See John 3:1-16.)

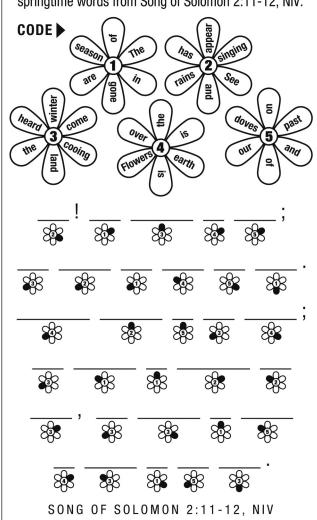


Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, MIV



Puzzle!

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.



Answer: Seel The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV





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 3/25 9:00 AM		
Prepare meal - (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 3/26 9:30 AM		
Bag brownies; make PB&J sandwiches (Eileen Silvers 407-376-2133)	Fri 3/27 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 3/27 10:00-11:00 AM		
Prepare to transport: gather supplies, load food & supplies into van (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 3/27 4:30-5:15 PM		
Serve the Meal. Please join us in the WPPC Kitchen for departure to the	Fri 3/27 5:30-8:00 PM		
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.	NOTE: THE CHURCH VAN IS RESERVED FOR THIS FUNCTION.		
Cleanup kitchen - wash, sanitize items used; store supplies (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 3/27 8:00-8:30 рм		
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@embargmail.com





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Koalas VPK class made hats, flags and rocket ships to carry during the

Patriot's Day parade.

Patriot's Day Parade

Our annual Patriot's Day Parade was a huge success! The children made USA themed props and circled the campus three times while their parents cheered them on. All students – from young toddlers to VPK age – participated in this fun event after learning about the history of our country. VPK students even voted for their favorite Letter Person from the Letter People reading curriculum.

REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021 School YEAR

Registration for ages six months through VPK classes for the 2020/2021 school year is now open. Our school day runs from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM 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. Call the preschool office for class availability at (407) 629-0727.

Spring Clean-Up Day is Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Our PAC committee is looking for volunteers that are available to help with the annual Spring Clean-Up Day. Babysitting will be provided by three of our beloved teachers. Snacks and lunch will also be provided for volunteers.

Tasks include pressure washing, planting, mulching, weeding, trimming, clean playground equipment, staining, painting, cleaning out sand boxes, etc.

You are welcome to stay as long as you are able. Stay for an hour, or stay for the full day! Students looking for community service hours are welcome to join. The clean-up is a fun way to help out the school while also getting to know and build community with other parents and teachers from the school.

If you would like to be part of our clean-up team, please call the preschool office at (407) 629-0727. The PAC committee and WPPP greatly appreciate your time and support! Thank you for volunteering for this very fun and productive day!

Spring Fling & Silent Auction Is Saturday, April 4th, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Spring Fling fun day includes a Mr. Richard concert, face painting, pony rides, train rides, PJ the Clown balloon artist, bounce houses, art room full of projects to make and take home, Indigo Dip & Dye craft and more! Food trucks from Kelly's Homemade Ice Cream, 900 Degreez Pizza, and Peru Power will also be here for lunch purchase.

Grownups will enjoy browsing the **Silent Auction** and bidding on amazing themed gift baskets, personalized class plates, and other items including a week-long stay at a beach condo, attractions tickets, photography sessions, restaurant gift cards, VPK Little Art Gallery paintings, and so much more! The proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing additional video cameras to monitor outdoor activity which will increase security and safety for our children.

Wrist bands will be available at the door for \$25.00 per family. Adults do not need wristbands.



The Foxes two year old class made shakers and hats for their performance in the Patriot's Day Parade.



The Ladybugs three year old class made a banner with their names and handprints, hats and streamers to wave during the Patriot's Day parade.



The Alligators VPK class made chef hats and carried cutting boards, pans, bowls and wooden spoons to make music in their Culinary Chorus!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Curtis Koon Steve Walker	2	3	4 John Dreasher Sadie Singleton	5 Nancy Galyean	6	7
8 Bill Cuthill Fran Morrissey Nancy Schieber	9 Kathy Anderson	10 Willard McCurdy	11	12	13	14 Travis Smith
15 Gregory Seel	16	17 Phillip Anderson Meg Ball Thomas	18 Cody MacDade	19 Carol Hunt Stephanie Nants	20 Robin Danley Fred Kittinger	21 Shelby Reaves Mary Van Hook
22 Wendy Ethridge Ethan Thomas	23 Marilyn Bryant Sara Ann Hiatt	24 Nolan Seel	25	26 Spencer Bartholomew Solange Yost	27 Yvonne Cobb Carla Gehrig	28
29	30 Charlie Anderson Debby Tallungan	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

SESSION

2020 **2021** 2022 Phillip Anderson Theresa Coker Doris Anguish Marilyn Bryant Lisa Dreasher Bonnie Gaughan Rick Davis layne Leach Fran Morrissey Steve House Shaheed Mohammed Sean Tallungan Larry Seel Peter Rice Michelle Trahan Bob White Nelson Roe Jay Van Hook

DIACONATE

2020 2021 2022 Ardyth Austin Mike Galyean Susan Davis Cathy House Reta Jackson lane Munns Caroline James Iulie Kent Rachel Myers Iim McKinney Curtis Koon Christine Rich Dennis Schmalstig Sara Van Arsdel Meg Ball Thomas Matt Straub Jeanne Vinci

MISSIONARIES

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