



The Covenanter

MARCH 2022



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Then Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." -Matthew 9:37-38

March has arrived along with many activities in the life of our church.

March 2nd begins the season of Lent. This is a time for us to reflect upon our journey with Christ. It's a time to do a spiritual inventory of sorts, asking God to help us recognize and remove our spiritual clutter, while at the same time developing recognizable patterns of the Holy Spirit within our hearts and minds. As we think about Lenten things, be sure to mark your calendars for March 2nd at 7pm, as we will have an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary marking the beginning of our Lenten sojourn.

Sunday, March 6 at 3pm in the sanctuary, we will host the Orlando Big Band. This promises to be a wonderful afternoon of fun, music and fellowship. Please plan to attend and share in our ongoing concert series. Our worship committee along with other volunteers, lovingly labors to arrange these special events. We hope you will enjoy not only the Orlando Big Band, but the rest of the concert series throughout the year.

Don't be late for church, because on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 in the morning, we "spring forward" an hour. I don't know about you, but I spend the rest of the year trying to find that missing hour. I look everywhere - in the fridge, under the bed, behind the door, in my tool box, between the couch cushions, where I did find two peanuts, a nickel, some dog fuzz, one hair scrunchie and the missing remote, but no lost hour.

I looked in the closet, I opened the little thingy where we hide the house key, the lint trap in the dryer, I even looked in that drawer under the oven. It rattled, banged around and felt very full. I knew I had found the missing hour - but alas - just an overcrowded space that required me to break out into a sweat and spend the next ten minutes of my life rearranging and repacking the contents so it would close properly.

I'm going to keep looking, but if the missing hour turns up at your house, please let someone know.

Our Tuesday night gathering continues through March. It is wonderful to have a midweek, evening, Bible Study opportunity return after two years without. I hope you will take advantage of this hour to come and refresh yourself with fellowship and the Word of God. You are welcome to bring your own brown bag dinner (pizza will be served at the last class on March 22nd).

As we share in these activities and more, we are reminded that most who observe Lent, do so by giving something up. The idea being, as we physically do without something, we instead focus on our spiritual journey. However, I hope we might consider taking something up for God. We can write letters to loved ones, call a friend who is struggling, serve at the homeless coalition, drive the bus on Sundays, donate food, clothing, begin a daily devotional time, find a committee here at the church and serve, or undertake the daily discipline of intercessory prayer for God's harvest and laborers to be sent out.

Although the list of things we might give up for Lent is limited, the opportunities to share in the Kingdom of God are limitless.

Grace, Peace and Blessing upon your Lenten Journey,

Pastor Darren

Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 AM | Sunday School: 9:15 AM
400 S. Lakemont Avenue | Winter Park, FL 32792 | 407-647-1467 | www.winppc.org

Tuesday Nights Together!



MARCH 1ST - 22ND | 5:00 PM

"WHY JESUS"

LED BY PASTOR DARREN

A discussion based class featuring the book "Why Jesus" written by David Nasser dealing with faith, culture, and the uniqueness found in Jesus Christ.



March 2nd @ 7:00 PM

Imposition of the ashes will be offered as a part of the service for those who would like to receive them.

WPPC Concert Series Presents
The Orlando Big Band



**Sunday,
March 6**

3pm

**Join us for an
afternoon of
swing music!**

Free | Donations Accepted



The Orlando Big Band has been bringing swing, Dixieland, blues, and jazz alive in Central Florida for the past ten years. Vocal accompaniment includes trios, duets, and soloists styled in authentic costumes from the twenties through the sixties.



400 S. Lakemont Avenue | Winter Park, FL 32792 | 407-647-1467



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
9:15—10:15 AM

Relationships in Action (R in A) • Room 301

March 6 • 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 as we continue our discussion.

March 13 • Planning

Pat Morgan will continue with our exploration of the Parables

March 20 • Parables

Pat Morgan will finish with our exploration of the Parables.

March 27 • Odessa, Ukraine: Faith, Homes, and Love

Audrey Santiago, WPPC member and director of Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, will provide an update on the work of the organization that she established in Odessa, Ukraine. The goal of the foundation is to help newly emancipated orphans as they navigate the challenges associated with their independence. She will discuss how recent developments in that region have impacted the work of the organization and its staff.

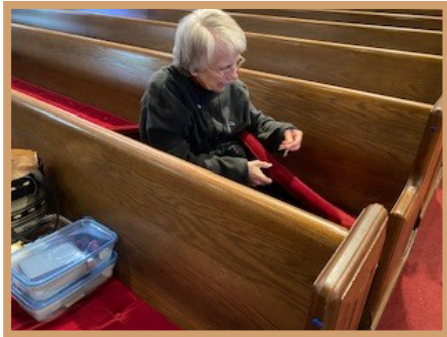
SEEKERS CLASS • ROOM 315

The Seekers class is continuing their study of early Christian leaders. You can join the class any time. The lessons are separate presentations and are not dependent on previous lessons.



Daylight Saving Time begins March 13th. Don't forget to spring forward! Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Don't experience the horror of showing up to church as everyone else is leaving!

BETTY GALE CASE A STUDY OF PERSEVERANCE



When one enters our sanctuary, the eye is immediately drawn to the exquisite stained glass windows which filter the sun's rays as they bathe the nave in color while reflecting a study of Christ's life. Most seasoned residents of Winter Park, and the surrounding communities, can attest to the experience of setting foot onto the hallowed ground upon which Winter Park Presbyterian Church rests as the WPPC congregation welcomes visitors and guests to participate in varieties of events several times each year. In fact, those same residents are quick to elaborate upon their personal memories. Woven into their

reflections will be commentary centering on the richness of the woodwork, the impressive organ, and the stunning pipes which fill the sanctuary with glorious sound.

Pew Cushions have yet to make the list of striking features which endear church family members as well as members of the greater community who fondly regard WPPC as their "second church home." Aside from turning in errant buttons to the ushers or the office staff, most folks take the cushions for granted. However, the padding is central to comfort and the necessity increases as bodies age. Buttons on both sides of the cushions are tied together with a special twine which keeps the upholstery in place. It takes about one hundred buttons to anchor the slip cover to the cushion properly. Given the fact that there are forty-nine pews, button maintenance represents an ongoing effort.

Betty Gale Case and husband Bob maintained the cushions for years ensuring that enough crimson material would be on hand to cover buttons using a hand pumping machine designed expressly for the purpose of constructing those buttons that become lost or simply wear out. Betty Gale turned in the equipment when Bob became ill and family became the focus of her life. In the meantime, the collection of displaced buttons grew. Once in person worship commenced in late 2020, Betty Gale recognized the urgency for repairs. However, she was well acquainted with the taxing physical labor as well as handwork involved in the process and was unsure as to whether she would be up to the task.

After months of prayerful discernment, she made the commitment setting aside Wednesdays from 9:30 – 4:00 for pursuing the project. As she launched the project during Lent, the sanctuary was so chilly, she found it necessary to work in her coat. Springtime brought various members joining Betty Gale during lunch breaks round the WPPC kitchen table which lifted the spirits of all. By summer, one half of the pew cushions had been repaired but the button supply was completely depleted and the cost of purchase per button, even decades ago, was prohibitive. Undaunted, Betty Gale developed a plan and asked for assistance from willing volunteers to set up the button making machine and she set to work on the complicated task of fashioning new buttons that would fit the exacting pattern.

In early autumn, Betty Gale returned to the pews with her stock of newly minted buttons. She completed the last repair during Advent. The boxes of supplies and equipment were stored away and Betty Gale quietly departed the WPPC campus with the grace of a life-long servant of God.

~Worship & Music Committee



DEACON'S DEN | JERRY FITZGERALD, WPPC DEACON

Wow! Here I am, a brand new Deacon in service of our Lord Jesus Christ at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. First: find the room for the first meeting (Room 301)... got it! Second: learn to spell "Presbyterian"... got that! As I listened to each member in turn I realized that we all shared a common (and critically important) trait; we have a "servant's heart". Our heart has told us to do this, we must, for "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen". A servant's heart is one that cares for others at the expense of itself, readily yields to the gentle urges of the Holy Spirit, and seeks no earthly reward. Each of us will work hard at our tasks; some simple, some mind-numbingly difficult, and always with the prayer that we will be received into the Kingdom with the greeting of our Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant". What more could we ask? Do you have a "servant's heart"? Do I? I believe you do or you wouldn't be reading this. My prayer is that each of us will, in the admonition of the Apostle "test ourselves continually to assure ourselves that we remain faithful", and that our every thought and action will point to that eternal goal. Wow!



PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

Sue Rudolph has requested that from now on all prayer requests and prayer update requests be sent to her at suru@cfl.rr.com or by phone, (407) 325-6495. They can also be mailed to 649 Blairshire Circle, Winter Park, 32792, or written copies gave be given directly to her. Those on the WPPC prayer chain are so thankful that they are able to pray for family, friends, and others. It's such a gift when we know that others are praying for us.



MISSION UPDATE | 5 CENTS A MEAL

Our first quarterly offering for 5 Cents a Meal was taken on January 23rd and we received \$415.32. These donations will help support two local missions: SoSA (Society of St. Andrew, a gleanng organization) and Second Harvest Food Bank. They also support our two international missions: AIR (Agency for International Reforestation in Guatemala) and Madagascar Project (helps our missionaries, Dan and Elizabeth Turk). On behalf of the above recipients, 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.

~The Compassion Committee

LIBRARY NEWS | DORIS ANGUISH, LIBRARIAN



A House for Worship

This window states its theme: My Father's house shall be a house of prayer. There are three parts to this panel. At the top is a picture of the WPPC. Jesus is in the foreground blessing the worshipers. At the bottom is the emblem symbolically summarizing the theme of the whole windows—worship.

The worshipers, young and old, are kneeling with their hands folded in prayer and yes closed or looking down. A few are stealing glances at our Lord while a little boy is the only one looking straight at Jesus. His father looks at the boy with a smile of love as does our Lord Himself.

The emblem below the worshipers is an incense burner from which smoke symbolizing the prayers of the worshipers is rising. A psalmist writes: *Let my prayer be set before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.* A combination of two Greek letters at the top of the censor stands for the first two letters of Christ's name and that our prayers are in His name.

The most interesting note about this window is the inscription, *My Father's house shall be a house of prayer.* These words are often quoted but they are not in the Gospels. Jesus is quoting from a beautiful passage of the prophet Isaiah using it against those who were making the Temple a marketplace. Within the context of an ancient strictness and legalism, it breathes the length, width, height, and depth of God who calls us to worship Him.



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 3/9 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 3/10 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 3/11 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 3/11 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 3/11 4:00-7:30 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri /11 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

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



See! The winter is _ _ _ _ ; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _ _ _ _ , it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _ _ _ _ , which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _ _ _ _ _ , each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _ _ _ _ _ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints



A wondrous washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRC AE _ _ _ _ _	_____ out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _ _ _ _	_____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _ _ _ _ _	_____ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNER E _ _ _ _	_____ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _ _ _ _	_____ your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _ _ _ _	_____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _ _ _ _ _	_____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _ _ _ _ _	_____ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBT O _ _ _ _	_____ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHS A _ _ _ _	_____ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant



MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> <i>Curtis Koon Steve Walker</i>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <i>John Dreasher</i>	<u>5</u> <i>Nancy Galyean</i>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> <i>Bill Cuthill Fran Morrissey Nancy Schieber</i>	<u>9</u> <i>Kathy Anderson</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Willard McCurdy, IV</i>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> <i>Travis Smith</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Gregory Seel</i>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <i>Phillip Anderson Meg Thomas</i>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <i>Carol Hunt Stephanie Nants</i>
<u>20</u> <i>Robin Danley Fred Kittinger</i>	<u>21</u> <i>Shelby Reaves Mary Van Hook</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Wendy Ethridge Ethan Thomas</i>	<u>23</u> <i>Marilyn Bryant Sara Ann Hiatt</i>	<u>24</u> <i>Nolan Seel</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> <i>Spencer Bartholomew Solange Yost</i>
<u>27</u> <i>Yvonne Cobb Carla Gehrig</i>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Charlie Anderson Debby Tallungan</i>	<u>31</u>		



APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u> <i>Sara Spivey</i>	<u>2</u> <i>Will Lawrence</i>
<u>3</u> <i>Doug Reece Porter Spangler Ryan Wilson</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <i>Thomas Skelton</i>	<u>6</u> <i>Sarah Johnson</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> <i>Betty Johnston Tatiana Lampe</i>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> <i>Harry Oldford</i>	<u>16</u> <i>Ayden Blood</i>
<u>17</u> <i>Lisa Dreasher</i>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <i>Brad Erb</i>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> <i>Maurice Pulliam Nelson Roe</i>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <i>Cameron White</i>
<u>24</u> <i>Lynn Youtz</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <i>Anne Murray</i>	<u>28</u> <i>Ardyth Austin Phyllis Woods</i>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Caroline James Touckay McCurdy</i>

Having a campus surrounded by nature really sets our school apart from the rest. Classes are often seen playing games on the fenced front lawn. Art and science experiences are frequently moved outdoors into the Nature Center where the children are surrounded by flowering plants that attract butterflies. The large garden boxes behind the school are the site of much learning about plants and how they grow. Many classes are using the newly renovated small garden area for music and movement, reading a story or simply running off some extra energy.

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 photos show some of our classes engaged in bear hunts, obstacle courses, organized games, making a bird's nest, launching rockets, having picnics and just having fun outdoors.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year and summer camp is now open, and a few spots may still be available. Information about our program and pricing is available on our website winppc.org/preschool. Please call 407-629-0727 to check availability.





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

2022

Theresa Coker
 Bonnie Gaughan
 Fran Morrissey
 Michelle Trahan
 Jay Van Hook

2023

Syd Davis
 Fred Kittinger
 Malcolm MacDiarmid
 Jim McKinney
 Dawn Sumrall

2024

Mike Galyean
 John Gehrig
 Jayne Leach
 Audrey Santiago
 Sara Van Arsdell

DIACONATE

2022

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

2023

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

2024

Ardyth Austin
 Lisa Dreasher
 Jerry Fitzgerald
 Nancy Galyean
 Andy Riccio

MISSIONARIES

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

For Covenanter or Sunday bulletin submissions, please fill out a publicity request online at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/> or contact Cindy Mitchum at cindym@winppc.org or 407-647-1467.