

The Covenanter

MARCH 2023





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



			WEDNESDAY 1	THURSDAY 2	FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4
			Coalition Mix & Bake Brownies 9am/Kitchen WNT Dinner: 5:45 pm Class: 6:20 pm WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Coalition Prepare Meal 9:30am/Kitchen	Coalition Food Prep 9am/Kitchen Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Serve the Meal 3:30pm/FH-gather 4:00pm/Depart	
SUNDAY 5	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Board Mtg 10:30am, Rm 301 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary WNT Dinner: 5:45 pm Class: 6:20 pm WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary		Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed!
SUNDAY 12	MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15	THURSDAY 16	FRIDAY 17	SATURDAY 18
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Sunday School 10:30am, Rm 101 WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary Orlando Big Band Concert 3pm, Sanctuary	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Hannah Circle 6pm, Rm 301	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	WNT Dinner: 5:45 pm Class: 6:20 pm WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Communion Svc at Westminster I I am Deacon Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Saint Patrick's Day	
SUNDAY 19	MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 24	SATURDAY 25
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Sunday School 10:30am, Rm 101 New Member Lunch 11:30am, Parlor WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	WNT Dinner: 5:45 pm Class: 6:20 pm WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Session Meeting 7pm, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
SUNDAY 26	MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY 31	
Worship Svc. 10:30 am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Sunday School 10:30am, Rm 101 WPPC Ringers 11:35am, Sanctuary Bible Recap Group 11:40am, Rm 301	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	WNT Dinner: 5:45 pm Class: 6:20 pm WM Ringers 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary		Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	



For many, this time of year is marked by the numerous sporting events available to us. You can watch baseball, softball, basketball, even more football, alongside auto racing, golf, tennis, and soccer, but did you know there are other sporting events happening as well? How about, this year's Cheese Rolling event or Toe Wresting, Tuna Throwing, Pooh Sticks,

Man versus Horse Marathon, Bull Running, Tomato Tossing, Human Tower Building, and no one would want to miss the Wife Carrying Championship. All of these sporting events happen during March. No wonder it's called March Madness.

However, if you get tired of sports madness, come and join us for a peaceful Sunday worship, as we continue a marathon of sorts—known also as, our Lenten Journey. There are also Wednesday fellowship opportunities to have dinner, participate in a program and still have time to get to choir rehearsal.

In addition to these Wednesday activities, The Orlando Big Band will be here Sunday March 12th for "Swingtime in Springtime," and on Sunday March 19th the Community Life Committee is hosting a lite luncheon following worship for all of our new members. Please make plans to attend these, enjoy a great time, and say hello to our many new faces.

Of course, it might not be Tomato Tossing or Pooh Sticks (Does anybody know what that actually is?). But there are many other activities taking place throughout this month at our church. You can go to our church website <u>www.winppc.org</u> for a calendar of events, and we are always wanting to add new things. If you would like to host a small group or have an event idea, maybe even like Toe Wresting or Cheese Rolling, please let us know.

In the meantime, blessings on your Lenten Journey and may the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding be with you.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Darren

WPPC Concert Series Presents

THE ORLANDO BIG BAND SWINGTIME IN SPRINGTIME



SUNDAY MARCH 12TH



Join us for an afternoon of swing music! Free & open to the public. A Meet & Greet with refreshments will follow the concert.



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Welcome, New Members



Alice Clay January 30, 2022







Anna Caparis April 7, 2022

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE





Kathleen Hutton May 29, 2022 Paula Smathers June 19, 2022

Dennis & Beverly Salmon * June 26, 2022

* As a retired Presbyterian minister, Dennis is a member of the Presbytery, not WPPC.





Ron & Carol Thompson July 24, 2022



Nicholas & Amanda Frallicciardi with daughter Ivy August 7, 2022



Bette & Vicki Blanchfield October 16, 2022



Michelle Stills October 23, 2022



Beth Conner October 30, 2022



We're glad you're here!



WPPC NEWS & INFO



COME ON 'N' HEAR

THE ORLANDO BIG BAND SUNDAY, MARCH 12 @ 3PM

Nothing is more fun that attending a wonderful afternoon of toe-tapping, energy-packed Big Band ERA music.

Put on your dancing shoes—you will want to join others in dancing in the WPPC aisles, and Fellowship Hall, to many favorites, such as "The Andrew Sisters" Boogie Woogie Bugle, Mambo Italiano, Mack the Knife, Swing Shift, A String of Pearls, In the Mood, and many more, led by Bennett Harmon, Conductor!

Post concert a "Meet 'n' Greet" reception will be held in Fellowship Hall so "Come on 'n' Hear" a fun concert that will have you "toe tapping" long after the last song!!



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (WNT) WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THRU MARCH 29TH JOIN US FOR DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP/EDUCATION.

Dinner 5:45-6:15 PM | \$5

Class 6:20-7:00 PM Classes will be listed in the bulletin each week.

Please RSVP to the church office (barbarah@winppc.org or 407-647-1467) by Monday 5pm so our kitchen team can be prepared. When you RSVP, please let us know if you have a request for a gluten free or vegetarian option.



NEW MEMBER / INQUIRER LUNCH - MARCH 19TH

If you joined our church in 2022 or 2023, the Community Life committee would like to honor you with a lunch on March 19 following the 10:30 service. The lunch will be in the church parlor in the Christian Education building. Keep an eye on your email for an invitation this week, and simply respond to the email with a yes or no, and that's all you need to do! If you have not yet joined our church but would like to learn more about it, you are invited also! Just call our church office at 407-647-1467 by Monday, March 13. We look forward to seeing you there!

5 CENTS A MEAL - SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE

On January 22nd, we received the first of four collections for this year for 5 Cents A Meal. The amount received was \$631.37, which has been sent to the Central Florida Presbytery PATH Program (Presbyterian Answer To Hunger). Presbytery disburses these monies among the Second Harvest Food Bank (25%), Society of St. Andrew (SOSA) (21%), Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR) in Guatemala (21%), and Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PC (USA) mission workers in Madagascar (21%). The balance covers administrative costs. Thank you to all who were able to support this offering and the agencies that are served. ~ Compassion Committee

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The collection of soup and other cans for Souper Bowl Sunday was a huge success! Nancy and Mike Galyean gathered all the groceries in two vehicles and delivered them to the Christian Service Center on Monday morning. The staff at CSC were delighted: "Those folks at Winter Park Presbyterian Church are very giving people." We can all agree with that. ~Compassion Committee



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MEMORY LOSS CAN BE A SCARY INTRUSION INTO OUR LIVES. BUT WITH GOD, THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE AND HELP!

Isn't it wonderful how God brings people into our lives that in retrospect seem to reveal layers upon layers of His Divine Plan? A few years ago at the YMCA, I met and became friends with Lydia Demola. She is one of those rare Christians whose whole being is centered on the Lord, a living gift of love and kindness.

During the course of our friendship, Lydia gave me a copy of a book that her daughter, Debra Edgar, wrote entitled Save Your Memory, Renew, Restore, Remember. As I read it, I was not only filled with new insights into memory problems, I realized the Divine Hand of God had inspired her to write this book! God partners with her to share important information that simultaneously guiets our fear.

I went to All Saints Church in Winter Park where Lydia volunteers in their gift shop to see if I could purchase a copy for our church library, but instead she generously donated this copy for our church!

Her daughter's heart is like her mother's! When you read this book, the Lord's love and truth shines throughout. It will bring comfort and much needed help for both the person suffering from memory loss and those who love and support them.

Her daughter includes the words her mother taught all her children on the book's Dedication page, then goes on to reflect those words through the book!



If you or someone you love are having memory problems, check out this amazing book from our church library.

Book description: "Debra Edgar, Ed.D., CCC-SLP Dr. Debra Edgar is a professor of Communication Disorders and Curriculum & Instruction at the University of Central Florida. She has spent the last 25 years pursuing her dream of helping others understand the magnitude and miracle of our brain. Dr. Edgar is the founder and director of Quality Telepractice, a private practice that provides Speech & Cognitive Therapy remotely. With her Florida SLP License and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Certification, she has extensive experience in a variety of settings including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, private practice, public schools, and outpatient clinic settings."

"Whether spending time with her family, teaching at the university, mentoring graduate clinicians, encouraging loved ones, or working side-by-side with those with memory loss, Debra's goal is that God is glorified in all that she says and does. She hopes to

shine a light on the importance of treating the whole person, provide hope to those who treat or struggle with memory loss, and inspire others to make a difference regardless of distance. May His light shine in every action and every word."

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Of the upper 12 windows in the sanctuary the one we learn about this month is about Philip. In the first three gospels Philip's name (lover of horses) is mentioned only in the lists of the Twelve. John's gospel tells us about Philip. A fellow Galilean of John and his brother James, Philip came from Bethsaida as did the two brothers. There they did know one another. John writes about incidents about this friend, Philip, whom he came to know even better as a follower of Jesus.

Some of the things John remembered: When Philip became a disciple he found his friend Nathanael and invited him to come see Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. Moses and the prophets wrote about Jesus. John also remembered that day on the hillside near the Sea of Galilee where multitudes had come to hear Jesus. There Jesus turned to Philip and asked, "Where are we to find bread to feed these people?" Perhaps he asked Philip because it was Philip's task to provide bread for their small band. John also remembers during the Passover Feast Greek visitors in Jerusalem came to Philip (the disciple with a Greek name) thinking him a Greek and asked to see Jesus.

The last we hear about Philip is at the Last Supper, on that dangerous night of the secret meal in the upper room. It was Philip who asked Jesus the question inscribed on this window: *Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.*

From these scriptural insights we see a man with a calculator-quick mind counting the cost of feeding the multitudes, a spiritually sensitive devout man waiting for the Messiah, and a timid reserved man who took the Greek visitors not to Jesus but to Andrew first. Though probably not a leader, Philip was the indispensable worker needed everywhere.

We have these few gospel glimpses and then Philip remains anonymous in the rest of the New Testament. Legends and traditions show that he brought the Gospel to Scythia, Armenia, Gaul, and Africa. He died a martyr in Hierapolis. In this window the symbol for Philip is a budded cross and two small loaves of bread. The loaves identify him with the feeding



of the multitudes and the cross signifies the manner of his death.

Philip saith unto him, "Lord, show us the father, and it sufficeth us." John 14:8

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Relationships in Action (RinA) • 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.

3/5: Stained Glass Windows in Cathedrals through the Ages

The history of stained-glass windows in Europe's Cathedrals from the Gothic period to the Twentieth century will be presented in the RinA Class on March 5th. For example, England's Canterbury Cathedral's use of stained glass will be illustrated with pictures, and the last project of Marc Chagall at St. Stephan's in Mainz, Germany will be illustrated and discussed by Reta Jackson.

3/12: Spiritual Conversations with Sue Rudolph

The Relationships in Action Sunday School class continues their "spiritual conversations" series with a visit from long-time WPPC member Sue Rudolph.

3/19: Barbara Sayles—PATH Partners

Every quarter we take up a special Five Cents A Meal offering for PATH (the Presbyterian Answer To Hunger). Barbara Sayles will enlighten us on where that money goes and who our PATH partners are. Barbara is the former Florida Regional Director of the Society of St. Andrew, a past WP Presbyterian Church Director of Christian Education, and an all around good person.

3/26: Anne Hallum—AIR

Ann Hallum, Founding President of the Alliance for International Reforestation, will update us on AIR's ongoing work in Guatemala. To date, AIR has planted over 7 million trees, built 880 fuelefficient stoves and trained 5,000 farm families in agroforestry. Come and find out if you are an aspirant for a mission trip to aid AIR.



Dr. Anne Hallum, Founder of A.I.R. (Alliance for International Reforestation) will speak to the Relationships in Action class on March 26 in Room 301 at 9:15 a.m. Please join us to hear the latest information about this award-winning nonprofit that improves human and environmental health in Guatemala.

In 1991, Anne Hallum was a political science professor at Stetson University in Florida, going through a difficult personal time of loneliness and loss. When Stetson announced that they needed a professor to take a few students on a trip to Guatemala Anne recklessly volunteered. She had never had a passport to travel anywhere, she didn't speak Spanish, and she knew little about Guatemala. But she learned quickly—and was haunted by the rural hunger and malnutrition she saw in Escuintla Guatemala, by the barren mountainsides and mudslides everywhere, by the strength of the people and the inspirational words of Padre Andres Girón. As Anne says, "God rescued me in Guatemala, and I found his purpose for my life."

"AIR's mission is to implement educational programs, reforestation, and regenerative farming methods in Central America in order to protect water sources, build soil health, prevent mudslides and erosion, prevent lung disease and provide more nutritious crops—while protecting the Earth. We choose Hope."



Choosing Hope Since 1993



February 9, 2023

Dear Friends,

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

(Matthew 22:39)

When I think of February, I think of hearts and sweetness and love. So what better time to send you a big THANK YOU and lots of love for all the love you bestowed on our people in Ukraine last year and especially at Christmastime. I am truly speechless at your kindness and generosity.

We are quickly approaching the year anniversary of the beginning of Russia's war with Ukraine (February 24). It has been a terrible year in so many ways. Unspeakable things have happened to so many innocent people. However, it has also been an awe-inspiring year, one in which I watched people loving people and giving to others in ways unmatched in previous years.

At the beginning of March last year, when I put out a call for assistance, you didn't hesitate. We began helping local Odesa folks like never before. In November, when I outlined our needs for the Christmas Project, I simply told you that we hoped to help 200-300 families. I had forgotten to do the math in my head. One night while lying in bed, I put the numbers together and realized that I was asking for a significant amount indeed. I knew that many people had already given and I wondered in my mind how this would ever come to pass. How would we help so many people? Would we have to help fewer people? Would we need to give less to all? Oh, me of little faith! You answered in such a big way that none of our folks went without or with less. So, instead of filling this letter with words, I'm going to fill it with photos of those receiving our gifts.



















So, again, I say thank you for all you have done, for all you are doing, and for all that you will continue to do for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine for as long as we must.

Love never ends. (I Corinthians 13:8)

With gratitude and love, Audrey

Donation Information

Checks may be written to:

Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, Inc.

541 Evening Sky Drive -or 3530 Diamond Leaf Lane Oviedo, FL 32765 Oviedo, FL 32765

Online options to donate can be found on our website: www.transitionsoaf.org





Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring

Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

OGS ARE **LZZIE** Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below. $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{3}_{\mathsf{N}}^{\mathsf{L}} & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{4}_{\mathsf{T}}^{\mathsf{R}} \\ \mathbf{s} & \mathbf{4}_{\mathsf{T}}^{\mathsf{R}} \end{bmatrix}$ F**2**G **0** w**5** Y W 513544 4 1 3 3 4 4 2 4 1 3 2 4 4 1 3 131 2 4 4 2 4 1



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COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help

Winter Park Presbyterian Church has been involved in a feeding ministry even before the Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless was created in 1987. We serve on the 1st Friday of each month. If you would like to donate your time to prepare the food during the week before the 1st Friday, please review the information below and contact the Team Leader listed. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office, or contact Anna Caparis at 707-889-4768/annafromal@yahoo.com.

What	When
Bake brownies / Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565	Wed 3/1 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal / Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Thurs 3/2 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies / Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254	Fri 3/3 9:00-10:00 AM
Donate reading materials: Magazines for men, women, & children (news, cars, sports, 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 Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Fri 3/3 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:-00PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway <u>and</u> call Anna Caparis (707-889-4768) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve. The Coalition requires each volunteer to register.	Fri 3/3 4:00-7:00 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 3/3 7:00-7:30 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 40 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: Anna Caparis 707-889-4768 or annafromal@yahoo.com



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<u>1</u> Sara Spivey
<u>2</u>	3 Doug Reece Porter Spangler Ryan Wilson	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Thomas Skelton	<u>6</u>	7	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> Matt Groeteke Betty Johnston	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Harry Oldford
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Lisa Dreasher Carol Thompson	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Brad Erb Tom Thompson	20 Beth Conner	21 Maurice Pulliam Nelson Roe	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> Jackie Groeteke Cameron White	<mark>24</mark> Allie Evans Lynn Youtz	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	27 Anne Murray	28 Ardyth Austin Phyllis Woods	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> Caroline James						



The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant Justin Chase, Director of Music Penny Walsh, Organist Sandra Shafer, Pianist Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs

SESSION

<u>2023</u>

Syd Davis Fred Kittinger Malcolm MacDiarmid Jim McKinney Dawn Sumrall

<u>2024</u>

Mike Galyean John Gehrig Jayne Leach Audrey Santiago Sara Van Arsdel

<u>2025</u>

Theresa Coker Mary Ferguson Cathy House Glenn Riccio Ron Thompson

DIACONATE

2023 Ron Ellman Betty Johnston Sevilla Morse Cynthia Nants Jyme Smith

2024 Lisa Dreasher Jerry Fitzgerald Nancy Galyean Andy Riccio

<u>2025</u>

Meg Baldwin Anna Caparis Lynne McKnight Debbie Pauzar Deborah Roberts

MISSIONARIES

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

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