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SUNDAY 3	MONDAY 4	TUESDAY 5	WEDNESDAY 6	THURSDAY 7	FRIDAY 8	SATURDAY 9
Communion Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary WNT Class: 4:30pm Dinner: 5:30pm Class: 6:15pm WPPC Handbells 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary		Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Officer Retreat 6pm	Officer Retreat 9am
SUNDAY 10	MONDAY 11	TUESDAY 12	WEDNESDAY 13	THURSDAY 14	FRIDAY 15	SATURDAY 16
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am Concert : Central FL Sunshine Flutes 3pm, Sanctuary	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH Hannah Circle 6pm, Rm 301	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary PS Board Mtg 10:30am, Rm 301 WNT Class: 4:30pm Dinner: 5:30pm Class: 6:15pm Wedd. Rehearsal 4:30pm, Chapel WPPC Handbells 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	Communion Svc Westminster WP I Iam Wedding 4:30pm, Chapel	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	
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SUNDAY 24	MONDAY 25	TUESDAY 26	WEDNESDAY 27	THURSDAY 28	FRIDAY 29	SATURDAY 30
Worship Svc. 8:15am-Chapel 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am Wedding 2pm, Chapel	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	Staff Meeting 10:30am, Rm 301	PS Chapel 9:35am, Sanctuary WPPC Handbells 6pm, Rm 102 Chancel Choir 7:15pm, Sanctuary	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm, Sanctuary	Tai Chi 11:30am, FH	9:30-1 I am
SUNDAY 31						



Worship Svc. 7am-Front Lawn 10:30am-Sanctuary Sunday School 9:15-10:15am Children's Church 10:30am



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on March 10th immediately following the 10:30am service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2024 Church Budget & Committee Reports, to approve the Terms of Call for Pastor Darren Bess, and vote on change of By-Laws to have four Officers in each class instead of five. Luke in his gospel describes the first Easter: On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. Luke 24:1-8

During the busy days of Spring, how do we remember "His words?" Where do we see evidence of Easter?

Easter is seen in a flower for the poet Claude McKay as he wrote the following from the streets of Harlem:

The Easter Flower

Far from this foreign Easter damp and chilly My soul steals to a pear-shaped plot of ground, Where gleamed the lilac-tinted Easter lily Soft-scented in the air for yards around; Alone, without a hint of guardian leaf! Just like a fragile bell of silver rime, It burst the tomb for freedom sweet and brief In the young pregnant year at Eastertime; And many thought it was a sacred sign, And some called it the resurrection flower; And I, a pagan, worshiped at its shrine, Yielding my heart unto its perfumed power.

-Claude McKay (1889-1948)

He is Risen!

-Pastor Darren

PALM SUNDAY March 24th | 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

> MAUNDY THURSDAY March 28th | 7:00 PM

> EASTER EGG HUNT March 30th | 9:30 AM

EASTER SUNDAY March 31st 7:00 AM, Front Lawn 10:30 AM, Sanctuary



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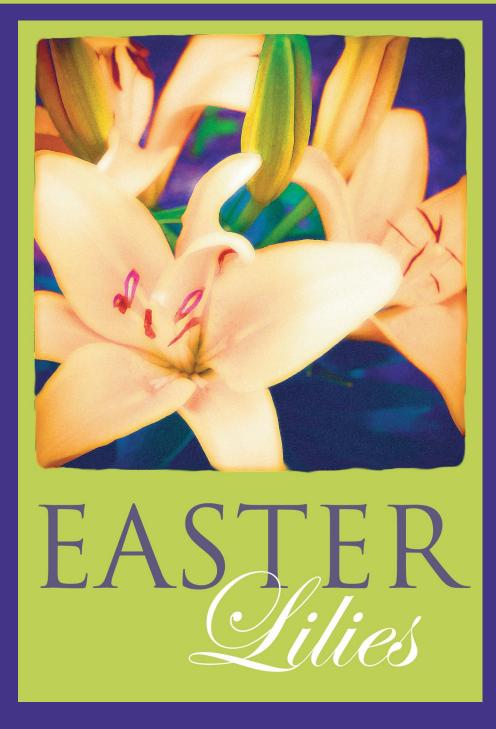
THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE CONCERT, ALTHOUGH DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A MEET & GREET WITH REFRESHMENTS WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE CONCERT.





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Our WPPC sanctuary will once again be decorated with beautiful lilies. The plants will be distributed to the sick and shut-ins, or you can pick up your plant after the 10:30 AM Easter Service.

The cost for each plant is \$15. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out a form and return it with your check to the church office by Monday, March 25th. Forms are available in the front office and in the narthex.





The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8th (the anniversary of the founding of the BSA) as Scout Sunday. On February 11th, Winter Park Presbyterian Church recognized this event. Duty to God is a fundamental part of the Scout Oath and Law, and for scouts, this duty means living according to the teachings of their religion and respecting the religious faith and traditions of other scouts. Scout Sunday recognizes duty to God, and the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.



WPPC sponsors BSA troops 246 (boys) led by John Seaton, and 4246 (girls) led by Tammy Adams.

KEEPING UP WITH WPPC



Calling all "Neighbors and Friends" to our March luncheon! It will be held on Thursday, March 21 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. The program is yet to be determined but watch weekly announcements as the month progresses. Please note that the RSVP deadline is Monday, March 18. To RSVP call the church office 407-647-

1467. Since this is a new ministry, we are trying a new meal service. We will have a caterer on site to the meal which will be served buffet style. The cost of the meal is \$15. There will be choices of entrees, sides, and desserts. Our own WPPC members will be available to assist those with mobility issues. We welcome those with special dietary needs to bring their lunch and join us around the tables. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the fellowship while sharing a meal. Invite your "neighbors and friends," they need not be WPPC members, to join us.

While we gather and share a meal we need to be mindful of those less fortunate. As a act of sharing and outreach we are asking you to bring in pasta products that we will give to a local food pantry. Sharing God's goodness with others is a goal of this ministry, so come and join us to share in that goodness.

EASTER EGG HUNT-MARCH 30TH



The annual WPPC Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30. This event is open to children from the WPPC Community and the Preschool. The Community Life and Christian Education committees are hosting this annual event. The festivities will begin at 9:30am with a light brunch for the children and their parents. Craft activities will be available. There will be a special presentation of the Easter Story. The Easter egg hunt will conclude the event at 11am.

We are asking our congregation to support this event this by purchasing large plastic (empty) Easter eggs as well as sweet and savory snacks to fill the eggs. We respectfully request no chocolate. There will be collection baskets in the front office and fellowship hall to deposit the snacks and eggs. In addition to this, we welcome anyone who wants to volunteer to help with the festivities. There will also be a fellowship opportunity to "stuff" the eggs. The Easter Egg Hunt provides a wonderful intergenerational opportunity to serve. Please call the WPPC office (407-647-1467) with questions or to volunteer. We look forward to the excitement of celebrating the Easter story once again.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING—EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

Easter is coming! That means we will gather our thoughts and prayers to be ready for this first of four Special Offerings in the Presbyterian Church this year. Since 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing has been an ecumenical effort. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid. Projects supported by OGHS are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. For over 70 years, Presbyterians have joined together in this ecumenical effort to share God's love with others less fortunate than we. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world and share God's love with all of our neighbors-in-need.

When you give to OGHS, you are assisting in the empowerment of others as they move past emotional, physical and spiritual misfortune. You offer them an opportunity to be resilient. Three programs benefit from your gifts to OGHS to partner with others to show that through Christ's love all things are possible. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32% to work alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters; Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% to support initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty that all may be fed; and Self-Development of People receives 32% to provide resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and receive direct benefits.

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Please prayerfully consider your gift for this Special Offering, which will be taken on Easter Sunday morning, March 31st. Thank you. ~*Compassion Committee*

KEEPING UP WITH WPPC

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER (WNT)



WNT continues through March 20th . Sessions will run from 4:30-5:15pm and 6:15-7pm, with dinner at 5:30pm. Early sessions are still being set but include presenters from the WPPD, Iris Whittaker, a Christian Clown, and more. Pastor Jim Capps and Marilyn Bryant will be doing a small group Lenten series in the after dinner session They will be using an Adam Hamilton video, entitled *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*. Each short video will be followed by discussion among the participants in which we will share our feelings, thoughts, and ways we can relate to the video and to each other. Dinner

menus are being finalized, and we plan to finish with the always popular Potluck on our last Wednesday. Please call in your reservation to the front office (407-647-1467) by noon on the Tuesday before. Suggested donation is \$5. We hope to see you there!

GRADUATION SUNDAY



The Christian Education Committee is planning to celebrate 2024 high school graduates on May 19th. They are looking for any students who have participated in any of our church activities, including WPPC Preschool and also grandchildren of our members, to let us know they would like to be honored during the 10:30am worship service A cake reception will follow the service. Please call Barbara (407-647-1467) in the church office to let her know the names and contacts of any interested students.

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (RINA) - ROOM 301 @ 9:15AM



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.

March 3rd - The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps

The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator, will join us to share his faith journey and tell us about his position here at WPPC.

March 10th - The Holy Land Revealed: Josephus and the Mass Suicide

Flavius Josephus is the only ancient author who described the mass suicide at Masada. Jewish tradition did not preserve his writings because the later rabbis considered the rebellion to have been a disaster. However, they were preserved in the Christian tradition primarily because they testified to the destruction of the second Jewish temple as foretold by Jesus. This session will focus on the final episode in his seven-volume account of the First Jewish Revolt against Rome.

March 17th - Denise Riccio—Parramore Kidz Zone

In her capacity as the Planning and Grants Manager for the Families, Parks and Recreation Department, Denise Riccio has been very involved with Orlando's Parramore Kidz Zone. She will update the class on the established programs and latest initiatives that make PKZ such a valuable asset to the downtown community.

March 24th - Anne Hallum—A.I.R.

Winter Park Presbyterian Church is one of two Charter churches supporting the Alliance for International Reforestation since its inception in 1993. To date, AIR has planted over 7 million trees, built 880 fuel-efficient stoves and trained 5,000 farm families in agroforestry. Join us in room 301 for an update from Anne Hallum, AIR's Founding President, on their ongoing work in Guatemala.

March 31st—Easter Sunday

No class.

Wendy Stafford WPPC Health Care Coordinator

PULSE POINTS

MUSIC IS GOOD MEDICINE

Music is good medicine for older adults, as well as everyone else, boosting both our mental and physical health, a new survey finds.

Virtually all people between the ages of 50 and 80 (98%) say they benefit in at least one health-related way from engaging with music, according to results from the latest University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging.

Music has been shown to help relieve stress or relax, help mental health and mood, and get energized or motivated by music.



"Music has the power to bring joy and meaning to life. It is woven into the very fabric of existence for all of humankind, and can benefit a variety of ailments related to aging" said Dr. Joel Howell, a professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Music is associated with positive effects on measures from blood pressure to depression.

Some enjoy actually making music themselves, such as singing in a choir or organized group or playing a musical instrument with others.

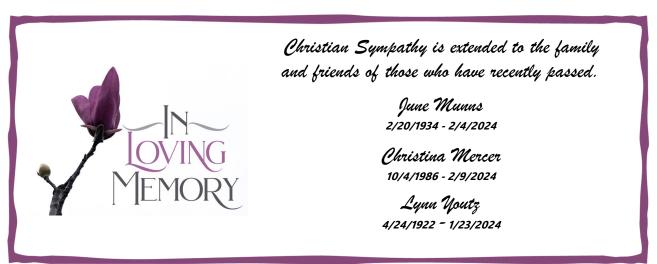
Further, a lack of music in a person's life appears to make a real difference. People who have reported their physical health as fair or poor, or those who feel isolated, said they were less likely to listen to music every day.

While music doesn't come up often in older adults' visits with their usual care providers, perhaps it should. The power of music to connect us, improve mood and energy, or even ease pain means it could be a powerful tool. Many say music is even more important to them now than it was in their youth, or is just as important now as it was then.

"Music is a universal language that has powerful potential to improve well-being," said Sarah Lenz Lock, senior vice president of policy and brain health at AARP. "AARP's own research shows that music can play an important role in healthy aging by improving our moods, fostering social connections and, potentially, enriching our brain health."

So get your favorite music out, or turn on your favorite music station. You may even want to try out a new type of music you are not used to listening to for a change, or pick up a musical instrument. It can improve your mood and your health!







On the Thursday night before Easter Sunday, our church will have a Maundy Thursday service. The Deacons invite and highly encourage all our church family to attend. It is a deeply moving, spiritual service. Maundy means command. During the Last Supper, Christ said: *"A new command ment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."* John 13:34

Just as He invited His disciples to take part in the Last Supper, He also invites us to this meal of sacrificial love. He calls us to love and to forgive each other **as He has loved and forgiven us**. **His sacrifice, death and resurrection are for our redemption.** Therefore, let us fill our hearts with His Loving Grace. Without that kind of love, we have nothing of real value... *"if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor...but do not have love, I gain nothing."* 1 Corinthians 13:2-3

During the Maundy Thursday service, we come to understand what Easter means more fully: We are sinners, *there is no one that is good, not even one*. (Ps 14) We all NEED the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to save us from our sins.

When we realize the depth of His sacrifice, what it cost Him to save us, when we confront the eternal consequences of our own sins and how we choose to respond to His new command...may we see that only through Grace can we be eternally HOME with the Lord...

Then our joy on Easter morning will be exceedingly more radiant when we share the sorrow of His suffering, when we acknowledge the need for His mercy on Maundy Thursday.

In the beautiful hymn, Amazing Grace, the last line of the third stanza says... "and Grace will lead me home!"

Dear Church Family... "View" His Grace through the lens of your soul and be Home...

> "Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me...

All who are weary, come home, come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling all sinners to come home!"





Bible Quiz

The "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

> A. knee; tongue B. hands; feet C. arms; lips D. heart; mouth



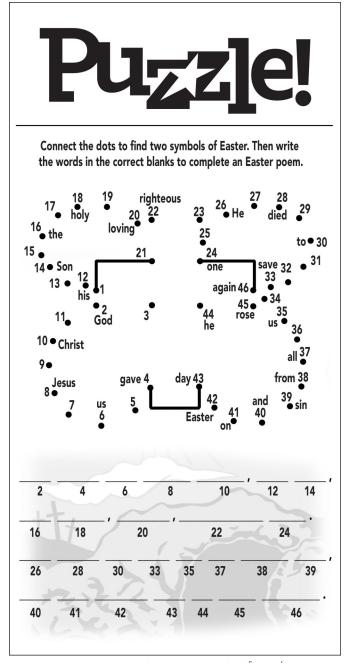
Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11.)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



BUTTERFLY — The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb.

The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.

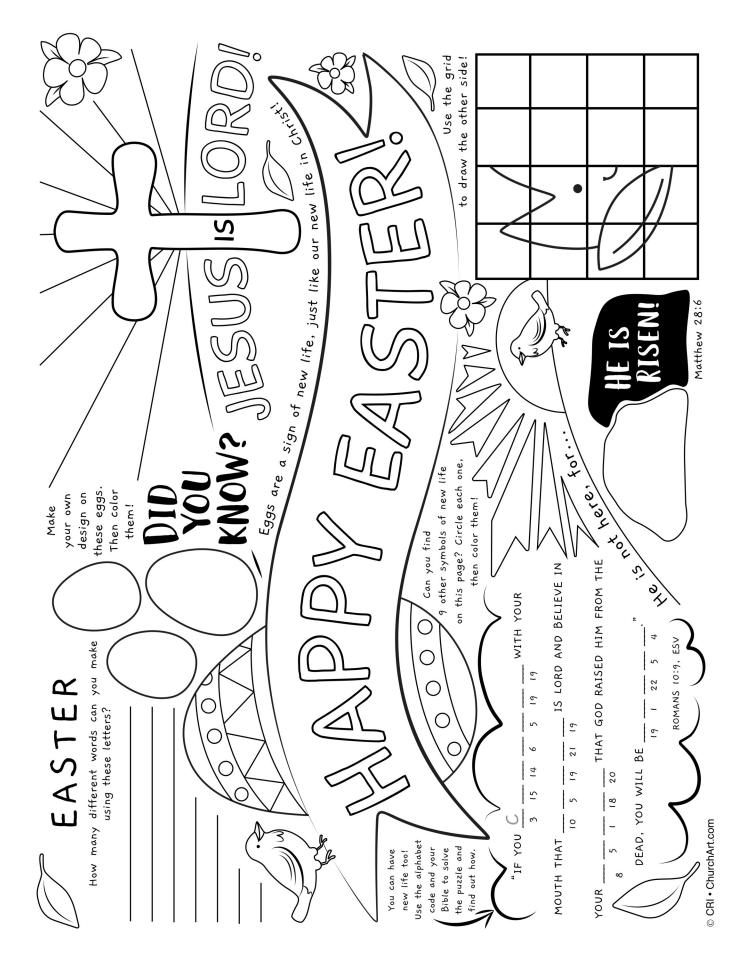


ര ക്രെ A LASTING LESSON Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson. Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV. A branch that was waved How Jesus was put to death A stick attached to the vine People shouted this to Jesus Jesus washed these This was broken and eaten The Messiah A drink from grapes Jesus drove the money changers from here "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear ____ apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NIV

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin,

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple; much fruit

and on Easter day he rose again.







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 2/28 9:00-11:00 AM
Prepare meal / Anna Caparis 707-889-4768	Thurs 2/29 9:30-11:30 AM
Bag brownies / Joann Robertson 407-678-8254	Fri 2/29 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 3/1 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 3/1 4:00-7:00 PM NOTE: The church bus is reserved for this function.
Cleanup kitchen: Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 3/1 7:00-7:30 PM
Financial Donation: Make check out to WPPC; note on the memo line	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 <u>annafromal@yahoo.com</u>

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida is a Compassion Committee Ministry.



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<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> John Dreasher	<u>5</u> Nancy Galyean	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Bill Cuthill Fran Morrissey Nancy Schieber	<u>9</u> Kathy Anderson
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Alice Capps	<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	<u>23</u> Marilyn Bryant Sara Ann Hiatt
<u>24</u> Nolan Seel	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Chris Lane Solange Yost	<u>27</u> Yvonne Cobb Carla Gehrig Michael Goodson	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Charlie Anderson
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<u>14</u> Tom Chasser	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Carol Thompson	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Brad Erb Tom Thompson	<u>20</u> Beth Conner
<u>21</u> Maurice Pulliam Nelson Roe	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Jackie Groeteke Cameron White	<u>24</u> Allie Evans	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Anne Murray
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The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. James A. Capps, Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator Justin Chase, Director of Music Penny Walsh, Organist Sandra Shafer, Pianist Scott Beck, Director of Handbells Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant Wendy Stafford, Health Care Coordinator Nicole Fye, Director of Preschool Programs Adam Davies, Sexton

SESSION

<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

<u>2026</u>

Syd Davis Betty Johnston Shaheed Mohammed Nelson Roe

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<u>2024</u> Lisa Dreasher Jerry Fitzgerald Nancy Galyean Andy Riccio

<u>2025</u>

Meg Baldwin Anna Caparis Lynne McKnight Debbie Pauzar Deborah Roberts

2026 Ernestine Beattie Sue Howard

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